

DEKALB COUNTY ETSB

Minutes of the Board Meeting of

November 2, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Leoni (arrived late)

Guests Present:

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

Also Present:

Christine Johnson, DeKalb County Treasurer; Charles Kross, Coordinator

AGENDA

The Chairman asked for any amendments to the agenda. **Kross** asked for a new business addition for the announcement of Lt. Deb Pettit's retirement.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by **Suppeland** and seconded by **Russell**. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2005 meeting was made by **Rosemier** and seconded by **Riddle**. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Johnson presented the report for October.

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

● **Bills Not Previously Approved:** None

● **Bills:**

Language Line	83.80
Verizon	16451.37
Verizon	33.77
Verizon	116.81

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Verizon	47.69
Verizon	80.00
Verizon	225.13
Verizon	227.75
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Verizon	304.74
Starved Rock Communications – Fire Radio – Chargers & Batteries	262.11
ATT	32.20
Lt. Al Newby	37.02
Sprint	12.99
NENA – Kross dues	95.00
Sikich Gardner & Co.	315.00
Genoa/Kingston Rescue Squad – pagers	<u>1200.00</u>
Total	\$ 19,753.13

A motion to pay the bills was made by **Russell and** seconded by **Suppeland**.

A roll call vote was taken: Bowman Y Feithen Y Hanson Y Pettit Y Riddle Y Rosemier Y Russell y Suppeland Y Olson Y. The motion passed unanimously.

After the bills were read and voted upon, **Hanson** opened a discussion on the necessity of reading all of the bills. He suggested that they be recorded into the minutes and that the individual members see a list prior to the meeting. **Treasurer Johnson** said that she would be able to accommodate that. Any bill brought up at the meeting would be read. There were no objections to doing so.

◆ Fire Radio reports

Feyerherm said that Genoa/Kingston Rescue reported that they had not heard pages in Kingston. **Feyerherm** adjusted the antenna, and no further complaints were registered.

◆ Phase I & Phase II Mapping

Kross reported that Phase II testing had successfully been completed for Sprint PCS and will be completed for Nextel by the end of the day. These were the last two companies to test. Cingular is in the middle of a company merger, and said that the antennas in DeKalb County had not yet been assigned and are inoperable. They expect them to be used next spring. There have been some glitches primarily in the ALI retrieval. **Glenna Johnson** suggested that they may be the result of a bad ALI dump and the wireless carriers should check to see if they have changed any field positions. **Hanson** said that he just learned that the City of DeKalb has not updated their map in several months. **Kross** said he would look into that.

NEW BUSINESS

◆ VoIP Calls

Kross reported on the Region III INENA meeting held in Oregon on Tuesday, November 01. He gave a brief overview of the FCC ruling for VoIP companies and the effect on PSAPs. There is no assigned funding mechanism mandated since all of the states handle funding differently. There are a number of counties within the state who have indicated that they would not accept VoIP calls through the 911 system.....only through a ten digit number. Others have said that they would not accept them at all. Most of the Region III members are recommending to their Boards, to approve the acceptance of VoIP calls. A discussion ensued relative to the pros and cons of accepting the VoIP calls. **Kross** recommended that the Board vote to accept the calls.

Russell made a motion that the DeKalb County ETSB would accept VoIP calls. **Bowman** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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◆ Participating Agency Requests

Riddle requested that the Sycamore Fire Department be authorized to purchase four pagers for \$1500 from the Sycamore split.

Russell made a motion to approve the purchase. **Suppeland** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ PSAP Administrators' Report: No report.

◆ Persons to be Heard from the Floor

1. **Bowman** raised a discussion on changing the hours of the Board Meeting from early morning to late afternoon. Several members stated that they had no objections to that. **Bowman** made a motion to change the hour of the meeting to 3:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month. **Riddle** seconded the motion. Discussion: **Kross** said that the By-Laws may state a 7:30 AM starting time, and possibly would require some additional work to change them. He will look into that and report at the next meeting. The next meeting could be listed as a special meeting until the By-Laws change was made. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Lt. Newby** expressed his concern over a new problem which has arisen as the result of the SST software change made by Verizon. Prior to the cutover to the new software, the TCs were able to ring back a 911 caller by the activation of a button. The need for a call back by the TC is a fairly common event. With the SS7 upgrade, that ability is lost. The TC has to go through several steps to make the call back. He expressed concern overall that when changes are made, the TC's usually end up having more work. **Kross** explained to all that the cutover to SS7 had to be made by Verizon to facilitate the new area code overlay for the 815 area code, which will be 779. This change is anticipated early next year. Verizon is working on a solution for the ring back problem.

◆ Lt. Deb Pettit Retirement

Lt. Pettit will be retiring from NIU PD at the end of December. She is also retiring from the Board at the end of this fiscal year. NIU would like to have **Lt. Curtis Young** appointed as her replacement.

◆ Coordinator's Report

1. Verizon is still working on their tariff. They expect completion by next year.
2. The Verizon switchover to SS7 was completed with few glitches.
3. Election of officers will be at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Russell moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by **Riddle**. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kross, Coordinator