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Quincy/Adams County 9-1-1
Joint Emergency Telephone System Board
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2018

9 members present: Quincy Alderman Jeff Bergman, Quincy Alderman Mike Farha, Quincy Alderman Richie Reis, Adams County Board Member Ryan Niekamp, Adams County Sheriff Brian Vonderhaar, Quincy Police Chief Rob Copley, Adams County Rural Fire Association Representative Tom Bentley, PSAP Representative John Simon, Public Member Sue Hester.

Also present: 9-1-1 Director Steve Rowlands; 9-1-1 staff members Jessica Douglas and Becky Lyon.

Quorum Call. 9-1-1 Director Steve Rowlands called the first organizational meeting of the Quincy/Adams County 9-1-1 Joint Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) to order and indicated a quorum was present.

Introduction of Joint ETSB members. Director Rowlands introduced the 9 members of the Joint ETSB. He stated the first order of business was to elect a chairman and vice chairman.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Sheriff Brian Vonderhaar made a motion to approve Quincy Alderman Mike Farha as Chairman of the Joint ETSB and Adams County Board Member Ryan Niekamp as Vice Chairman. Chief Rob Copley seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 Yes, 0 No and 2 absent.

Chairman Farha assumed the chair.

Approval of Joint ETSB meeting schedule. Director Rowlands recommended that the ETSB meet the third Wednesday of the months of January, April, July and October at 5:15 p.m. which was the same meeting schedule for the 9-1-1 Governing Board. Chief Rob Copley motioned to accept this schedule with no change. Ryan Niekamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 Yes, 0 No and 2 absent.

Approval of minutes of the 9-1-1 Governing Board's final meeting on April 18, 2018. Ryan Niekamp made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 9-1-1 Governing Board meeting and Sheriff Brian Vonderhaar seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 Yes, 0 No and 2 absent and the minutes were approved.

Jeff Bergman arrived at 5:19 p.m.

204 Fund balance. Director Rowlands reported an Emergency Telephone System Fund (Illinois 9-1-1 surcharge) balance of \$1,127,424.05 as of May 30, 2018.

Personnel status. Director Rowlands noted the retirement of Dispatch Supervisor Jo Liesen on June 30, 2018 and stated that the vacant supervisor position will be gapped until the dispatch staff level stabilizes. He noted that dispatch staff is down one person with 12 of 15 qualified dispatcher positions filled. He stated that 2 dispatchers began their 9 month training/probationary on February 12, 2018.

Director Rowlands said that there will be testing in late June/early July and that he intends to hire 2 new dispatchers to start in September/October.

Director Rowlands noted that starting pay needed to be addressed in the future. The current collective bargaining agreement expires April 30, 2019 and negotiations are expected to start around March 2019.

Chief Tom Bentley arrived 5:23 p.m.

Status of VHF Simulcast Voting Receiver Radio System. Director Rowlands reported that the equipment for the radio project has arrived and is being housed at WirelessUSA awaiting programming and installation. Director Rowlands stated that a balance of \$596,944 has been paid to the vendor, WirelessUSA, for the cost of equipment. He said the next payment of \$358,166 is after installation is complete and the remainder of the cost for the project, \$238,778, will be paid upon acceptance.

Director Rowlands stated that the project is not moving quickly; largely due to the challenge of ongoing site preparations and antenna tower issues.

Director Rowlands stated that he was authorized by the previous 9-1-1 Governing Board to spend up to an additional \$118,000 for improvements to the sites at the Adams Electric tower in Camp Point, a tower at Hollister Whitney, on the silos at ADM, tower site at the 9-1-1 Center and other site preparation costs.

Chief Copley made a motion for the ETSB to re-authorize the additional expenditures for the project. Richie Reis seconded the motion. The motion carried with 9 Yes and 0 No.

Status of Illinois SB2727. Ryan Niekamp reported that Illinois SB2727 had passed the Illinois Senate and went to the Illinois House. He stated that the bill became dead upon its third reading when the Illinois State Police expressed opposition to the bill citing that a special exception should not be made for one entity.

Old Business. There was no Old Business.

New Business. There was no New Business.

Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the 9-1-1 Joint ETSB is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the 9-1-1 Center.

Meeting Adjournment. Ryan Niekamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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