



DU PAGE COUNTY

ETSB - Emergency Telephone System Board

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Draft Summary

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 3500B

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 852 6043 5352

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1. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Schwarze at 9:01 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

ETSB STAFF:

Linda Zerwin

Nate Krause

Gregg Taormina

Eve Kraus (Remote)

Andres Gonzalez

Prithvi Bhatt (Remote)

COUNTY CLERK:

Chad Pierce, Deputy Clerk

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Mark Winistorfer

ATTENDEES:

Colin Fleury, West Chicago PD

Nancy Llaneta, County Finance

Anthony McPhearson, County CIO

Mike Sampey, ACDC

Roy Selvik, Addison PD

Evan Shields, County Board Office

Ellen Smith, County Treasurer's Office

Jan Barbeau, State's Attorney's Office (Remote)

Rich Cassady, Glenside Fire (Remote)

James Grabowski, City Of Elmhurst (Remote)

Joe Grage, Lombard PD (Remote)

Jennifer Hurd, Motorola (Remote)

Ed Leinweber, Clarendon Hills PD (Remote)

Suzette Quintell, DMMC (Remote)
Clara Maney, DMMC (Remote)
Erik Maplethorpe, DU-COMM (Remote)
Robert McMahon, Downers Grove PD (Remote)
Bret Mowery, York Center Fire (Remote)
Bob Murr, College of DuPage (Remote)
Matt Pasquini, DMMC (Remote)
Michael Rodriguez, Lisle PD (Remote)
City of Elmhurst, (Remote)

On roll call, Members Schwarze, Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Maranowicz, Markay, McCarthy, Robb and Wolber were present. Member Schar was absent.

PRESENT	Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Markay, McCarthy, McCarthy, Robb, Schwarze, Maranowicz, Wolber, McCarthy, and McCarthy
ABSENT	Schar

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze congratulated ACDC TC Robert Nudd for his actions on January 22, when he dispatched an officer on a reported stolen vehicle and continued investigating the vehicle's whereabouts using available LPR tools. His efforts determined the vehicle had been lawfully relocated by a local tow company, preventing an unnecessary investigation and ensuring responders received timely and correct information.

Chair Schwarze then congratulated Chief Karl Argast on his retirement from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District after 30 years of dedicated service and wished him well.

He then announced that the agenda would be adjusted due to potential early departures by some Members, and that the meeting would begin with Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2, for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

5. MEMBERS' REMARKS

There were no Members' remarks.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon return from Executive Session, Chair Schwarze asked for a motion to combine Consent Agenda Items A/Monthly Report for February 11; B/Minutes Approval Policy Advisory Committee for February 2, 2026; C/Minutes Approval ETS Board for February 11, 2026. Member Johl motioned, seconded by Member Wolber. On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye",

motion carried.

Chair Schwarze asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A/Monthly Report for February 11; B/Minutes Approval Policy Advisory Committee for February 2, 2026; C/Minutes Approval ETS Board for February 11, 2026. Member Honig motioned, seconded by Member Johl. On voice vote, all Members voted “Aye”, motion carried.

6.A. Monthly Staff Report

6.A.1 [26-0867](#)

Monthly Report for March 11 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [March Meeting Monthly Report](#)

6.B. Minutes Approval Policy Advisory Committee

6.B.1. [26-0807](#)

ETSB PAC Minutes - Regular Meeting - Monday, February 2, 2026

Attachments: [2-2-2026 PAC Minutes Summary](#)

6.C. Minutes Approval ETS Board

6.C.1 [26-0868](#)

ETSB Minutes - Regular Meeting - Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Attachments: [2026-2-11 ETSB Minutes Summary](#)
[JRobb Email in Support of HB4066 and SB2670](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOVER:	Andrew Honig
SECONDER:	Pat Johl
AYES:	Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Markay, McCarthy, Robb, Schwarze, Maranowicz, Wolber, and McCarthy
ABSENT:	Schar

7. FINANCE AND REVENUE

Chair Schwarze asked for a motion to combine Finance and Revenue Agenda Items 7.A.1./ ETSB Revenue Report for March 11 Regular Meeting for Fund 5820/Equalization; 7.A.2./ Treasurer's Report History for March 11 Regular Meeting; 7.B.1/ Payment of Claims History for March 11 Regular Meeting; 7.B.2./ FY26 Expenditure vs Budget and 7.B.3./ Capital Contingencies Management Plan. Member Johl motioned, seconded by Member Wolber. On voice vote, all Members voted “Aye”, motion carried.

