

# White County 9-1-1

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WHITE COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD  
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## EXHIBIT 12

### RESOLUTION OF WHITE COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted into law the Emergency Telephone System Act (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act enables counties and municipalities to impose a surcharge upon all telephone subscribers passed through telecommunication carriers at a rate per network connection in order to implement and maintain a "9-1-1" emergency telephone system; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows the telecommunications carrier collecting the surcharge to deduct 3% of the gross amount of surcharge collected; and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that before the surcharge may be imposed it must be authorized by a majority of the voters in a referendum by the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS the County Board of White County deem it to be in the best interest of the County to implement and maintain a "9-1-1" emergency telephone system and to impose a surcharge on subscribers collected by the telecommunications carrier to pay for the costs associated therewith;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the County Board of White County as follows:

Section One. A surcharge is hereby imposed, subject to the provisions of Section Two, upon all telephone subscribers passed through telecommunication carriers engaged in the business of transmitting messages by means of electricity originating within the corporate limits of White County and terminating within the State of Illinois for funding of a "9-1-1" emergency telephone system.

Section Two. A referendum shall be placed by the County Clerk on the March 15, 1994 ballot for all legal voters residing in the County of White to vote upon the following question:

Shall the County of White impose a surcharge of up to \$2.00 per month per network connection, which surcharge will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges for the purpose of installing a 9-1-1 emergency system?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Section Three. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question are in favor thereof, a surcharge is hereby imposed at a rate of \$2.00 per month per in-service network connection, as hereinafter defined. A network connection shall not be deemed to be in service where a subscriber's account is uncollectable.

Section Four. For purpose of this ordinance the following definitions shall apply;

- a. "Network Connection" means the number of voice grade communication channels directly between a subscriber and a telecommunications carrier's public switched network without the intervention of any other telecommunications carriers switched network which would be required to carry the subscriber's interpremises traffic.

- b. "Transmitting Messages" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term in Section 8-11-2 of the Illinois municipal code.
- c. "Telecommunications Carrier" means any natural individual, firm, trust, estate, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint adventure, corporation, municipal corporation or political subdivision of this State, or a receiver, trustee, conservator or other representative appointed by order of any court engaged in the business of transmitting messages by means of electricity.
- d. For the purposes of this Act "telecommunication carrier" does not include a cellular or other mobile communication carrier.

Section Five. The County Clerk shall provide any telecommunication carrier subject to the surcharge with a certified list of those network connections assigned to the County to be exempt from imposition of the surcharge. The certified list may be revised by the County on 60 days prior written notice provided to the telecommunication carriers.

Section Six. The surcharge shall be imposed on the first day of the month following the expiration of 90 days\* from the date the County Clerk certifies to the individual telecommunication carriers subject to the surcharge referendum referred to in Section Two has passed.

Section Seven. In lieu of the telecommunication carriers imposing a 3% accounting and collection charge on its subscribers as permitted under the Act, each telecommunications carrier is hereby authorized and instructed to recover said accounting and collection charge by deducting 3% from the gross amount of surcharge collected otherwise due and owing the County prior to remittance under Section Eight of this ordinance.

Section Eight. The amount of surcharge collected by the telecommunications carrier shall be paid to the particular municipality or county or Joint Emergency Telephone System Board not later than 30 days after the surcharge is collected, net of any network or other 9-1-1 or sophisticated 9-1-1 system charges then due the particular telecommunication carrier, as shown on an itemized bill and the 3% accounting and collection charge described in Section Seven.

Section Nine. Simultaneously with the remittance described in Section Eight above each telecommunication carrier shall make a return to the County treasurer for the period to which the remittance applies stating as follows:

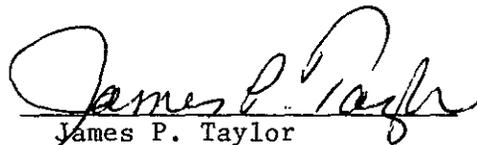
1. The name of the telecommunication carrier.
2. The telecommunication carrier's principal place of business.
3. The number of network connections to which the surcharge applies.
4. The amount of surcharge due.
5. Such other reasonable and related information as the corporate authorities may require.

Section Ten. If it shall appear that an amount of surcharge has been paid which was not due under the provisions of this ordinance; whether as the result of a mistake of fact or any error of law, then such amount shall be credited against any surcharge due, or to become due, under this ordinance from the telecommunication carrier who made the erroneous payments; provided that no amounts erroneously paid more than three (3) years prior to the filing of a claim therefore shall be so credited. Ninety days prior notice shall be give to the Emergency Telephone System Board on any credit against a surcharge due.

