

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

Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Mr. Kevin Elbe, Vice-Chairman
Chief Kendall Perry
Dr. James Wade

Absent:

Mr. Ken Easterley
Mr. G.W. Scott, Sr.
Mr. Michael Leopold

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:

Sheriff Richard Watson called the meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board to order at 10:45 a.m. on March 10, 2026 in the ETSB Administrative Office, 101 South 1st Street Belleville, IL 62220.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Elbe and seconded by James Wade. 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 staff is now participating in the strategic planning process being held during the monthly Statewide 9-1-1 Board Meeting to

determine the future needs of 9-1-1 in the State of Illinois. Staff has met with the vendor for a one-on-one interview, with the vendor writing the strategic plan. A group review of their findings is scheduled for March 26, 2026.

A Legislative Day in Springfield was held on February 24, 2026, to discuss the current Bills pending in the House and Senate that would provide a 9-1-1 surcharge increase. ETSB Staff that attended spoke with Senator Belt, asking him to sign on as a Chief Co-Sponsor of the legislation. Five other legislators have signed on as sponsors since the Legislative Day. The goal is to have the Increase Bill included as part of the Budget Implementation Bill approved in May 2026.

Items For Action:

Bug Out Contract Renewal: Director Simmons requested the ETSB's approval in renewing the Bug Out Contract for the annual termite protection of the ETSB building for a total of \$683.43.

Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to renew the Bug Out contract totaling \$683.43. A motion was made by Kevin Elbe and seconded by James Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- yes

Kevin Elbe- yes

Ken Easterley- absent

Kendall Perry- yes

G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

James Wade- yes

Michael Leopold- absent

Consideration of Resolution 26-03 Regarding Approval of Financial Reports: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 26-03, regarding approval of financial reports. A motion was made by Kevin Elbe and seconded by James Wade to approve Resolution 26-03 which includes the February 2026 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the January 2026 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn. At 10:48 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by James Wade and seconded by Kendall Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Klucker

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026