

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

Minutes of the September 8, 2026 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Mr. Ken Easterley
Chief Kendall Perry
Mr. G.W. Scott, Sr.
Dr. James Wade

Absent:

Mr. Kevin Elbe, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Michael Leopold

Staff:

David Schneidewind, ETSB Attorney
Bryan Whitaker, ETSB Assistant Director
Randy Randolph, ETSB Operations Manager
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Assistant

Others In Attendance:

Erik Mensen, MECOMM Supervisor

Sheriff Richard Watson called the meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 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- absent
Ken Easterley- present
Kendall Perry- present
G.W. Scott, Sr.- present
James Wade- present
Michael Leopold- absent

Sheriff Watson noted that Director Simmons would be absent for today's meeting, so ETSB Assistant Director Bryan Whitaker would give the Director's Report.

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Ken Easterley 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: Assistant Director Bryan Whitaker referred to the call statistics for review.

Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board: Assistant Director Whitaker informed the ETSB that the monthly meeting was held and involved discussions on the draft of the final strategic plan that was to be submitted. Multiple sections of the plan still require modifications as subcommittee meetings continue.

Items For Action:

Consideration of Resolution 26-10 Regarding Approval of Motorola Encryption Project:

Assistant Director Whitaker requested the Board's consideration in approving Resolution 26-10, regarding the approval of the Motorola Encryption Project Contract for the encryption of all law enforcement radios operating on the St. Clair County Radio System at a total cost of \$1,748,483.71 to be paid through the ETSB and by participating St. Clair County Agencies.

Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 26-10, regarding the Motorola Encryption Project Contract at a total cost of \$1,748,483.71. A motion was made by G.W. Scott, and seconded by Kendall Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- yes

Kevin Elbe- absent

Ken Easterley- yes

Kendall Perry- yes

G.W. Scott, Sr.- yes

James Wade- yes

Michael Leopold- absent

Consideration of Resolution 26-09 Regarding Approval of Financial Reports: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 26-09, regarding approval of financial reports.

A motion was made by Ken Easterley and seconded by Kendall Perry to approve Resolution 26-09, which includes the August 2026 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the July 2026 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- yes

Kevin Elbe- absent

Ken Easterley- yes

Kendall Perry- yes

G.W. Scott, Sr.- yes

James Wade- yes

Michael Leopold- absent

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by James Wade and seconded by G.W. Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Klucker

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026