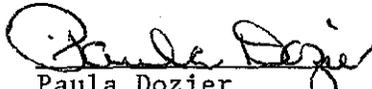
Section Eleven. No action to recover any amount of surcharge due under the provisions of this ordinance shall be commenced more than three (3) years after the due date of such amount.

ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 1993.

SIGNED THIS 15th day of December, 1993.

  
James P. Taylor  
Chairman  
White County Board

ATTEST:

  
Paula Dozier  
White County Clerk

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## EXHIBIT 12.1

### ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

ORDINANCE NO. 4-13-94

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE  
SYSTEM BOARD IN WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted into law the Emergency Telephone System Act, Illinois Revised Statutes Chapter 134, Paragraph 31 et seq., as amended (the "ACT"): and,

WHEREAS, the ACT mandates the establishment of an Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) by the County Board of any County that imposes a surcharge pursuant to Section 15.3 of the Act, Ill. Rev. Stat., Chapter 134, Paragraph 45.3; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the legal voters voting on the referendum presented to them at the March 15, 1994, Primary Election voted in favor of the imposition of the surcharge; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board in White County must now create and establish an Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: ESTABLISHED. An Emergency Telephone System Board of White County, Illinois, is hereby established in accordance with statute and shall be known as the White County Emergency Telephone System Board [WCETSB].

SECTION TWO: COMPOSITION. The WCETSB shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the County Board of White County Illinois, with the advice and consent of the County Board. Said members of WCETSB shall consist of a White County Board Member, the White County Sheriff or a representative of White County law enforcement, a representative of one of the County's municipal fire departments, the Director of the White County Ambulance Service or someone representing that agency, and three (3) at-large members, to be appointed on the basis of their ability or experience and shall be representative of both the rural and the urban areas located within White County, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: TERM OF OFFICE. The initial term of office for each member of

the WCETSB shall be as follows: One (1) member of the WCETSB shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members of the WCETSB shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, two (2) members of the WCETSB shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and two (2) members of the WCETSB shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. All terms shall be measured from the first day of May of the year of appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in a similar manner as original appointments.

SECTION FOUR: POWERS AND DUTIES. The WCETSB shall have the power and duty to perform the following functions:

1. Planning of a "9-1-1" System;
2. Upgrading or maintenance of the System, including the establishment of equipment specifications and coding systems;
3. Receiving monies from the surcharge imposed under County Board Ordinance passed and adopted April 13, 1994, and from any other source, for deposit into the Emergency Telephone System Fund;
4. Authorizing all disbursements from the fund;
5. Hiring, on a temporary basis, any staff necessary for the implementation or upgrade of the system.
6. Causing all monies received by the WCETSB pursuant to the surcharge to be deposited into a separate interest-bearing Emergency Telephone System Fund Account of which the Treasurer of the County of White is custodian, causing all interest accrued on the fund to remain in the fund, and to make no expenditures from said fund except by resolution passed by a majority of all members of the WCETSB; which expenditures to be made only to pay for costs associated with the following:
  - a). The design of the Emergency Telephone System;
  - b). The coding of initial master street address guide data base and updating maintenance thereof;
  - c). The repayment of any monies advanced for the implementation of the System;
  - d). The charges for automatic number identification and automatic location identification equipment;

- e). The non-recurring charges related to installation of the Emergency Telephone System and the ongoing network charges;
  - f). Other products and services including personnel costs necessary for the implementation, upgrade and maintenance of the System, including costs directly attributable to the construction, leasing, or maintenance of any building or facilities or costs of personnel directly attributable to the opening of the system. Costs directly attributable to the operation of the Emergency Telephone System do not include the costs of public safety agency personnel who are and equipment that is dispatched in response to an emergency call.
7. Annually prepare and submit to the County Board:
- a). An annual budget showing the estimated receipts and intended disbursements pursuant to this Ordinance, for the fiscal year immediately following the date the budget is submitted, which date must be at least 90 days prior to the fiscal year;
  - b). An annual report showing the income and disbursements made pursuant to the Ordinance during the fiscal year preceding the date the annual report is submitted, which date must be within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year.
8. Notify the Chairman of the County Board of all meetings of the WCETSB, making its books and records available to each member of the County Board at all times on request and holding meetings open to the public.

SECTION FIVE: MEETINGS. The WCETSB shall prescribe the time and place of the regularly scheduled WCETSB meetings and the manner of which special WCETSB meetings may be called.

