



DU PAGE COUNTY

ETSB - Ad Hoc Finance Committee

Draft Summary

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:00 AM

Room 3500B

Special Call

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1. CALL TO ORDER

8:00 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Schwarze at 8:03 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

ETSB STAFF:

Linda Zerwin
Gregg Taormina
Eve Kraus
Andres Gonzalez

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Mark Winistorfer (8:28am)

ATTENDEES:

Nick Kottmeyer, County Board Office
Evan Shields, County Board Office
Jan Barbeau, State's Attorney's Office (Remote)
Rachel Bata, Roselle PD (Remote)
Anthony McPhearson, CIO (Remote)
Kimberly White, DMMC (Remote)

On roll call, Members Schwarze, Franz, Hernandez, Henry (8:24am), Honig (8:12am), Maranowicz, Robb, and Wolber were present.

PRESENT	Schwarze, Franz, Hernandez, Maranowicz, Robb, and Wolber
LATE	Henry, and Honig

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze thanked the Members for their presence and Executive Director Zerwin and staff for their hard work in preparing the FY26 budget.

5. MEMBERS' REMARKS

There were no Members' remarks.

6. CONSENT ITEMS**6.A. [25-1677](#)**

ETSB Ad Hoc Finance Minutes - Regular Meeting - Wednesday, June 11, 2025

On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [2025-06-11 ETSB Ad Hoc Finance Minutes Summary.pdf](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MOVER:	Kyle Wolber
SECONDER:	Jessica Robb

6.B. [25-2442](#)

ETSB Ad Hoc Finance Minutes - Regular Meeting - Wednesday, September 10, 2025

On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [2025-09-10 ETSB Ad Hoc Finance Minutes Summary.pdf](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MOVER:	Jessica Robb
SECONDER:	Marilu Hernandez

7. FY26 BUDGET**7.A. [25-2460](#)**

Budget Presentation

Executive Director Zerwin began the PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the proposed FY26 costs, utilizing the County format which provides a history of FY22-26, including:

- Total Appropriation of \$48,988,966.
- Increase of approximately \$1.4M from FY25, a 3% increase.
- Increase of 6% in operating costs.
- Decrease in new capital. When there is a new program, this is where the new capital will increase. Otherwise, there is just some standing capital costs like replacing the CAD or computers, etc.
- Capital Contingencies, the savings account, is basically funded, providing a life

expectancy of 10 years.

Executive Director Zerwin provided an explanation of the costs in each of the slides, attached to these minutes. She said a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was included in Salaries as recommended by the County Board and that the mid-year salary adjustments were offset by vacancies in FY25. Discussion ensued around Operational costs for major components including battery lifecycle and replacement costs for the Police and Fire portable radios, projects such as the DeltaWRX RFP for CAD, the Hidden Lakes tower improvements, repair and maintenance of equipment, the decrease in communication services, and County licensing and cost sharing services including GIS.

Member Honig entered the meeting at 8:12am.

In terms of capital, Executive Director Zerwin reviewed upcoming costs of approximately \$6.8M out of account 54199 to finish the radio replacement project and another \$6.5M for the final payment on the original radio contract with Motorola. Vice Chair Franz questioned the capital funding moving forward. Executive Director Zerwin also reminded the Board there would be a \$1.2M payment for the AXS console project, the third of six payments coming due. Vice Chair Franz questioned how we are going to budget for capital dollars going forward. He said, we did not really talk about revenue, stating he thought we have about \$19 million. Our operating costs are about 13 million. So what do we need to set aside for capital every year on average? Because I am trying to get to the question of where are we with our reserves? Are we able to meet our demands, et cetera? Executive Director Zerwin replied, we do not typically carry reserve. You carry capital contingency for the replacement, that basically because this agency is 90% infrastructure. There are maintenance and capital replacements, and 8% on the personnel. She explained the reserves are monies to replace those major components. She said, we count only the monthly surcharge for the revenue projection because interest fluctuates. There is really no way to calculate that, especially in this market. Executive Director Zerwin reminded the Board there is about \$30,000 annually in non-surcharge revenue from membership into the system and like agreements.

