

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
Meeting minutes from July 30, 2019,
Held in the Macomb Police Department Training Room

Communications Board Members present:

George Dixon Comm. Bd. Chair, McDonough County Bd.
Ben Thompson, Comm. Bd. Secretary, McDonough County Mutual Aid
Chief Curt Barker, Comm. Bd. Treasurer, Macomb PD
Sheriff Nick Petitgout, McDonough County

Communications Board Members absent:

Mayor Inman, Comm. Bd. Vice Chairman

George Dixon called the meeting to order at 3:40pm.

A roll call attendance was taken; 4 of the 5 members were present.

Sheriff Petitgout moved with second by Chief Barker to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019, motion carried with a voice vote.

Sheriff Petitgout moved with second by Chief Barker to approve the minutes from June 18, 2019, motion carried with a voice vote.

Sheriff Petitgout moved with second by Ben Thompson to approve the minutes from June 25, 2019, motion carried with a voice vote.

Chief Barker moved with second by Sheriff Petitgout to approve the claims, motion carried with a roll call vote of 4 yes and 1 absent.

Treasurer Reports:

The report of income and expenses was given to the members. Jeanette reported on the large number in the July full time dispatcher's expense line. That amount is \$41,754.30 which includes the payout of the accumulated time from Dave Bland who retired on July 3rd. His final check was just over \$10,000. Sheriff Petitgout moved with the second by Ben Thompson to approve the Treasurer's report, the motion carried with a voice vote.

Old Business

Staff update:

As stated in the Treasurer's Report Dave Bland retired on July 3, 2019 and is now working at OPS. We had a part time employee who left us because he got full time duties with the Sheriff's Office. We will be working on hiring one or two new trainees in the next couple of weeks. We are limited to the number of places to put a trainee. We have one full time trainee who is doing very well. She has demonstrated the needed skills and abilities but has been away for military training and deployment much of this summer.

IT Update:

The migration of the PSIMS anywhere to the new DMZ server is complete. We are working now to deploy the icons to the department computers. We have completed the Macomb Fire Department and most of the Macomb Police Department, with the exception of three computers, that are proving to be problematic. The fire investigators requested this so they can write reports when they have fires that need to be investigated, any arson case. The MPD is starting to explore the new report writing platform.

Our LEADS has now been migrated to the Illinois Century Network. The former Director started this process. We were supposed to be off the old network and on the new network by July 1, 2018. Eric doesn't necessarily think this is reflective of any of the old Directors work, the State of Illinois is hard to deal with at times, especially when it comes to technology and getting things to line up. The Illinois Century Network has a hub that terminates at Western Illinois University. That gives us the access to the Illinois Century Network. We had to run a fiber connection from there to here. The money had been budgeted for in the last couple years. The cost for LEADS increased from about \$500/month to about \$750/month. This is the reason for the large MTC bill this month. They pro-rated July and billed for August and well as the one-time non-recurring charge for activation/installation.

Lastly, since March when Cushing was here, we have had no significant CAD issues. Dispatchers aren't getting kicked off their computers and things are working properly.

New Business

Executive Session

None was held

Approval of Director's Contract:

Ben Thompson moved with second by Sheriff Petitgout to approve the Director's Contract, motion carried with a roll call vote of 4 yes and 1 absent.

Public Comment

None

The next meeting is August 27, 2019 directly following the ETSB meeting in the Macomb Police Department Training Room.

Sheriff Petitgout moved with second by Chief Barker to adjourn, motion carried with a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Jeanette Moon
Recording Secretary
Administrative Assistant
McDonough County 911