Chair Schwarze asked for a motion to receive and place on file Finance and Revenue Agenda

Items 7.A.1./ ETSB Revenue Report for March 11 Regular Meeting for Fund 5820/Equalization; 7.A.2./ Treasurer's Report History for March 11 Regular Meeting; 7.B.1/ Payment of Claims History for March 11 Regular Meeting; 7.B.2./ FY26 Expenditure vs Budget and 7.B.3./ Capital Contingencies Management Plan. Member Hernandez motioned, seconded by Member Maranowicz.

Executive Director Zerwin explained the purpose of adding these reports would be to prepare for budget and both the Treasurer's Report History and Payment of Claims History have been provided to the Board as one of the tabs in the Finance Committee Excel workbook, but staff would now begin presenting it monthly in as part of the Revenue and Finance section. She noted the Treasurer's Monthly Report of Investments and Deposits was also included in the packet and had been posted. She explained the Treasurer's Report History reflected the cash balances the Treasurer's report, noted that staff kept a copy of the Treasurer's Monthly Report of Investments and Deposits on file once it became available through the County Board agenda or the Treasurer's Office, and asked whether the Board wished to continue receiving this report or was the history sufficient. Vice Chair Franz stated that the history was sufficient.

Executive Director Zerwin explained the Payment of Claims History on page 11 of the packet that was also an existing report that had been revised to better show the relationship between cash from the Treasurer's report, projected revenue, operating appropriations, and capital contingency activity, noting that the Treasurer cash balance was approximately \$38M as of January 31 and that projected FY26 revenue of approximately \$13.5M was based on the average of the first three months of surcharge funds received. She explained the estimated year-end cash balance of approximately \$30M reflected current cash plus projected revenue, less the current operating appropriation and capital contingency transfers already made. She further clarified that the approximately \$28M capital contingency figure shown was the current earmark and appropriation balance, not cash, after deducting approximately \$6.6M already transferred.

Executive Director Zerwin noted the monthly report identified additional FY26 capital purchases that could still be funded from capital contingencies, as well as approximately \$13M in projected FY27 renewals, upgrades, and replacements, including the two CPE (Customer Premise Equipment) systems, CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) renewal, possible UPS replacement, and EMD and EFP protocols. She explained that PSAP Directors might ultimately recommend renewal or upgrades rather than full replacement, which could affect the fund. She stated that the revised report was intended to give the Board another way to review the numbers as it prepared for budget and policy discussions and stated that the capital report would be revised further and brought back the following month for additional review.

Vice Chair Franz stated he was not following the math on the Payment of Claims History and asked how the Board moved from approximately \$38M in Treasurer cash and approximately \$13M in projected revenue to an estimated year-end cash balance of approximately \$30M when it should be 51M. Executive Director Zerwin explained the calculation reflected current cash plus projected revenue, less the operating appropriation and the transfers already made from capital contingencies to pay previously approved expenses, including the Motorola bill and the Hidden Lakes generator replacement approved the prior month.

Vice Chair Franz then asked whether the \$15M operating amount included the capital expenditures for the fiscal year. Executive Director Zerwin explained that it included only the new expenditures not yet approved and 54199 calculation on purchases already paid, with the possibility of approximately another half million dollars depending on what the directors decided to do with certain items. Member Maranowicz commented that the report was easy to follow.

Vice Chair Franz stated he appreciated the additional detail and noted that, while the information may have been presented previously, it had not always been easy to follow. He explained that his continued focus on the topic was to ensure the Board understood its finances well enough to provide the two PSAPs the greatest possible financial flexibility. He noted that DuPage ETSB was different from many other ETSBs because it did not directly operate the PSAPs, and he acknowledged the significant work accomplished through consolidation, construction of the two new facilities, and the radio replacement project, which had generated substantial savings for municipalities and the County.

