

Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board



MEETING MINUTES

HENRY COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD (ETSB)
TUESDAY MARCH 24th, 2026– 18:00 (6:00 PM)
THIRD FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM 303C
HENRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
307 W. CENTER STREET, CAMBRIDGE, ILLINOIS

- I. **Call meeting to order / Roll Call:** The March meeting of the Henry County ETSB was called to order by Board Chair C. Zimmerman at 18:00
Members Present: B. Mierop, B. Stoudt, C. Zimmerman, J. Verscheure, B. Wachtel, M. Schnepple, M. Mielke, M. Swemline, S. Kijanowski, S. Welgat, T. Krebs
Members Absent: M. Carlson
Also Attending: 911 Director M. Swanson, HCSO T/C Supervisor H. Hornbach, KPD T/C Supervisor J. Boelens, GPD T/C Supervisor J. Damewood, HCSO T/C L. Blanchard
Guests: Colona Police Chief C. Powless, Colona Fire Chief Kirk Wyffles
 - II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the March minutes by J. Verscheure. Second by M. Swemline. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - III. **Public Comment:** None
 - IV. **Financial Report**
 - A. Report and approval of financials for February and March 2026: Report and approval of financials for February and March 2026: Director Swanson reported that for February income was \$58,550.48, expense was \$28.366, and a fund balance of \$1,287,763.88. Motion to approve the February financials by M. Schnepple. Second by B. Mierop. Motion carried by voice vote.
Director Swanson reported that March income was \$57,671.71, expenses were \$13,811.03, and a fund balance of \$1,331,624.56. Motion to approve the March financials by B. Mierop. Second by M. Schnepple. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - V. **PSAP Reports**
 - A. Kewanee Police Department PSAP Report: All is well.
 - B. Henry County Sheriff's Office PSAP Report: In February the STARCOM consul on position went down for 4-5 days but was repaired. T/C Supervisor Hornbach shared some statistics on the recent snowstorm. Between 5:00 am and midnight the next day Henry County handled 607 non-emergency calls, 100 911 calls, 3,686 radio transmissions for police, 1,414 for fire, 110 for Colona, 28 for OEM and 86 point to point.
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Committee Reports

- A. Public Education, Activities, Conference & Training Report: No Report
- B. By-Laws Committee Report: No Report
- C. Planning & Development Committee Report: No Report
- D. Consolidation Committee Report: No Report
- E. Personnel & Hiring Committee: No Report
- F. CAD Committee: No Report

- VI **Director's Reports:** Director Swanson reported: Still looking into WiFi for the radios. Everything seems to be working, except for some buildings and the Courthouse. There is a repeater in the old OEM office that could be used. Plan is to still offer STARCOM to fire in late 2026 or early 2027.

ProPhoenix conversion progressing with several training sessions held. ProPhoenix has a test mode that allows changes to the database to be made and tested without affecting the main database. Still working on data conversion. Working with Twin State and Rosemary on connecting the MDCs to the network. ProPhoenix training sessions will be offered the first of May.

Attended the 911 goes to Springfield, Met with several of the local representatives about raising the 911 surcharge to \$2.50, was told due to being an election year not going to happen at this time.

Met with Klinger & Associates for a preliminary design of a consolidated 911 center. The proposals did not meet our needs and they will be coming back with other options. We are still looking into other locations for the 911 center.

Went over upcoming T/C training.

VII **Old Business**

- A. Geneseo Communications update. Received a non-reply, reply from Geneseo Communications. Exploring other options for redundancy.

VIII **Closed Session**

- A. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint logged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
A motion to go into closed session by T. Krebs. Second by S. Kijanowski. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting moved to closed session at 18:21
Meeting returned to open session at 18:32
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IX New Business

- A. Action on closed session, (If Necessary) A motion to approve the IGA with Henry County on supplementing the pay, for a OEM employee, to assist the 911 Director as needed, by B. Mierop. Second by B. Wachtel. Motion carried by voice vote
- B. New Board Member Candidate: It is the recommendation of the Board to submit the name of Clinton Powless to the Henry County Board to fill a Board vacancy.

X. **ETSB Member Comments:** M. Mielke went over several ideas for the Henry Co. Fair.

XI **Adjournment:** With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Schnepfle. Second by M. Mielke. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 18:40

Next scheduled meeting of the Henry County ETSB will be April 28th, 2026, at 18:00

Respectively Submitted

Brian W. Stoudt
ETSB Secretary.