SECTION SIX: REMOVAL. Members of the WCETSB shall serve at the pleasure of the White County Board and may be removed for: 1) failure to attend three (3) successive monthly meetings; or 2) failure to attend four (4) out of twelve (12) successive monthly meetings, as determined with the advice and consent of a majority of the WCETSB.

SECTION SEVEN: PASSAGE. This Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the County Board of White County, Illinois.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners, White County, Illinois this Thirteenth day of April, 1994.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

*James P. Taylor*

James P. Taylor, Chairman

*H. L. Hoshard*

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*Leland Sexton*

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*Ronnie J. Wooten*

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ATTEST:

*Paula Dozier*

Paula Dozier - County Clerk

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MEMBERS	OTHERS
<p>Campbell, Dennis                      212 1st St.                      Grayville, IL 62844                      375-5781</p>	
<p>Cross, Bill                      204 Maple St                      Carmi, IL 62821                      382-8092</p>	
<p>Hughes, John L.                      Crossville, IL 62827                      966-3433</p>	
<p>Totten, Jim                      1401 Roser Drive                      Carmi, IL 62821                      384-4701</p>	
<p>Wheeler, Mark                      504 Forrest St.                      Norris City, IL 62869                      378-3165</p>	
<p>Wooten, Ron                      106 Holly Lane                      Carmi, IL 62821                      382-2243</p>	
<p>York, Gerald                      R.R. #1                      Enfield, IL 62835                      963-2264</p>	

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## EXHIBIT 12.2

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 MEETING, SSP SELECTION**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 MEETING, SSP CONTRACT**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, APPROVAL TO MODIFY 911 SYSTEM**



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**White County Emergency Telephone System Board Meeting**  
**\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\***  
**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**4:30pm**

A special meeting of the White County Emergency Telephone System Board was held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the White County Ambulance Lounge.

**Roll Call**

Irwin called the roll with Kissel, McCormick, Puckett, McKenzie, and York present. Board members Worlds and Totten were recorded as absent. White County Jail Administrator Randy Cobb, was also present for the meeting.

**Agenda Items:**      -911 Contribution toward purchase of new generator for City/County dispatch  
                                     -NG 911 Contract for SSP services

**SUMMARY**

Irwin informed the Board that she had been approached by the White County Sheriff Doug Maier and his Jail Administrator Randy Cobb, in seeking 911 funding to go towards the purchase of a new generator for the City/County/911 Dispatch facility.

Irwin stated that an emergency order had been made by the County to do repairs and upgrades to the facility's electrical system. As the City and County were splitting the cost of the electrical work, estimated to possibly reach close to \$100,000, the Sheriff and Administrator felt it was also a time to address the need to replace the generator. The current generator is dated back to the 1950's, and is in dire need of replacement. Cobb felt that given the work being performed, this would be an opportune time to proceed with upgrading the generator. He requested that the Board approve to contribute \$28,000 toward the cost of the generator.

Cobb stated that if it were to be done at a later time, it would prove more expensive as wiring would have to be reworked to allow for installation. Additionally, he stated that future EPA standards would increase the cost of the generator by as much as 25%.

Though hesitant to pledge more than a quarter of the system's current cash on hand, the Board, in consideration of assistance received from the County during the last fiscal year voted on the purchase of the generator.

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Board member York made the motion to contribute up to \$28,000 towards the purchase of the new generator. Board member McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-2 roll call vote with Totten and Worlds recorded as absent.

Irwin stated that the members of the CSI group had been provided with a contract from NG911 to perform SSP (Selective Service Provider) services. Irwin stated that the group needed to have the contracts signed by each agency's representative as soon as possible, to provide to the ICC in order to assist in the progression of the group's NG911 application. Irwin noted that this information was reviewed at the January meeting by Pat Lustig. Irwin requested that the Board approve to have Chairman Kissel sign the contract outside of meeting pending the approval of John Kelly, CSI attorney.

Irwin stated the language of the contract indicated an upfront cost of approximately \$15,000, to be divided among the agencies, or \$1,000 each, for connectivity and start up costs. The contract also stated that the agencies would only be paying up to 95% of their current SSP charges, so the agencies would realize at least a 5% savings once the system was up and running. Irwin noted that as stated at prior meetings, the system would incur dual charges during the testing phase of the project, which could last several months, until the ICC granted full approval and allowed for the current carrier trunks to be turned down.

Motion to approve for Chairman Kissel to sign the NG911 Contract outside of meeting was made by McCormick. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-2 roll call vote with Totten and Worlds recorded as absent.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by York. Kissel seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-2 roll call vote with Totten and Worlds recorded as absent.

