

**JONES COUNTY 911 SERVICE BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

September 7, 2023

**SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Bold lettering indicates those in attendance at this meeting.**

**Voting Membership**

<b>Denny Coon</b>	<b>Oxford Junction</b>	<b>Jeff Swisher</b>	<b>Board of Supervisors</b>
<b>William Roller</b>	<b>Morley</b>	<b>Roxanne Tapken</b>	<b>Martelle</b>
Vacant	Olin Fire District	<b>Jeff Stout</b>	<b>Anamosa</b>
Britt Smith	Monticello		
Jacob Koch	Mechanicsville	<b>Brenda Leonard</b>	<b>Jones County EMA</b>
<b>Bert Kraai</b>	<b>Cascade</b>	Greg Graver	Jones County Sheriff
<b>Jean McPherson</b>	<b>Olin (Ambulance)</b>	Brandon Siggins	Lisbon

**Non-Voting Membership**

Brandon Kent	Anamosa Area Amb.	Jake Lindauer	Lisbon/MtVernon Amb.
John Vacek	Wyoming Fire Co.	Russ Benke	Midland Ambulance

**VISITORS in Attendance:**

**Joe Bayne– Monticello Fire**

**911 Coordinator**

**Gary Schwab - Jones County 911 Coordinator**

Chair Denny Coon called the meeting of the 911 Service Board to order at 7:07 PM.

**Motioned by Roller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraai to approve the agenda. All Aye. Motion carried.**

**Past Minutes of July 6, 2023**

**Motioned by Swisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McPherson to approve the minutes. All Aye. Motion carried.**

**Budget Report**

Schwab reported financials through the end of August Fiscal Year 24: Fund balance stands at \$453,149.53, Revenue stood at \$66,088.22, Expenses stood at \$75,276.27.

**Motioned by Swisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roller to approve the budget report as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.**

**Announce Passing of Board Member Kevin Rohwedder, Olin Benefitted Fire Board Member.**

Schwab informed the board of the passing of Kevin and presented a sympathy card for board members to sign. Olin Fire Chief, Kevin Hirl told Schwab that Kevin Rohwedder was a highly valued member of the Olin Community, he will be missed immensely. Kevin Hirl went on to say that there will be a search for a replacement to fill Kevin Rohwedder's position.

**90<sup>th</sup> Ave to Beringer name change**

Schwab presented a map showing 90<sup>th</sup> Ave near Cascade. As 90<sup>th</sup> Ave heads North of its intersection with Highway 151 it turns into Beringer Rd at the Jones/Dubuque County line. There is only one residential property on the road that is in Dubuque County. The road turns into a Level B Road shortly after that residential property. Therefore, the only maintained road access to the property is via 90<sup>th</sup> Ave/Beringer Rd from Highway 151. Schwab requested permission from the board to go to the Jones County Board of Supervisors to have the short section of 90<sup>th</sup> Ave changed to Beringer Rd. The Jones County Engineer's Office has no problem with the potential name change, Kraai stated that Cascade Fire had no problem with the road name change.

**Motioned by Kraai, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roller to petition the Board of supervisors to change the name of 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. North of Highway 151 to Beringer Rd, All Aye. Motion carried.**

### **Agreement to Take Over Electric Bill at the Olin Tower Site for Service Board Communications Operations**

Schwab Explained the request from Olin Telephone Company for the Service Board to take over paying the electrical bills at the Olin Tower site. Olin Telephone Company no longer has any equipment at the site and T-Mobile has moved all their equipment from the existing shelter to a separate cabinet with a separate metered power source.

**Motioned by Swisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraai to approve accepting Service Board responsibility for the electrical power usage to maintain the operation of Jones County Radio Equipment and shelter operation at the Olin Tower Site. All Aye. Motion carried.**

### **Approve Estimate to Fix Improperly Anchored Cables After T-Mobile Move**

Schwab reported an issue of improperly anchored transmission lines for the Jones County to a T-Mobile representative. T-Mobile promised to cover the cost. In the meantime, to ensure the repairs are carried out Schwab advised the board that they should approve RC Systems to make the necessary repairs while waiting for payment from T-Mobile. **Motioned by Leonard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tapken to approve the estimate of \$2,448 to fix improperly anchored transmission lines after the T-Mobile Move. All Aye. Motion carried.**

### **Olin Tower Lease Agreement Update and Discussion.**

Schwab expanded upon the Olin Tower discussion, with the changes at the site the lease agreement with Olin Telephone needs to be amended. Schwab gave the board a marked-up copy of the current lease with a list of other considerations. Basically, Olin Telephone will leave the lease price of \$1,200 the same but wants the Service Board to take over maintenance and repair of the generator and HVAC systems. Schwab estimated that the added responsibilities will probably come in around \$3,000 per year whereas to site a new tower would take about a year and cost at least \$300K. The consensus of the board was such that there is no other viable option. Schwab will work on amending the lease agreement to present to the board and to Olin Telephone company for further discussion.

### **EMS Communication Change at Olin Tower to Allow New Paging Standard**

Terry Harris from RC Systems reported that radio programming for P25 is taking place. No exact timeline was discussed.

### **P25 Possible turn on for County EMS and Fire**

Tapken reported that Martelle has not received their radios at this time. That and the radio programming will have to be completed. P25 turn on for Fire and EMS is close.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Terry Harris reported that he attended a meeting with Monticello representatives regarding painting the South Water Tower. If sandblasting is required antennas may have to be moved. More discussion and planning will have to be done.

**Motioned by Leonard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stout to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All Aye. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting if required – October 5, 2023

Recorded by:

Gary Schwab, Jones County 911 Coordinator