Executive Director Zerwin moved on to the chart showing the 54199 Capital costs and their average life expectancy, which is usually based off the contract, and their respective replacement schedule. She explained that by dividing the cost by the life expectancy, and setting aside funds annually, we will reach the full replacement value at the time of the contract. And that even if money is saved by upgrading a system as opposed to replacing it, that does not negate the need to have full replacement dollars available when the Board decides to replace the system. Executive Director Zerwin explained that once a replacement is funded, the monies are carried over each year until it is done (financed), and that no additional funds are being set aside for a particular item. She said Baker Tilly, the outside auditors, set the funds up this way to allow for flexibility to move the funds when we need to pay the invoice and that at that time, there would be a dip in the reported dollars from the Treasurer. Executive Director Zerwin said there is about \$16M in the money market fund and about \$34M in long-term investments, but that there will be multiple large payments coming out in December and the Treasurer's Office will be moving money around to minimize any kind of major penalties in our investments.

Treasurer Henry entered the meeting at 8:24am.

Vice Chair Franz expressed frustration that he has I've been on this board 10 years and he still cannot make sense of that. That maybe his 30 years of doing budgets is insufficient enough. He asked if anybody else understands what that chart is because he does not understand what that means, and that the Board has to make some fundamental decisions every year. He said the IGA calls for us to decide how much to set aside for the PSAPs without better information and more time, which is no one's fault this year. It was a weird year. But that they cannot make that decision. Member Honig said he appreciates the chart. He said the job of ETSB is to provide infrastructure and support and that the money left over is going back into infrastructure and support, like the reserves for County Board which they can use as surplus funds for projects.

Vice Chair Franz argued that the projections failed to show the 10-year capital outlook. He said if ETSB is not spending \$22M, and only spending \$450,000, then a plan should be put together based on a best guess of when equipment is going to be replaced and what is likely to be spent. He believed that if operating costs are \$13.8M, and capital costs are \$2M, in his view there is about \$4M of revenue coming in that could be put in capital to try to do more, or provide more support to the PSAPs. Those are the conversations he believe need to be had.

Member Maranowicz thought they would be shooting themselves in the foot projecting 10 years out with technology changes; that he only projects 3 years.

Discussion ensued around future years and the fluctuations of funds needed for replacement components, as well as projected revenue. Executive Director Zerwin referenced Chief Deputy Treasurer Smith's presentation from the August 13 meeting and the fact that for the first time in her 16 years with the ETSB that we would not make revenue projections in FY25 with a shortfall of approximately \$1M. Discussion included why surcharge distribution is down and the potential use of the one-time NG9-1-1 withholding from the State of around \$1.6M. If those funds were utilized to supplant the surcharge shortage, then the remaining could either be used for a PSAP project request that was not budgeted for or it could distributed to the PSAPs as outlined in the budget memorandum. This discussion led to the expenditure policy adjustments which would be brought forward on the November agenda. One concern is that the \$2M that Vice Chair Franz would like to see in the budget for distribution to the PSAPs would not be sustainable given the fact that surcharge is down.

Consensus was taken on the following items:

- To approve the Revenue projection for FY26 to \$13M.
- The CommsCoach interface request made by DU-COMM for FY25.
- The RapidSOS Communicator suite of products to be brought forward for approval on the November board agenda.
- To move forward on the recommendation to amend the Expenditure Policy regarding the use of one-time disbursements.

- To approve the FY26 Appropriation on the ETS Board agenda as presented.

Attachments: [ETSB Board FY26 Budget Executive Summary - Adjustments for October 8.pdf](#)
[FY26 Budget Presentation.pdf](#)

8. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED

8.A. [ETS-R-0057-25](#)

Annual Appropriation Resolution for the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Period beginning December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026.

Chair Schwarze said he would like to have the FY26 budget approved at today's meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the annual appropriation for the ETSB. A motion was made by Member Maranowicz, seconded by Member Honig. On roll call, 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, to approve the budget on the following agenda.

Attachments: [Budget Summary 10.8.25.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Joseph Maranowicz
SECONDER:	Andrew Honig
AYES:	Schwarze, Hernandez, Honig, Maranowicz, Robb, and Wolber
NAY:	Franz

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting of the ETSB Ad Hoc Finance Committee was adjourned at 9:01am.