Vice Chair Franz stated that the Board had not provided the PSAPs meaningful operational funding, and for that reason believed the annual IGA discussion should involve a more robust review of year-end cash, appropriate capital reserve levels, and whether amounts above that level could be directed to the PSAPs. He suggested a reserve level of approximately 50 percent of capital need might be an appropriate starting point for discussion, and also noted that radios should be more clearly addressed in the legislative position paper because they would remain a significant future cost. He added that the Board was not yet ready to finalize a capital contingency plan until it first determined the appropriate capital funding level and whether any excess should be reflected in the IGA.

Executive Director Zerwin responded that the top line of the report represented cash, not the amount that should be placed into the capital contingency fund. She stated that ETSB was now projecting approximately half a million dollars less in revenue than the \$14M previously collected, and noted that if projected revenue was approximately \$13.5M while the operating budget was approximately \$15M, then ETSB was no longer budget neutral and was operating at a deficit before considering capital. Vice Chair Franz responded that he believed the operating figure included capital expenses and a \$6M transfer back to capital, which made it appear to double count those items. Executive Director Zerwin clarified that the Payment of Claims Expenditure column was not included in the total shown at the top, and that only the operating appropriation and the capital contingency transfer columns were reflected there, with the far-right capital contingency column shown only as historical transfer information. Vice Chair Franz then asked what the ETSB operating budget was exclusive of capital. Executive Director Zerwin stated that it was approximately \$15M including personnel, contracts, and commodities, not capital.

Vice Chair Franz then stated that the revenue projection appeared to include only 911 surcharge funds and noted that FY25 revenue had been closer to \$20 million. Executive Director Zerwin agreed that the projection was based on monthly 911 surcharge funds because current Board policy provided that anything above the revenue projection based on monthly 911 surcharge funds was available to the PSAPs. Vice Chair Franz asked whether the Board had adopted a policy stating that all non 911 fund revenue would be dedicated to the PSAPs. Executive

Director Zerwin clarified that she was referring specifically to the final State disbursement shown on the revenue report under NG-911 Withholding. She explained that, under the Expenditure Policy, the Board had set a \$14M revenue projection the prior year and had used that State payment to offset the difference when monthly surcharge collections came in closer to \$13M. She stated that the current year's revenue projection was approximately \$13.5M and that, depending on the amount of that State disbursement, it would be available for distribution to the PSAPs under the policy.

Vice Chair Franz stated that he wanted to review that policy because he did not recall passing it and noted that it had not been included with the capital contingency plan. Executive Director Zerwin stated that the two were separate issues. Member Maranowicz noted that there had been a small overage that the Board had agreed to give to the PSAPs. Executive Director Zerwin responded that Vice Chair Franz might be confusing the IGA with the separate policy governing where additional money beyond the \$1 million already budgeted would come from.

Vice Chair Franz then asked whether interest income, reimbursements, sale of assets, and similar items were also being treated as available revenue. Executive Director Zerwin explained that reimbursements were essentially budget neutral because ETSB first paid costs for optional or additional contract items, such as Mobile Responder, INET Viewer, and RMS maintenance, and was reimbursed in arrears by participating agencies, groups, or consortiums. She stated that, although those reimbursements appeared as revenue on the report, they were not truly additional income because ETSB had already spent the funds and was simply recovering them. Vice Chair Franz commented that those reimbursements were essentially a wash.

Member Honig stated that, from an accountant's perspective, the treatment described by Executive Director Zerwin was the correct way to present the reimbursements because it would be an auditor's nightmare to handle them differently. He noted that the format appropriately showed how those amounts moved throughout the year and that, while it might look unusual at first glance, it correctly reflected the underlying accounting principle. He added that, if the reimbursement structure changed significantly in future years, the Board could revisit the issue, but he believed the current presentation was the correct approach. Executive Director Zerwin responded that County Finance had two CPAs assigned to ETSB and that much of the reporting format was based on their guidance and designed to make year-end reconciliation and audit preparation easier.

Vice Chair Franz stated that he wanted the Board to spend more time determining what reserve balance should be maintained for capital so that ETSB did not end up in a situation similar to the Water Commission, which had drawn controversy after sitting on too much cash. He noted that, with the radio purchases largely behind the Board, the capital picture was now clearer, and questioned whether the capital plan needed to be fully funded each year or whether the Board should instead establish a reserve target and true it up annually.