The next meeting of the White County 911 Board is scheduled for Monday, March 18th, 2013 at 7pm at the White County Courthouse.

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**White County Emergency Telephone System Board Meeting  
Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:00pm**

A meeting of the White County Emergency Telephone System Board was held on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00pm in the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, Illinois.

**Roll Call**

Irwin called the roll with Kissel, McCormick, McKenzie, Totten and York recorded as present. Board members Brock and Puckett were recorded as absent.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting had been distributed to the Board. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Totten. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

**Financial Statement**

The financial statement was the next item of business. Motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented was made by York. Totten seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

**Visitors & Communications**

Irwin informed the Board that due to the NG911 program, she had been in contact with the ICC and Saline County to inquire about opting out the lines in the Hamilton County exchange. Irwin stated that other counties with low line counts were able to opt out exchanges that may be cost prohibitive as long as the adjacent agency was willing to take the lines and they were already serving the same exchange. Irwin noted that since the system's beginning, the line count and remittance for the Hamilton County exchange has cost the system money. Each month the system pays \$240.72 for the 911 trunks and now only receives \$5.82 in 911 surcharge remittance. Unfortunately Saline County only currently serves the Broughton exchange in Hamilton County and would have to pay for the trunks she was intending to opt out, which operated off of the Blairsville exchange.

**Coordinator's Reports**

The following are the 911 call summary totals by month:

Month	Total Received	Less Miscellaneous Calls	Total 911 Calls
July	445	96	349
August	390	87	303

**SUMMARY**

Irwin informed the Board that Priority Dispatch, the agency that provides 911 dispatch certifications, compiled an Active Assailant's Protocol due to the event at Sandy Hook Elementary School last year. Irwin stated though the protocol is not specific to EMD dispatching, it provides a guide and suggestions for dispatch during an active event. Irwin stated the White County Sheriff's Department had already been proactive in compiling a school response manual outlining the layouts and contacts for each of the schools in White County. Irwin informed the Board that she had already had Carmi Police Chief Randy Hamblin and Sheriff Doug Maier

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approve the insertion of the protocol in the school response manual. Irwin continued that an Active Assailant Incident course was being offered for free at SIC at the end of the month to review the protocol. Irwin stated that Sheriff Maier has agreed to send all of the dispatchers if 911 was willing to pay for the overtime and travel costs. Irwin estimated the costs to be between \$600-700. Irwin continued that the expense was within the budget that remained for the current fiscal year and believed it to be most beneficial for the dispatchers. Board member York inquired about the Sheriff's Department contributing to the training cost. Board member McKenzie noted that the Sheriff's Department was actually contributing by paying for the regular hours that were being used by the dispatchers on that day to attend the class. Irwin noted that she would be working in dispatch to cover calls while both the morning and evening shift dispatchers attended the class. Board member York made the motion to pay for the overtime and travel expense associated with sending the dispatchers to the class. McCormick seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent. Irwin noted that as she would be unable to attend this class, she would be attending an In-Progress class hosted by the St. Clair County ETSB being held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It is a one day free class. Additionally, Irwin informed the Board that as she and Assistant Angie Brown had not been to the INENA Conference over the last three years due to lack of system finances, they would be attending this year. The conference takes place Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, many classes will be offered for CE hours and Irwin noted that the CSI group plans to meet with vendors and the ICC during the conference.

Irwin informed the Board that progress on the NG911 project is happening, but is slow. She stated that the vendor NG911 had just reached an agreement with Frontier to provide an aggregate trunking service into the system's data centers located at Murphysboro and Harrisburg. Irwin stated that there had to be changes made to the SSP contract that was signed with NG911 back in April. Since the contract was signed, Frontier had performed their annual "True-Up" calculations, which changed many of the participating systems' costs for 911 trunking. Irwin noted that annually, Frontier will do a line review of landline and wireless counts, which impacts the billing for the agencies. White County's wireless trunking charges increased due to acquiring the traffic from Hamilton and Wayne Counties. These charges increased the 911 trunking costs by \$400 a month, but have brought in approximately an additional \$3,000 per month. Due to the increase in charges, these costs had to be passed onto NG911, which in turn had to pass on the increase to the participating CSI agencies. NG911 estimated an increase of \$400 to each system. As this changes the SSP contract that was signed in April, a new contract had to be drafted and approved by each participating agency. Irwin provided the Board with a breakdown of costs outlining the differences in charges between the contract approved in April and the new contract drafted in August. The bottom line shows a \$21.00 increase between the two contracts. Irwin noted that the overall trunking costs associated are still going to be a 5%-10% reduction compared to what the system is paying now. Board member McCormick made the motion to sign the new SSP contract with NG911. Member Totten seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

Irwin informed the Board that she was continuing to work on the system's GIS mapping. She noted that the work was coming along but slow and tedious. She noted some of the changes that had to be made, specifically modifying each of the road segments where breaks and changes to the MSAG had to be made at each intersection throughout the county. She stated that this allows for the new system to estimate 911 call locations based on information within the map. In addition to the segment changes, much information is being added to each layer to have the mapping align with NENA National Standards, which is being used by all 911 agencies.

