

Jackson County Emergency Telephone System Board
Minutes of April 16, 2007

Ross Bedar called the Jackson County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Ross Bedar, Mark Berkowitz, Mike Bilderback, Robert Burns, John Evans, Robert Ledbetter, Kevin Reeves and Todd Sigler. Also in attendance were Patrick Lustig and Pat Furtak.

Motion by Kevin Reeves to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007 JCETSB meeting. Seconded by Mark Berkowitz. Motion carried.

In the absence of Randy Mathis, Financial Officer, Todd Sigler made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$4,562.25 as presented. Motion seconded by Robert Burns. Motion carried.

There were no Officer reports nor Committee reports.

John Clemons was absent due to illness.

Pat Lustig submitted the Director's report. Jackson County 911 has been meeting with the adjacent 911 counties regarding a shared IP Network.

Nineteen (19) Jackson County telecommunicators attended the telecommunicators' training sessions held in April in Herrin. Kevin Willett did not conduct the sessions but a substitute was there.

It will be late June or early July before a decision will be made regarding the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Settlement Fund grant.

During the past 2 weeks Pat Lustig and other 911 coordinators have met with local legislators regarding the request to raise the wireless surcharge fee from 75 cents to \$1.50. Representative Mike Bost said he would co-sponsor and support the bill. Brandon Phelps would be supportive and John Bradley would support the bill but he would not co-sponsor. Gary Forby said he had no position. David Luechtefeld would support the bill if the house and senate language is the same. The statewide fee averages \$1.25. A raise in our fee would help persuade counties to go to Phase II.

Pat will attend the Navigator conference regarding EMD protocols.

A call volume report was included in the Board packets.

Mike Bilderback asked if we had received any more information regarding the census request. Pat Lustig recommended that Jackson County 911 not be a party to the request as there was no advantage to JC 911.

Old Business – The affidavit for Telco surcharge compliance is pending.

Verizon sued Vonage for infringement on interface technology. Vonage has been required to go through the public telephone switch. Also, INENA has an agreement with Vonage for a surcharge.

New Business – None

Motion to adjourn by Bob Burns. Seconded by Todd Sigler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.