Member Eckhoff noted that he had discussed the issue with Executive Director Zerwin the previous day and explained that, based on his experience on a city council and the County Board, reserves were typically viewed as a percentage of expenditures, with 25 to 30 percent being a common benchmark. He stated that the Board should not view the entire \$38M as already sitting

in a contingency fund, because that was not how he understood the fund should be analyzed. He explained that he preferred a format showing the actual amount currently in contingency, what the target should be, and how much should be contributed each year over time, similar to funding a sinking fund for a long-term replacement. Member Eckhoff stated that the prior format made it appear that everything was in one account and therefore overfunded. He also noted that ETSB had fewer revenue options than municipalities or the County because it relied heavily on the State surcharge and therefore needed to remain conservative, especially given the uncertainty around possible surcharge changes in Springfield and noted that, for that reason, he had asked Executive Director Zerwin to prepare a simpler, single page report showing expenditures, revenue, contingency trends, and overall financial direction. At 9:52 am, Member Eckhoff excused himself and left the room.

Vice Chair Franz agreed with Member Eckhoff stating that he believed a reserve equal to 50 percent of capital need, trued up annually, might make sense, but that he did not think the Board should continue building reserves to over 100 percent of projected capital replacement costs if that was where it already stood. Member Markay stated that her main concern was the projected loss of approximately \$2M per year, noting that revenue had dropped from approximately \$14M to \$13M and that, without a surcharge increase, the decline could continue. She stated that, while she understood the comparison to the Water Commission, she was concerned about using the \$30M cash balance in a way that would sustain the PSAPs in the short term but create structural problems later. She noted that the County had also been cautious about using ARPA funds for operations and stated that, while ETSB had substantial cash on hand, it could not predict what technology the PSAPs might need in the next two or three years.

Vice Chair Franz clarified that he was not proposing direct operational support, but rather additional capital support for the PSAPs, which would in turn free up operating flexibility. Member Markay responded that doing so could still delay larger structural problems and noted that ETSB remained fairly static unless revenue increased.

Chair Schwarze stated that the discussion had been productive and that the Board had made progress over the prior several months. He thanked Vice Chair Franz for continuing to push the conversation and thanked the Members for their input. Vice Chair Franz commented that he agreed with the discussion overall, but that the Board was not yet ready to proceed with the capital contingency plan and that the matter should be brought back for further discussion. Chair Schwarze stated that the conversation would continue next month.

Chair Schwarze stated that there was a motion and a second to receive and place on file the reports. On voice vote, 10 Member voted "Ayes", 1 Member voted "Nay," and 1 Member was absent, the motion to receive and place on file carried.

7.A. Revenue Report 911 Surcharge Funds

7.A.1 [26-0882](#)

ETSB Revenue Report for March 11 Regular Meeting for Fund 5820/Equalization

Attachments: [Revenue Report Regular Meeting 3.11.26](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Marilu Hernandez
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

7.A.2. [26-0890](#)

Treasurer's Report History for March 11 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [Jan2026TreasurerReportInvestDemandDeposits_Redacted](#)
[Treasurer's Report History March 2026](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Marilu Hernandez
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

7.B. **Budget Detail**

7.B.1 [26-0916](#)

Payment of Claims History for March 11 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [Payment of Claims History March 2026](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Marilu Hernandez
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

7.B.2 [26-0884](#)

FY26 Expenditure vs Budget

Attachments: [FY26 Expenditure vs Budget](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Marilu Hernandez
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

7.B.3 [26-0883](#)

Capital Contingencies Management Plan

Attachments: [54199 Capital Management Plan FY26 March 2026](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Marilu Hernandez
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

8. VOTE REQUIRED BY ETS BOARD

8.A. Payment of Claims

8.A.1 [26-0869](#)

Payment of Claims for March 11, 2026 for FY26 - Total for 4000-5820 (Equalization): \$308,695.62.

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

Attachments: [Payment of Claims 3.11.26 FY26](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Kyle Wolber

8.B. Purchase Resolutions

8.B.1. [ETS-R-0015-26](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to GenServe, LLC, PO 926011, to furnish deliver and install an industrial generator at the Hidden Lakes tower, for a contract total not to exceed \$36,298; Per lowest responsible bid #26-030-ETSB.