Irwin requested the Board approve 911 office computer upgrades. She noted the current computers were

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several years old and were not working well with the additional work that was needed to work on and maintain the new mapping. She stated she had received an estimate from Nic Hyatt, dispatcher who performs all of the IT work at the Sheriff's Department. The estimate was \$1,600 for both computers. Board member Totten made the motion to approve the purchase of the computers. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

Irwin provided the Board with an estimated 2013-2014 Budget. She stated that she had provided this information to the County Clerk's Office earlier as it was requested by Clerk Dozier. She noted that on the current form, she had actually decreased the estimated future revenue based on the current fiscal year to date's experience and anticipating a reduction in future wireless remittance as Wayne County would be deploying Phase II wireless soon. She stated she balanced the budget by reducing the estimated expense of equipment. Irwin had noted in correspondence to the Board that she would like to investigate and invest in improvements to communications. She noted that even with the new radio upgrades at the Sheriff's Department, there were still issues with radio interference and communications. She stated she would be working with Sheriff Maier on how to repair the interferences and improve the clarity of the radio traffic. Board member York made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget. Board member McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion was made by McCormick to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. McKenzie and Totten seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

After discussion, motion was made to come out of Executive Session by York. McCormick and McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

Motion was made by Totten to increase the hourly salary of Assistant Angie Brown by \$0.25 per hour and allow for a 1% increase to Coordinator Irwin's salary. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McKenzie. McCormick seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5-2 roll call vote with Brock and Puckett recorded as absent.

The next meeting of the White County 911 Board is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6pm at the White County Courthouse.

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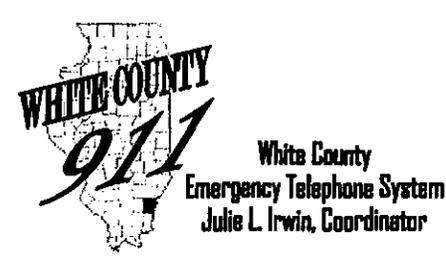
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**White County Emergency Telephone System Board Meeting  
Monday, September 15th, 2014  
6:00pm**

A meeting of the White County Emergency Telephone System Board was held on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm in the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, Illinois.

The Board agreed to meet in the City/County Dispatch Facility to inspect the status of the dispatch area as requested by Irwin. Irwin noted the crowded conditions and stated that she had been in contact with Novacom the current radio vendor about performing a modification to the space. Irwin noted that Novacom had done a complete overhaul of the radios in the doghouse at the facility and was able to move all necessary equipment down to one radio rack, thus leaving a spare for use in dispatch on which to house several of the workstations and other necessary equipment. This would centralize the equipment for inspection and keep the majority of it off the floor, where it is currently placed and experiences extreme dust coverage. The move would allow for improved performance and maintenance of the equipment.

Irwin noted she had been approached by Sgt. McKenzie and other dispatchers on the positioning of the current layout in dispatch stating the dispatchers currently face away from the access door which may prove to open them up to threats based on the entry from the sally port door. Irwin continued in that if the room was set up in the opposite direction, it would allow for visual inspection of those entering the area, as well as possibly provide space on the north wall for additional storage and manual filings.

Irwin continued and pointed out to the members of the board, various points of wiring that needed replacement, specifically the currently location of the junction lines for the radios to the dog house that she felt should have been replaced with the new IP radio system back in 2012. She noted the system was still utilizing the original radio lines to the back.

Irwin stated she had received a quote from Novacom to replace all of the lines to the dog house, relocate the majority of the equipment to the now spare radio rack in dispatch, clean up the current lines in dispatch and relocate the furniture in a more appropriate position. The Board moved to the courthouse for further discussion at this time.

**Roll Call**

Irwin called the roll with Kissel, McCormick, McKenzie, Puckett, York and Totten recorded as present. Board Member Brock was recorded as absent.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the July 2014, meeting had been distributed to the Board. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Totten. McCormick seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.



