

Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board



Meeting Minutes 27 June 2023

The scheduled meeting of the Henry County ETSB was called to order at 18:01, by Chairperson Carol Zimmerman.

Roll Call: Present: Mierop, Stoudt, Zimmerman, Thompson, Verscheure, Jones, Carlson(18:35), Schneppe, S. Swemline, N. Welgat, S. Welgat, Krebs, Director Swanson

Absent: Karzin, S. Mielke

Public Present: T/C Supervisor Casteel

Approval of Minutes & Agenda: Motion to accept agenda and previous minutes by Verscheure, second by N. Welgat. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments: None

Financial Reports: Director Swanson reported that he had worked with the Treasurer's Office to move 1.5 million in reserve funds to a CD at BankOrion at 4.75 percent. A five hundred thousand CD due in July will be moved to the General Fund for upcoming projects. Motion to approve bills and financial reports by Mierop, Second by Krebs. Motion carried by voice vote with one abstention.

PSAP Reports:

Kewanee: Problem with station #2, solved with reboot, and new handset ordered also. STARCOM issues with portable to base but portable to portable fine. Tower issue, Motorola supplied contact information on tower owner for future issues. Director Swanson requested that information and said he would contact Motorola to be put on contact list when issues occur. Still having recorder issues, Director Swanson reported that upgraded recorders are part of the upcoming Starcom upgrade and he would check with Motorola and would pass on the information when available.

Henry Co: Have been having scanner issues, Director Swanson reported that he had fixed it several times, was not sure if settings were being changed, but contacted OSI to check into problem. Having speaker problems with one station but not sure if spare speakers are compatible, Director Swanson said he would check on it. Powerphone up and running and everyone seems happy with how it works. Other PSAP's will be upgraded soon.

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T/C Public Education: National APCO conference in Nashville, TN in August, Four T/C's plus Director Swanson attending, also any board members interested in attending to contact him. National night out supplies ordered. Kewanee reported that they would be participating in the program and Director Swanson said he would order additional supplies. 911 simulator ordered and should be available within 3 months.

Planning & Development: No Report

Advisory: No Report

Communications: No Report

911 System Providers Report: No Report

Directors Report: As submitted by Director Swanson

Old Business: Plaque will be ordered to honor former board members. Members recognized: John Swan, Gib Cady, Jon Cremeens, Tony Tracy, Dale Croegart, Earl Ash, Jim Dison, and Tom Weston

Closed Session: None

New Business: Director Swanson reported on a addressing issue with the Timber Ridge addition in Coal Valley. A resident of the addition had contacted him about the road name, was it Timber Ridge road or Timber Ridge Drive? The residents of the addition use Timber Ridge Drive, The County PSAP uses Timber Ridge Road. The original plat maps showed Timber Ridge Drive. County maps will be changed to Drive. Director Swanson presented three options to the board.

1. Leave everything as is, with same addressing issues.
2. Return to original names of all roads in addition but keep house numbers the same
3. Return to original names of roads and change address's to follow County numbering system.

Address problem occurred when Henry Co. went to new numbering system and this addition fell through the cracks. After much discussion it was decided by the board to go with option 3, which best served the interests of public safety and emergency response.

Motion by Krebs: Pending approval by State's Attorney, that the board approve and implement option 3. Seconded by Mierop. Motion carried by voice vote.

Bob Mierop brought to the Board's attention a problem with fire communications. He said that there is a problem with dispatch and paging being on the same frequency. Fire Dept's being paged by County and Fire Dept's communicating with County interfere with each other. He would like to see a separate frequency for paging to ease this issue. After much discussion about STARCOM, VHF, repeaters, grant availability, and the ability to monitor more than 1 frequency

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at a time, It was decided to table this discussion for now and bring it back to the board as information and solutions become available.

Motion to Adjourn by N. Welgat, Second by Mierop, carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18.56

Respectfully submitted:

Brian W. Stoudt
ETSB Secretary