

MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2025

Members Present: Mike Chandler, Jason Huffman, Mike Burg, Ron Cooley, Dalton Whitley, Daniel Schirding, Dave King and 911 Coordinator John Balster.

Meeting was held at the Menard County Courthouse Board Room and was called to order by Chairman Mike Chandler at 18:00.

Chairman Chandler presented the Consent Agenda, Dave King motioned to accept and Ron Cooley seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Chandler presented the meeting minutes from March 17, 2025, Ron Cooley motioned to accept, Daniel Schirding seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes from March 17, 2025 with no changes.

Chairman Chandler presented the Financials and Expenditure report for March 2025. There was a short discussion on CD rates and terms of length. Ron Cooley motioned to accept report, Jason Huffman seconded. Motion passed.

Coordinator Balster reported on CD's and interest earned off of the CD's. No other activity reported.

PSAP update. A quote from GTSI was presented for \$16,058.56 plus \$560.00 times 2 (encryption) for purchase and installation of 2 STARCOM radios at dispatch. The radios would be installed with channels for Athens FD and Menard County EMS. This would enable dispatch to communicate with Athens and EMS on the STARCOM radios purchased through the Sangamon County grant. There was a lengthy discussion on the purchase and Jason Huffman motioned to approve purchase with one year of license fees paid. Daniel Schirding seconded. Motion passed. There was further discussion on license and maintenance fees for radio system.

There were no citizens present at ETSB meeting.

No new business reported.

There was discussion on Cass County dispatch as our 911 backup and Coordinator Balster contacted Logan County Dispatch for a visit. He would like a couple members to meet with them in August at their meeting.

There was discussion about receiving another bid for radio consultation. TUSA was the only bid received as of this date for radio consultation. Topic was tabled till members contacted Ben Hollis about second bid for radio consultation.

No other 911 business noted and Ron Cooley motioned for adjournment, Daniel Schirding seconded. Meeting adjourned at 18:42. Next meeting May 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burg, Secretary