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**Financial Statement**

The Financial Statement was the next item of business. Motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented was made by Puckett. McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

**Visitors & Communications**

No visitors were present for the meeting and there were no communications to report.

**Coordinator's Reports**

The following are the 911 call summary totals by month:

Month	Total Received	Less Miscellaneous Calls	Total 911 Calls
July	451	117	334
August	467	61	406

**SUMMARY**

Irwin informed the Board that other agencies were in the process of filing their modified plans with the ICC. She noted that the Board had previously approved the expense of retaining John Clemmons of Southern Illinois Law to represent White County 911 during the ICC hearing process as Clemons had represented Jackson and Saline Counties. Irwin provided the Board with a copy of the contract for services for review. She stated she needed a signed copy to request representation services. Chairman Kissel signed the contract with noting expenses not to exceed the previously agreed upon amount of \$3,500.

Irwin stated that in compiling the White County 911 plan modification, it has been noted by Marci Elliott of the ICC and now CSI Project Manager Randy DeMent of Perry County, that the Board needs to formally address the position of modifying the 911 system plan for the new filing. Board Member Totten made the motion to approve the 911 plan modification to allow for NG911 services to the residents of White County. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

Irwin provided the Board with a proposed Contract for Dispatch Fees for White County. The contract states a reduced monthly amount of \$5,000 to be contributed to dispatch services. In addition, it outlines additional contributions could be made toward emergency services directly related to 911 services and as allowed by 50 ILCS 750/15.4 (c). Irwin noted that though the system had only been contributing towards one dispatch position over the last several months in an effort to increase reserve funding, that once funding was available, 911 paid for the new generator for the facility (\$28,000), will pay towards the cost of wiring the generator (\$20,000) and possibly plans to contribute towards the costs of modifying the dispatch facility estimated at around \$9,000. Irwin noted that as long as funding is available to cover the costs of operating the 911 system, the Board could offer to contribute towards the cost of providing emergency services for the county, as long as it falls within the allowable use of the funds per the Emergency Telephone Systems Act. Irwin provided the Board with a copy of the ETSA outlining the powers of the Board and use of funds.



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Board Member York made the motion to approve the proposed amended contract for dispatch services. Board Member Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

The next item of business was to discuss the approval of expenses related to the modification of the dispatch facility. Irwin provided the Board with the quote from Novacom outlining the scope of work. The quote received for labor to move the items in dispatch, replace communication lines (radio, IP, Telco) and clean up the space for optimal use was \$8,559.81. Irwin noted discussion with Brandon Watson, Head Engineer for Novacom, specified that the cost would not exceed the quote, but could be reduced based on actual time and materials. Additionally, a quote was received to modify the IREACH radio and provide services to repair the ISPERN radio issue. The quote was \$1,979.98. Irwin noted that the Board had previously approved these expenses to allow for radio redundancy capability during a possible outage as IREACH is a state wide mutual aid channel and currently, the city/county dispatch only has monitoring capabilities. Board member York made the motion to approve the expenses to modify the dispatch facility. McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

Irwin stated she had been contacted by a resident expressing concern over missing and incorrect road signs regarding her address. Irwin stated that Mary Hargett resides just south of Phillipstown on County Road 1790 East. The roadway is noted off of Highway 14 as County Road 1950 East, and as it follows south, changes based on the mapping to County Road 1790 East, but no where is the change posted. Irwin stated she had been in contact with Brian Ray from the highway department about the concern, but Ray noted he has no budget for the road signs and believes it to be a 911 expense. Irwin stated that in the past, 911 had made the signs and the White County Highway Department had erected the signs. She noted however, that in years past, signs had been made and provided to the Highway Department that were never placed. Additionally, Irwin noted in ETSB meeting minutes from 2005, where White County Board Chairman Ron Wooten was going to have the White County Highway Department take over responsibility of the signs.

Irwin stated that if the ETSB would like to provide the 911 office with the truck, tools and equipment necessary to erect the signs that she could do that work as well, but the expense was contested by prior AG opinions and not an acceptable use of 911 funds. She provided this information to the Board. Irwin went on to quote several items from IDOT specifying regulations and procedures outlined for the County Highway engineers where terms stated the County Highway Department was responsible for all signs, even those noted for directional purposes for the convenience of residents and visitors of the jurisdiction. Board member Puckett noted that based on the IDOT information reviewed by Irwin, the Highway Department would be the responsible party for the road signs. Chairman Kissel noted that 911 funding can not pay for everything, equipment, road signs, dispatch fees, emergency communications, there has to be a limit to where the funding is spent. Irwin noted that this issue has come up with other 911 agencies and that White County needs to clearly define who is responsible as it is quite a liability issue. She went on to say that time is wasted with each passing day on finger pointing between departments, and each time risk is realized when emergency services have difficulty in



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locating residents as no road signs are available for guidance. She stated that the issue needs to be formally addressed at the White County Board Meeting. Board Member McCormick noted the liability issue could affect many departments within the county as well as fall on the shoulders of the County Board if not properly addressed.

