

Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board



MEETING MINUTES

HENRY COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD (ETSB)
TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 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 January meeting of the Henry County ETSB was called to order at 18:05 by Board Chair C. Zimmerman.
Members Present: B. Stoudt, C. Zimmerman, J. Verschuere, B. Wachtel, M. Carlson, M. Schnepfle, M. Mielke, M. Swemline, T. Krebs
Members Absent: B. Mierop, S. Kijanowski, S. Welgat
Also Attending: 911 Director Swanson, HCSO T/C Supervisor H. Hornbach, KPD T/C Supervisor J. Boelens, GPD T/C Supervisor J. Damewood, M. Jones, HCSO Chief Deputy B. Franklin, T/C Lorelei Blanchard.
 - II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the November minutes by M. Schnepfle. Second by M. Swemline. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - III. **Public Comment:** None
 - IV. **Financial Report**
 - A. Report and approval of financials for December 2025: Director Swanson reported Receipts of \$59,372.35, Disbursements of \$41,533.79, and a fund balance of \$1,283,181.26. A motion to approve the December financials was made by T. Krebs. Second by M. Swemline. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Report and approval of financials for January 2026: Director Swanson reported Receipts of \$57,944.74, Disbursements of \$83,545.94 and a fund balance of \$1,257,580.06. Motion to approve the January financials was made by M. Schnepfle. Second by J. Verschuere. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - V. **PSAP Reports**
 - A. Kewanee Police Department PSAP Report: No Report
 - B. Henry County Sheriff's Office PSAP Report: No Report

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
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- E. Advisory Committee Report: No Report
- F. Communications Committee Report: No Report
- G. CAD Committee: No Report
- H. 911 System Provider's Report; No Report

VI **Director's Report:** Director Swanson reported that second touch radio programming will be at the OEM February 2nd. Late 2026 or early 2027 for fire/ems conversion to STARCOM. Still working on Geneseo and Kewanee priority channel issues. Working with T/C Supervisors and ProPhoenix on integration of data. Will not be using Watchcard, ProPhoenix will issue credit for purchase of different program. Working on combining different incident response codes into one set of codes. Will also be integrating the MABAS Box Cards into the code system. Question was asked about Fire incident information being made available. Director Swanson reported that it would. ProPhoenix training for the T/Cs will start in March. Website progressing. Working with Eventide to fix bugs, calls still being recorded. Renewed a radio license that lapsed during the government shutdown. MABAS conference in February.

VII **Old Business** None

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.

IX **New Business**

- A. Action on closed session, (If Necessary)
- B. Election of 2026 Officers: The floor was opened for nominations for 2026 officers. M. Swemline motioned that "By proclamation I move that the current officers be reappointed to their current positions for 2026. Second by M. Carlson. Motion carried by voice vote. (See Below)
- C. Board Member Replacement: Director Swanson introduced Bob Wachtel as a new board member. He is the Henry County Board representative of the ETSB. Director Swanson reported that he had received a letter of resignation from the ETSB, from Gene Karzin, due to his accepting the position of Police Chief with the city of Silvis IL. Director Swanson also reported that he had received a letter from Chief Disterhoft recommending that Jessica Damewood be appointed to replace Gene Karzin.
After much discussion it was the consensus of the Board to post a notice on the Henry County and OEM websites of a opening on the ETSB and anyone interested in filling that position to submit a letter of interest to the Board. Letters would be reviewed at

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the next meeting and a candidate would be selected and sent to the County Board for approval.

X. ETSB Member Comments: Committee's were assigned for 2026. (See Below)
Due to conflicts it was the consensus of the Board to change the February 24th meeting date to March 3rd.

XI Adjournment: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Swemline. Second by J. Verscheure. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18:45

Respectfully Submitted

Brian W. Stoudt
ETSB Board Secretary



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2026 ETSB Officers:

Board President: Carol Zimmerman

Vice President: Mat Schnepple

Treasurer: Mile Swemline

Secretary: Brian Stoudt

2026 ETSB Committee Members

Public Education, Activities, Conferences, and Training Committee: Steve Kijanowski, Mike Mielke, Jenni Boelens, Heidi Hornbach, Matt Swanson

By-Laws Committee: Carol Zimmerman, Brian Stoudt, Steve Kijanowski, Bob Mierop, Bob Wachtel, Matt Swanson

Planning and Strategic Development Committee: Josh Verscheure, Mat Schnepple, Matt Swanson

Consolidation Committee: Matt Swanson, Mat Schnepple, Josh Verscheure, Steve Kijanowski, Bob Wachtel, Mike Mielke, Jenni Boelens, Heidi Hornbach

Personnel and Hiring Committee: Mat Schnepple, Steve Kijanowski, Mike Swemline, Tim Krebs, Josh Verscheure

CAD/RMS Committee: Brian Stoudt, Tim Krebs, Steve Kijanowski, Steve Welgat, Josh Vercheure, Heidi Hornbach, Jenni Boelens, Jessica Damewood