Executive Director Zerwin corrected the monthly report, noting that it inaccurately listed the amount as \$34,298, while the approval paperwork and agenda item reflected the correct amount. On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [926011 GensServe Hidden Lakes Generator Replacement Redacted](#)
[QUOTE Tabulation 26-030-ETSB](#)
[GenServe 26-030-ETSB Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz

8.B.2. [ETS-R-0024-26](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to CDW Government LLC PO 926015 for a CrowdStrike Retainer service, for the period of April 13, 2026 through April 12, 2027, for a contract total not to exceed \$72,367.65; contract pursuant to the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30ILCS 525/2 (Sourcewell - State of IL R-257160 GOV ONLY (25-448DOIT-TELEC-P-80070)).

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

Attachments: [926015 CDWG PRCC_Redacted](#)
[Crowdstrike retainer quote PTHP821 2026-2027](#)
[Updated - DuPage - CS Signed Order Form_Redacted](#)
[CDWG Sourcewell Contract 121923_Redacted](#)
[Sourcewell 121923-State of IL R-257160 LStamp BPW](#)
[04.24.25_Redacted](#)
[CDWG Sourcewell 121923-State of IL](#)
[25-448DOIT-TELEC-P-80070 Amendment 1 LStamp](#)
[7.31.25_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Marilu Hernandez

8.C. Resolutions

8.C.1. [ETS-R-0025-26](#)

Reappointment to the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County Policy Advisory Committee - Deputy Chief Craig Jansen (ACDC Fire Representative).

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

Attachments: [Notice of Nomination - Jansen](#)
[PAC Reappointment Jansen_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Kyle Wolber

8.C.2. [26-0902](#)

ETS-R-0069A-25 - Amendment to Resolution ETS-R-0069-25 to approve an Addendum A to the sales agreement of surplus radio items from the County of DuPage on behalf of the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County to the Adams County.

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

Attachments: [DEDIRS Sales Contract Adams County](#)
[DEDIRS Sales Attachment A](#)
[Adams County Addendum A to Attachment A_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Mark Franz

SECONDER: Joseph Maranowicz

8.C.3. [26-0903](#)

ETS-R-0053A-25 - Amendment to Resolution ETS-R-0053-25 to approve an Addendum A to the sales agreement of surplus radio items from the County of DuPage on behalf of the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County to the Vermillion/Livingston County Consortium.

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

Attachments: [1 SALES AGREEMENT \(Livingston County Mutual Aid Association Batteries\) 25DEDIRS051](#)
[3 SALES AGREEMENT \(Livingston County Mutual Aid Association Portable Radios\) 25DEDIRS053](#)
[5 SALES AGREEMENT \(Pontiac Fire Department Portable Radios\) 25DEDIRS055](#)
[7 SALES AGREEMENT \(VCOM Portable Radios\) 25DEDIRS057](#)
[Vermillion Livingston Attachment A](#)
[Livingston Consortium Addendum A to Attachment A](#)
[Redacted](#)

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER: Joseph Maranowicz
SECONDER: Jessica Robb

8.C.4. [ETS-R-0028-26](#)

Resolution declaring equipment, inventory, and/or property on Attachment A, purchased by the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County, as surplus equipment.

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

Attachments: [Surplus Attachment A](#)

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kyle Wolber
SECONDER: Joseph Maranowicz

8.C.5. [ETS-R-0022-26](#)

Resolution to approve Policy 911-010.1: 54199 Capital Contingencies.

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

Attachments: [911-010.1 54199 Capital Contingencies draft](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Marilu Hernandez

8.D. Budget Transfers

8.D.1 [ETS-R-0018-26](#)

Transfer of funds for FY26 from 4000-5820-54199 (Capital Contingencies) to 4000-5820-54110 (Capital Equipment and Machinery) in the amount of \$36,298, for the Hidden Lakes tower generator replacement.

On roll call, 11 Member voted "Ayes", 0 Members voted "Nay," and 1 Member was absent, motion carried.

Attachments: [BT 54199 to 54110 Hidden Lakes Generator FY26](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kyle Wolber
SECONDER:	Joseph Maranowicz
AYES:	Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Markay, McCarthy, Robb, Schwarze, Maranowicz, Wolber, and McCarthy
ABSENT:	Schar

8.D.2 [ETS-R-0023-26](#)

Transfer of funds for FY26 from 4000-5820-53828 (Contingencies) to 4000-5820-53810 (Custodial Services) in the amount of \$5,000, for Semi-annual console cleaning FY26.