Irwin informed the Board that she had contacted the local financial institutions and followed up with local State Farm Representative James Cook, as recommended by Lt. Tracy Felty at the last Board meeting as Felty noted State Farm was able to provide more desirable return on investments. Irwin stated that the information she received was abysmal. Rates of return ranged from .05% for a three month CD to 2.15% for a 60 month CD. Irwin noted it would not be wise to restrict funding for a period of 60 months as the 911 funding fluctuated from year to year based on legislative changes made each July. She noted the return on any small investment would not make up for additional work and management needs of the funds.

Irwin informed the Board that the PSAP Backup Agreement with Edwards County would need to be cancelled. Irwin stated that as the White County 911 System currently provides backup services, Edwards County's telco records are included with White County's database. If the agreement were to continue, it would pose an additional cost to White County as each record for the NG system has a charge of \$0.03 associated with it. Additionally, NG911 has stated that difficulties could be alleviated with the NG transition by excluding agencies utilizing legacy equipment. It would be in our and Edwards County's best interest to sever the contract. Irwin noted that this same scenario is applicable to the agreement between Wayne and Clay Counties. Clay County will also seek to terminate its agreement with Wayne County. Clay and White are suggesting to Wayne and Edwards Counties to back each other up as they both operate off of legacy equipment. Board Member McCormick made the motion to terminate the agreement for PSAP Backup Services with Edwards County. Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

Irwin stated the generator has been set in place and the wiring will be completed as soon as possible. Irwin hoped to have this finally off the agenda by the next Board meeting after almost two years of discussion.

**Executive Session**

Motion was made by McCormick to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Puckett and York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

After discussion, motion was made to come out of Executive Session by York. McCormick and Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

Motion was made by McCormick to increase the hourly salary rates for both Coordinator Julie Irwin and Assistant Coordinator Angela Brown by \$0.35, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.



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**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McCormick. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-1 roll call vote with Brock recorded as absent.

The next meeting of the White County 911 Board is scheduled for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm.

# White County 9-1-1

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## EXHIBIT 12.3

MINUTES OF MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
MEETING  
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR JOINT PURCHASE  
OF EQUIPMENT WITH  
CSI



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## White County Emergency Telephone System Board Meeting Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

A meeting of the White County Emergency Telephone System Board was held on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, Illinois.

### Roll Call

Irwin called the roll with Bisch, Kissel, Trousdale, York and Wooten present. Board members Totten and Hanisch were recorded as absent.

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed to the members of the Board. Kissel asked for a motion approving those minutes if there were no additions, corrections or deletions. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting was made by Wooten. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-2 roll call vote with Hanisch and Totten recorded as absent.

Board member Totten joined the meeting at this time.

### Financial Statement

The financial statement was the next item of business. The following was the account standing:

#### February 2008 (For account activity January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 ~ January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008):

Beginning Balance:	\$16,416.01
Deposits Received:	\$18,025.14
Disbursements:	\$24,153.46
Ending Balance:	\$10,287.69
Claims to be Paid:	\$12,832.22

#### March 2008 (For account activity February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 ~ February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008):

Beginning Balance:	\$10,287.69
Deposits Received:	\$20,258.72
Disbursements:	\$25,218.47
Ending Balance:	\$5,327.94
Claims to be Paid:	\$8,245.09

Motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented was made by Wooten. York seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent.

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### BOARD MEMBERS

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**Visitors & Communications**

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

**Coordinator's Reports**

The following are the 911 call summary totals by month:

Month	Total Received	Less Miscellaneous Calls	Total 911 Calls
January 2008 :	297	119	178
February 2008 :	389	91	298

**Other Business**

The following is a summary highlighting the discussions of the meeting:

-NG911. Irwin provided the Board with the following summary of Next Generation 911.

**SUMMARY OF NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1**

Wireless and IP based devices that are capable of delivering messages via text and video are being developed and utilized at a steadily increasing rate thus greatly expanding the need for 9-1-1 centers to be able to accept these and other sources of emergency data. 9-1-1 Systems are identifying this as "meeting the public's expectation of 9-1-1".

