

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

## Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting

### In Attendance:

#### Board Members:

Mr. Kevin Elbe, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ken Easterley  
Chief Kendall Perry  
Mr. G.W. Scott, Sr.  
Dr. James Wade  
Mr. Michael Leopold

#### Absent:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman

#### Staff:

Herbert Simmons, ETSB Executive Director  
David Schneidewind, ETSB Attorney  
Bryan Whitaker, ETSB Assistant Director  
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Assistant

#### Others In Attendance:

Erik Mensen, MECOMM Supervisor  
Thomas Gavin, Regional Sales Manager, Hexagon Public Safety

Vice-Chairman Kevin Elbe called the meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2026 in the ETSB Administrative Office, 101 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street Belleville, IL 62220.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call:

Richard Watson- absent  
Kevin Elbe- present  
Ken Easterley- present  
Kendall Perry- present  
G.W. Scott, Sr.- present  
James Wade- present  
Michael Leopold- present

Director Simmons informed the Board that Sheriff Watson is absent because he is in Springfield attending the ISA Winter Training Conference.

#### Public Comments:

**Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Elbe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Michael Leopold and seconded by Ken Easterley. The motion passed unanimously.

**Attorney's Report:** ETSB Attorney David Schneidewind updated the Board on current FOIA activity. No action is necessary by the ETSB at this time.

#### Director's Report:

#### Items For Information:

**Monthly Call Statistics:** Director Simmons referred to the call statistics for review.

**Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board:** Director Simmons informed the ETSB that the monthly Advisory Board meeting was held, and staff is now participating in the strategic planning process being held by the Advisory Board to determine future 9-1-1 needs of the state.

A legislative day in Springfield will be held on February 24, 2026 to discuss the current bills pending in the House and Senate that would provide for a 9-1-1 surcharge increase.

Director Simmons and Assistant ETSB Director Bryan Whitaker led a discussion regarding funding for future voluntary PSAP consolidation discussions with the State of IL.

**Items For Action:** None

**Consideration of Resolution 26-02 Regarding Approval of Financial Reports:** Vice-Chairman Elbe asked for a motion to approve Resolution 26-02, regarding approval of financial reports. A motion was made by Ken Easterley and seconded by Kendall Perry to approve Resolution 26-02 which includes the January 2026 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the December 2025 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- absent

Kevin Elbe- yes

Ken Easterley- yes

Kendall Perry- yes

G.W. Scott, Sr.- yes

James Wade- yes

Michael Leopold- yes

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman Elbe asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:08 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Leopold and seconded by Kendall Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Klucker

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**