On roll call, 11 Member voted "Ayes", 0 Members voted "Nay," and 1 Member was absent, motion carried.

Attachments: [BT 53828 to 53810 Dick Buss FY26](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Marilu Hernandez
AYES:	Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Markay, McCarthy, Robb, Schwarze, Maranowicz, Wolber, and McCarthy
ABSENT:	Schar

9. DEDIR SYSTEM UPDATE

Chief Selvik reported that only one agency remained to complete encryption and noted that staff had done a great job moving that effort forward. He stated that the first batch of mobile radios was expected to arrive in mid-April, with approximately one-third of the mobiles included in that shipment and estimated that the remaining units would likely arrive over the following couple of months. He also reported that the Police Focus Group had spent significant time discussing CommandCentral Aware and described the meeting as very productive. He stated that Sergeant Jim Dexter of MERIT reviewed the MERIT layers and used CommandCentral Aware historical data to prepare a presentation based on a recent call, which demonstrated the value of the system.

Chief Selvik explained that the matter would be brought back to the DuPage Chiefs, where Sergeant Dexter had offered to provide a demonstration in an effort to gain support from all Chiefs. He noted that the discussion had moved toward not allowing agencies to opt out, as doing so would undermine the purpose of providing GPS radio visibility for mutual aid and MERIT callouts. At 10:01 am, Member Eckhoff returned to the meeting.

Chair Schwarze thanked Chief Selvik and Chief Flurry for their work on the PAC committee. Executive Director Zerwin added that, depending on the outcome of the Chiefs meeting presentation, staff would review the policy based on the operational recommendations and could amend the related form under the authority already granted, with the policy potentially returning the following month so deployment of CommandCentral Aware could move forward.

10. DU PAGE ETSB 9-1-1 SYSTEM DESIGN

Member Honig made a motion to receive and place on file Agenda Items 26-0917/ ETSB Legislative Position March 2026 and 26-0929/ DU-COMM's Position February 2026, seconded by Member Johl. Chair Schwarze opened the item for discussion.

Executive Director Zerwin explained that the draft position paper had been prepared at the request of Vice Chair Franz and addressed Senate Bill 2670 and House Bill 4066, which contained the same basic language, with the Senate bill showing more movement at that time. She stated that the packet included background on the Board's position, a draft ETSB one-sheet for Board review, and the Illinois APCO and NENA one-sheet used for 911 Goes to Springfield. She noted that the APCO and NENA document reflected the statewide association position and could be included in a future packet to legislators. She stated that it was somewhat premature to send materials out, but appropriate for the Board to begin discussing and refining its position.

Chair Schwarze asked whether the Board's support for a surcharge increase was already understood and, if so, how premature the discussion really was. Executive Director Zerwin responded that it was premature only in the sense of distributing the materials externally prior to lead legislators being ready to move the senate bill, but not premature for drafting and refining the Board's position.

Member Markay asked whether the statewide advisory board on which Executive Director Zerwin represented ETSB took positions on legislation. Executive Director Zerwin stated that it did and noted that the legislation tracked in the monthly report reflected matters on which State 911 leadership had been asked to comment or provide language. Member Markay also asked

whether the State Police had taken a position, and Executive Director Zerwin explained that they typically worked through their own legislative liaison.

Vice Chair Franz commented that the issue had recently come up at a DMMC meeting and that some mayors were looking for a clearer explanation of why ETSB supported the increase. He stated that he did not believe it was too early to begin putting the issue before legislators and suggested revising the language regarding compensation so it emphasized attracting and retaining qualified Telecommunicators. He also stated that radio costs should be included somewhere in the discussion because those costs had increased substantially and would remain a major future issue. Member Maranowicz noted that future radio costs had also come up in the recent discussion with mayors.

