

MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2026

Members Present: Ben Hollis, Mike Burg, Ron Cooley, Dave King, Dalton Whitley, Mike Chandler, Daniel Schirding, Chris Henderson, Jason Huffman, Neal Starkey and 911 Coordinator John Balster.

Guests Present: BJ Sutton-Oakford FD, Eric Huebner-Petersburg City FD and Randy Downs-Greenview FD.

Meeting was held at the Menard County Courthouse Second Floor and was called to order by Chairman Mike Chandler at 18:04.

Agreement was to discuss the radio study with guests that were present. Lengthy discussion on the radio study and how to proceed with replacing existing system. Dave King would like to see the coverage map of our current system. Ben will e mail Mission Critical and see if they could provide this information. We discussed with Fire Departments that were present the need for upgrading equipment that would be P25 capable and going from an analog system to digital. The system could be installed and cut over to digital at a date to be determined depending on when all departments were ready. Possible funding sources were discussed including an AFG Regional Grant. Discussion was ended and regular meeting was started.

Chairman Chandler presented the Consent Agenda, motion to accept by King, second by Cooley, motion passed.

Chairman Chandler presented the meeting minutes from February 16, 2026, Cooley motioned to accept, Huffman seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes from February 16, 2026 with no changes.

Chairman Chandler presented the financial report and expenditures. Balster advised of 1-CD being renewed. Huffman motioned to accept report, Whitley seconded, motion passed.

911 Update:

No discussion

PSAP: Nothing

Hearing of citizens: See above regarding radio study.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None

Special Committees: Nothing to report.

No other 911 business noted and King motioned for adjournment, Whitley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:13. Next meeting April 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burg, Secretary