

DEKALB COUNTY ETSB

Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 1, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Chairman Olson, Feithen, Hanson, Leoni, Pettit, Riddle, Russell, Rosemier, and Suppeland.

Board members absent: Bowman

Guests Present:

Lt. Al Newby, DeKalb County Sheriff's Police; Brent Tillman, DeKalb Police Department; Jim Feyerherm, Starved Rock Communications; Glenna Johnson, Geo-Comm,

Also Present: Christine Johnson, DeKalb County Treasurer; Charles Kross, Coordinator

AGENDA

The Chairman asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none. A motion to approve the agenda was made by **Suppeland** and seconded by **Russell**. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

MINUTES

Russell said that the November minutes indicated he was present, which he was not. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 2004 meeting as amended was made by **Suppeland** and seconded by **Rosemier**. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ **Treasurer's Report:**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by **Russell**, and seconded by **Rosemier**. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

● **Bills Not Previously Approved:** None

● **Bills:**

Language Line	84.20
Verizon	304.67
Verizon	227.71
Verizon	15350.80
Verizon	43.70
Verizon	113.98
Verizon	231.90

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Verizon	225.13
Starved Rock Communications - Keslinger tower equipment	9876.40
Starved Rock Communications - Kirkland tower repair	75.00
DeKalb Co. Housing Author.	200.00
ATT	28.03
Biddle Consulting Group – CritiCall	5015.00
Sprint	12.84
Dictaphone	82.51
Dictaphone	8678.68
PowerPhone	109.00
Frederick Technology Inc. - Pagers	1200.00
ComElec East – DeKalb Fire Department Pagers	1200.00
Dixon/Ottawa Communications - Sandwich	200.00
Total	\$ 43,259.55

A motion to pay the bills was made by **Russell** and seconded by **Riddle**. A roll call vote was taken: Feithen Y Hanson Y Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion passed.

◆ Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee presented the proposed budget for FY 2005. **Feithen** told the Board that the proposal included \$84,000 in the wireless budget (line item 2318 Fire System Dispatch Wireless). He said that DeKalb PSAP dispatches for the DeKalb Fire Protection District as well as for the Cortland Ambulance. He said that the citizens of DeKalb have been subsidizing the small town Fire Departments for dispatch services, and feels that DeKalb should not be penalized because they budget and tax for such expenses. **Hanson** said that he did not think the Board should deficit spend, and adding this expense would do so in the Wireless portion of the budget. He said that historically, except for DeKalb, there were little or no dispatch services in the county. He said that DeKalb County Board raised taxes to pay for three 911 Telecommunicators, and the ETSB agreed to pay for one additional Telecommunicator. He said that fairness is sometimes what people need, not necessarily equal spending. This proposal doesn't add any new services to the citizens. **Russell** said that the citizens of DeKalb also paid the tax increase. He believes that the 911 system should attend to the City's needs as well as to the rural and villages. He said that there is money available to pay for this, and that the issue should be addressed during the next year.

Olson asked **Suppeland** if he thought the rural Fire Departments could participate in some dispatch cost sharing. **Suppeland** said that all the departments are on very tight budgets. Perhaps cost sharing could be phased in over a period of years. He feels the departments would not be in favor of it, when it appears that the ETSB is sitting on a lot of money. Until the Board shows them that it can't afford to fund the service, they probably will not be very receptive to cost sharing. **Russell** said that the budget shows no growth in wireless income, while in fact, it is growing. **Suppeland** said he thinks the Board should approve and see what happens at the end of the year with wireless income.

Hanson said that the savings figure doesn't accurately show what services and projects will come out of the fund. There are things already earmarked for that money. He doesn't

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believe the Board should overspend. **Rosemier** said that it is a philosophical issue, which probably will not go away in a year. He said he was not sure of the long-term implications.

Feithen made a motion to accept the budget as presented. **Suppeland** seconded.

Further discussion: **Treasurer Johnson** said \$34,000 would need to be added to line item 3502 in the Capital Budget, to pay for the balance of the Keslinger Road Tower.

Riddle moved to amend the motion. **Russell** seconded.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment. Feithen Y Hanson Y Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion on the amendment to the budget passed.

Hanson then requested that the Board split the question and vote on each section of the Budget separately.

A roll call vote was taken on the General Fund budget. Feithen Y Hanson Y Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion passed unanimously.

Hanson then moved to table the vote on the Wireless Budget. **Rosemier** seconded.

Discussion: **Feithen** said there was no need to table it because the Board can examine the issues over the course of the next year.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to table the wireless portion of the budget. Feithen N Hanson Y Leoni N Pettit N Riddle N Rosemier Y Russell N Suppeland N Olson N. The motion was defeated.

A roll call vote was then taken on the Wireless Fund Budget. Feithen Y Hanson N Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier N Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion passed.

A roll call vote was then taken on the Capital Fund Budget. Feithen Y Hanson Y Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ Election of Officers

Suppeland reported for the nominating committee. He said the suggestion was to keep the same officers as the past year.

He made a motion to elect **Chief Richard Olson** as Chairman, **Chief Bill Riddle** as Vice-Chair, and **Gary Hanson** as Secretary. **Russell** seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Feithen Y Hanson Y Leoni Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell Y Suppeland Y Olson N.

◆ Keslinger Road Tower Report

Hanson reported that he discussed the cost of the Keslinger Road tower rental with the tower owners. The initial costs quoted to **Feyerherm** were \$600 per month; approximately \$5000 initial, 1 time costs; and a 10-year contract with a yearly 4% increase in the monthly cost. **Hanson** said that the last quote he got was \$500 per month; \$2500 initial, 1 time cost; and 3% yearly increase on a 5-year contract. **Suppeland** said he was not pleased with those figures and thinks the Board should try to find an alternative site. **Feyerherm** said he

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would continue to find out who actually owns the tower on Route 23, south of DeKalb. No action was taken.

◆ Personnel Committee Report

Olson moved to go into executive session to discuss the Coordinators benefit package. **Suppeland** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 8:29 AM. At 8:32 the Board resumed its regular meeting. **Olson** proposed a raise for the Coordinator to \$18 per hour and \$330 per month office expenses.

Russell moved to accept the proposal. **Leoni** seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Russell left the meeting at 8:50.

◆ Participating Agency Requests - None

◆ PSAP Administrators' Report – No report.

◆ Persons to be Heard from the Floor

1. **Feyerherm** reported that he replaced the channel card at the High Rise.
2. **Feyerherm** also reported that Genoa has some concerns regarding welding on the water tower. He will be having another meeting next Tuesday with the representative from the City. He said that at the least we should go ahead with the installation of the 4' parabolic antenna at the Sheriff's office.

Suppeland moved to approve the purchase and installation of a 4' parabolic antenna for the Sheriff's office. **Rosemier** seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ Coordinator's Report

1. **Kross** and **Tillman** will be going to Springfield on Tuesday, December 7, for an all day training session on VoIP sponsored by Illinois NENA.

ADJOURNMENT

Leoni moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by **Rosemier**. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kross, Coordinator