

MINUTES of MARION COUNTY ETSB MEETING
SHARON'S CAFE
April 10, 2019

CALL to ORDER

Chairman Lonnie McDanel called the Board meeting to order at 8:02 a.m., with Secretary/Treasurer Terry Mulvany calling roll. The following **Board members were present:** Donnie Brooks, Andy Garden, John Gaston, Chairman Lonnie McDanel, Secretary/Treasurer Terry Mulvany, Sean Reynolds, Mike Squibb, and Steve Whritenhour. Also present was Coordinator Stacey Bradford. Absent were: Vice-Chairman Greg Earle and Board member Brian Atchison

Visitors present were Salem Telecommunications Supervisor/GIS Justin Draper, 20/20 Jack Kessler, Salem Deputy Police Chief Susan Miller, and Recording Secretary Sherry Daniels.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Board member Donnie Brooks moved, seconded by Board member John Gaston, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote, without opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT/BILLS

There being no additions or corrections to the Financial Report/Bills Payable, Board member John Gaston moved, seconded by Board member Steve Whritenhour, to approve the Financial Report/Bills Payable as presented. Chairman Lonnie McDanel reported that Board Member Donnie Brooks will be checking on why the gas bill has almost doubled. Motion passed by voice vote, without opposition.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Coordinator Stacy Bradford reported that 20/20 has the plan configured for MCSO.

Bradford stated that she is working on the State 911 transfer policy, due June 1.

Bradford reported that letters and policy has been mailed to small agencies. She has not had any phone calls or questions.

Bradford will be attending the Region 8 meeting today, in Salem.

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NG911 requested that a GIS steward be named. Justin Draper has been named GIS steward and maintainer. At this time, it is not known what credentials he will need.

Bradford stated there have been issues at the Sheriff's office with their CAD crashing. She stated that she needs to be advised as soon as possible of issues and the time they are happening.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Kessler (20/20) would like to know from Mayer if they see in their sniffers the same behavior that Jack is seeing. Coordinator Stacy Bradford asked Board Member Andy Garden who the contact person would be. Garden responded that either he or Rich Stevenson would be the person to contact.

Board member Steve Whritenhour stated his understanding that throughout the county, dispatch activates the tornado sirens. He stated that not all are "up to par". He asked if 911 should have control of these. Board member Donnie Brooks responded to Whritenhour's comment/question, saying that the sirens belong to the individual towns. Coordinator Bradford said she doesn't believe the state would allow use of state funds for this purpose.

Brooks reported that Vernon (Illinois) insurance is paying for replacing the siren in Vernon. Forbes State Park siren is covered by Forbes State Park insurance, etc. Brooks stated that these are a policy paid for by the county, but the county is reimbursed for this expenditure, by each town. Secretary/Treasurer Terry Mulvany informed the Board that the cost to replace batteries in each siren is \$400.

Whritenhour asked if dispatch hits the button to activate the sirens, but the sirens don't go off—who's responsible? Would it come back on 911? Chairman Lonnie McDaneld responded that he is not sure about liability.

Board Member Andy Garden stated that 911 takes the call, then notifies the correct emergency response. Board Member Mike Squibb commented that the equipment has no

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feedback circuit, so the way it is set up, the individual pushing the button to activate the siren does not know if the siren is actually sounding.

Board Member Andy Garden recommended that when testing is done on the first Tuesday of each month, someone (Sheriff's Department, etc.) needs to physically be at each siren to assure that it is working. Chairman McDaneld asked if the Sheriff's Department (Board Member Andy Garden) and Board Member Donnie Brooks (Marion County ESDA) would be responsible to taking care of having someone at each siren, when they are tested on the first Tuesday each month. Garden and Brooks both agreed to do this.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Lonnie McDaneld, seconded by Board Member Steve Whritenhour, that the meeting of the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote, without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the ETSB will be ***Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. at Sharon's Cafe.***

Lonnie McDaneld, Chairman

Greg Earle, Vice-Chairman