

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BOARD

Meeting minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 13, 2018
Held in the Macomb Police Department Training Room

Communications Board Members present:

Mayor Inman, Comm. Bd. Chairman
Scott Schwerer, Comm. Bd. Vice Chair, McDonough County Bd.
Ben Thompson, Comm. Bd. Secretary, McDonough County Mutual Aid
Chief Curt Barker, Comm. Bd. Treasurer, Macomb PD
Tom Clark, ETSB Chairman
Sheriff Nick Petitgout, McDonough County

Communications Board Members absent:

None

Also present:

Jessica Shoopman, Director
Dave Bland, Assistant Director
Jeanette Moon, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Inman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Discuss and approve agreement with IL FOP Labor Council:

A motion was made to enter into executive session by Mayor Inman pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 Chapter 102 Sec. 2 (C) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. And (2) the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Chief Barker gave the second and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays from the Communications Board. The meeting was closed at 1:02.

The meeting was re-opened at 1:43.

A motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the FOP regarding the two grievance claims submitted was made by Scott Schwerer seconded by Sheriff Petitgout. Mayor Inman read the points recognized in the letter. The motion was then approved by voice vote. A copy of the letter will be filed with these minutes.

Discuss dispatch schedule and approve associated staffing changes:

Dave has requested to be relieved from his duties as Assistant Director and to go back to a full time dispatch position in the 911 center. We understand that has come with some great debate on his part and we appreciate his willingness to fill a very important vacancy in the center right now. His last day as Assistant Director will be determined

after a call is placed to the Union Representative to get some questions answered about the shift bid that is scheduled to go into effect on September 1st. Scott Schwerer made the motion to accept Dave's resignation with regret and thanks for his willingness to be a dispatcher and fill the need, Chief Barker gave the second and it was approved by voice vote.

Tom Clark presented the board some ideas over our staffing problem. He handed out a printout of some thoughts and went over them. Some ideas include regional advertising using both social media and traditional media outlets. We'd like to get the applications available online. A press release should be issued to local TV, radio and newspaper media outlets to generate stories about the need and get the message out on how to apply.

Contact with area high school guidance counselors in the area to make them aware of job openings should be made.

This needs to start immediately and continue diligently until positions are filled.

Anytime we have done a tour we encourage people to come sit with us now. We do get applicants; we don't get many quality applicants. We have a list of candidates right now. But we have two in training currently, that's all we can train right now.

Public Comment

None

The next meeting is August 28, 2018 directly following the ETSB meeting which starts at 3:00pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Schwerer seconded by Sheriff Petitgout and was approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Jeanette Moon
Recording Secretary
Administrative Assistant
McDonough County 911