

DEKALB COUNTY ETSB

Minutes of the Board Meeting of

February 2, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 7:33 AM

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

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Guests Present:

Brent Tillman, DeKalb Police Department; Jim Feyerherm, Starved Rock Communications;

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

AGENDA

The Chairman asked for any amendments to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by **Russell** and seconded by **Rosemier**. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 2004 meeting was made by **Suppeland** and seconded by **Russell**. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Johnson reported that last month she moved \$40,000 from checking to the money market account.

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

● **Bills Not Previously Approved:** None

● **Bills:**

Verizon	304.64
Verizon	15048.09
Verizon	227.67
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Verizon	225.13
Verizon	114.73
Verizon	48.04
Verizon	35.31
Verizon – Maintenance agreement	24043.56
Deluxe Business Checks – Office	120.28
City of DeKalb – reimbursement – out of DeKalb Split	108.19
Starved Rock Communications – Pagers for Malta	1200.00
Starved Rock Communications – Fire Maintenance	7453.27
DeKalb Co. Housing Authority – tower rent	200.00
ATT	25.46
Office Max	21.98
Language Line	325.70
PowerPhone	289.00
NiComm LLC – Sycamore Pagers	<u>1200.00</u>
Total	\$51,218.72

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

◆ Keslinger Road Tower Site

Jim Feyerherm reported on the various potential tower sites.

1. The former Bell Telephone Tower on South Seventh Street in DeKalb is pending a sale, and needs a new paint job, which would be prohibitive for the Board to pay for. As far as renting it, **Feyerherm** said he couldn't determine whom to contact regarding it. **Brent Tillman** said that he knew a person whom had just dealt on a Bell tower, and would put Feyerherm in touch with him.
2. Route 23 south of Keslinger Road – This tower is also in the process of being sold. The current owners have not responded to **Feyerherm**.
3. Tower Road south of Perry Road - **Feyerherm** believes this tower is located too far south and would have trouble reaching the Kirkland and Genoa tower.
4. The new DeKalb County Sheriff's Police tower in Sycamore - This tower will be 300' tall and is expected to be installed this spring. The height is good and there wouldn't be any rental costs.
5. NIU radio tower – NIU has not responded.
6. Keslinger Road tower – It is of good height, centrally located in the county, but the costs seem excessive.

Feyerherm said that although he is concerned about the immediate problems with the Fire radio, it might be more fiscally responsible to wait until the DeKalb County Sheriff's Police tower is built. **Suppeland** agreed that it would be better to wait, than pay the high fees for the Keslinger Road site. **Bowman** suggested that the sites be ranked to help the Board determine which are the most feasible. **Feyerherm** said he could do that. **Olson** appointed **Pettit** and **Brent Tillman** to a committee, to work with **Feyerherm** and report back at the next Board meeting.

◆ **Other Radio Sites**

1. Genoa water tower – Feyerherm said that the work should begin on the week of February 14th. They will be installing the 4' dish, replacing the 2' dish.
2. Sycamore tower – Replacing the 2' dish with the 4' dish has been put on hold until the DeKalb County Sheriff's Police erects their new tower.

Feyerherm reported that we do not have any spare power amplifiers. They are original equipment and could go any time. He said they are currently on sale until the end of May, and could get the 7 we would need for replacement for \$2200, a significant savings.

A motion was made by **Bowman** to authorize the purchase of seven power amplifiers for \$2200. **Riddle** seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the printers in the local Fire Departments. Since all of the Departments are dispatched and in radio contact with a PSAP, the question of need came up. Since the printers also require a dedicated telephone line, the monthly costs are high. **Russell** and **Riddle** said they would bring it up at the next DeKalb County Fireman's Association and get the opinions of the users.

NEW BUSINESS

◆ **Participating Agency Requests -**

Sycamore Fire Department requested authorization to purchase \$3600 for communications.

A motion was made by **Russell** to authorize the purchase. **Suppeland** seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ **PSAP Administrators' Report** – No report.

◆ **Persons to be Heard from the Floor** – No one

◆ **Coordinator's Report** –

Kross distributed the annual 911 call statistics for the PSAPs

ADJOURNMENT

Suppeland moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by **Rosemier**. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kross, Coordinator