Executive Director Zerwin responded that radios presented a more difficult legislative argument because most ETSBs did not fund radios, even though DuPage and some others had done so. She stated that the ETSA statute was fundamentally designed around the 911 call-handling system and related equipment, and cautioned that expanding the legislative ask too overtly into radios could complicate the argument and invite competing claims on surcharge funding. She stated that the better argument was to focus on the cost of operating a 911 system serving one million people, including core equipment and PSAP needs. Vice Chair Franz responded that radios still represented a major future need and that omitting them entirely could mean missing an opportunity. Member Markay observed that the statewide materials did not mention radios and that most ETSBs did not fund them. Executive Director Zerwin confirmed that most did not and noted that DuPage's history with radios was tied to consolidation and unified communications. Member Maranowicz commented that the issue might be better framed more broadly as technology needs. Chair Schwarze noted that the audience mattered and that legislators outside DuPage might not be as focused on local mayoral concerns. Vice Chair Franz responded that mayors statewide also faced radio funding pressures.

Member Honig stated that he generally agreed with the discussion, but cautioned against trying to budget too far ahead for a surcharge increase that had not yet been enacted and could still change before passage. Executive Director Zerwin agreed that a bill of that size would likely involve tradeoffs and noted that one possible giveback being discussed was a true-up of the harmless hold distribution, which could affect what DuPage ultimately received. She explained that, when the State moved to a unified surcharge, certain historical wireline amounts were preserved in the distribution formula to hold systems harmless, but that formula could be changed in the future. Member Markay noted that DuPage was effectively an exporter under the State formula, meaning some local surcharge revenue was redistributed to support systems in other parts of the State. Executive Director Zerwin added that the State was still working through the full cost of NG911, text-to-911, legacy system obligations, and updated distribution calculations, so the true impact of future surcharge changes was not yet fully known.

Executive Director Zerwin then raised a separate issue involving the PRMS Board's upcoming selection of a report-writing system. She explained that ETSB held a seat on the PRMS Board because in the current arrangement ETSB was the contract holder for RMS, but that going forward the selected system would operate through an interface rather than as a jointly used system. She stated that she wanted direction from the Board on how she should approach the

vote, since ETSB would not be a direct user of the selected product even though there would still be connectivity implications. Vice Chair Franz asked whether Board action was actually required. Mr. McPhearson explained that the Hexagon agreement would remain in place for at least another year, so PRMS would still remain connected to ETSB during that time, and that the recommendation concerned the future system selection and interface.

Executive Director Zerwin clarified that ETSB and PRMS would continue to be connected, but through an interface rather than an integrated shared platform. Chair Schwarze asked whether abstaining would be appropriate and whether there would be a cost associated with the interface. Executive Director Zerwin explained that PRMS would follow the same access agreement process used by other entities wishing to connect software to the 9-1-1 system, but that any vendor-side interface costs would be borne on the RMS side and would not be an allowable ETSB expense. Chair Schwarze stated that, while it was valuable for ETSB to have representation on the PRMS Board, the ETSB representative should abstain on this particular vote because the selection no longer directly involved ETSB as a user, and consensus was given.

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

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11. **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Franz requested that an update be provided at the next meeting regarding the DU-COMM administrative radios and the reason a policy sign-off was required given that the users were public safety personnel. He stated that, due to the length of the meeting, he did not want to discuss the matter further at that time but wanted it brought back the following month.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

This item was not discussed.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:04am, a motion was made by Member Honig, seconded by Member Maranowicz, for ETSB to enter into Executive Session. On roll call, 11 Member voted "Ayes", 0 Members voted "Nay," and 1 Member was absent, motion carried. Pursuant to the carried vote, ETSB entered Executive Session.

13.A. Minutes Review Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21)

13.B. Personnel Matters Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)

ETSB is going into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

13.C. Security Procedures and the Use of Personnel and Equipment Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (8)

13.D. Pending Litigation Matters Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11)

14. MATTERS REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:21am, the regular meeting of the ETSB reconvened. On roll call, Members Schwarze, Franz, Eckhoff, Hernandez, Honig, Johl, Markay, Maranowicz, Robb, and Wolber were present.

Member Johl made a motion to change Mr. Furmanski's title to Network Architect with a salary of \$122,627.07, seconded by Member Hernandez.

On roll call, 11 Member voted "Ayes", 0 Members voted "Nay," and 1 Member was absent, motion carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:00am in 3-500B

Without objection the meeting of the ETSB was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kaczmarek