- By 2009, estimated that between 23% and 37% of US wireless subscribers will use their cell phone as their primary communications device.
  - In 2007, over 58% of the calls placed to the White County Sheriff's Department PSAP were wireless calls.
- Research suggests that today's more than seven million residential VoIP subscribers will turn into a staggering 27 million by 2009.
  - VoIP is operational in White County. We have deployed with Vonage and New Wave Communications.
- Current equipment was purchased in 1998.
- It has thus far been estimated that for a cost of less than \$100,000, we could replace all of our 9-1-1 equipment and become NG9-1-1 compliant.
- This will be completed by sharing the network costs with ten other counties: Alexander, Pulaski, Gallatin, Jackson, Johnson, Perry, Saline, Union, Williamson, Franklin and now Massac.

After reviewing the information provided and discussion on the subject, Irwin requested the Board approve and sign a resolution supporting the idea of joint purchase of Next Generation 911 equipment and using said equipment together with other local area 911 programs. Motion to approve the Resolution of Joint Purchase of Next Generation 911 Equipment as presented was made by Wooten. Totten seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent. Irwin reiterated that this in no way commits the White County 911 Board to proceed if funding does not become available. This resolution only affirms the Board's position that it would be in the best interest of the residents of White County to be a part of the CSI consortium.

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### **Executive Session**

Irwin informed the Board that Executive Session would be needed to discuss personnel issues.

Motion was made by York to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trousdale. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent.

After discussions, motion was made by Wooten to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Bisch. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent.

Following Executive Session, Board member Wooten made the motion to approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between White County and the White County Emergency Telephone System Board. The motion was seconded by York. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board was set for Monday, May 19th, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Courthouse.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wooten. Bisch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-1 roll call vote with Hanisch recorded as absent.

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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# A Resolution of the White County Emergency Telephone System Board Concerning the Joint Purchasing and Use of Next Generation 911 Equipment

**WHEREAS**, the White County Emergency Telephone System Board (WCETSB) operates a 911 emergency service system in White County, Illinois, and

**WHEREAS**, the technology necessary to operate said system is rapidly advancing and changing;

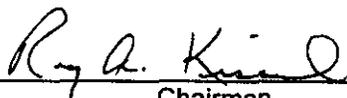
**WHEREAS**, the Next Generation equipment is capable of serving multiple jurisdictions and can be purchased at a lower cost to the WCETSB by joining with other 911 programs to jointly purchase the equipment; and

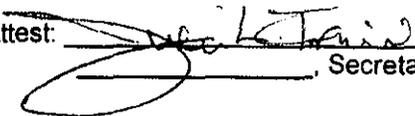
**WHEREAS**, said equipment can be used with other 911 programs to efficiently provide 911 services to the public;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** By the White County Emergency Telephone System Board as follows:

1. The WCETSB supports the concept of joint purchase of Next Generation 911 equipment with other local area 911 programs.
2. The WCETSB recognizes that it can use the jointly purchased equipment with other local area 911 programs by entering into intergovernmental cooperative agreements.
3. The WCETSB is in support of jointly purchasing appropriate Next Generation 911 equipment and using said equipment together with other local area 911 programs.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Attest:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

# White County 9-1-1

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## EXHIBIT 12.4

### AGREEMENT WITH COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (CSI) FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

**COPY**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR USE OF  
NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the following emergency telephone system boards and municipality:

Alexander County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
City of Marion, Illinois  
Clay County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Franklin County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Gallatin County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board (Dispatched by Saline County)  
Jackson County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Jefferson County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Johnson County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Massac County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Perry County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Pulaski County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Randolph County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Richland County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Saline County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Union County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Wabash County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
White County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board  
Williamson County, Illinois Emergency Telephone System Board

hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Participating 9-1-1 Programs," for the purpose of jointly purchasing appropriate next generation 9-1-1 emergency equipment, services, and using said equipment together to provide emergency telephone services within their respective service areas.

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, Article VII, Section 10, authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, 5 ILCS 220/1 (West 2006) *et seq.* entitled the "Intergovernmental Cooperation Act", provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a public agency of this State may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has enacted into law the "Emergency Telephone System Act" at 50 ILCS 750/.01 (West 2006) *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs has previously established a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system in their respective areas of operation pursuant to law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Participating 9-1-1 Programs have each determined that the technology necessary to operate a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system is rapidly advancing and changing; and

**WHEREAS**, the technology available now is capable of serving multiple jurisdictions and agencies and can be purchased at a lower cost by joint purchase and operation; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs has determined it is in the best interests of their respective programs and the citizens they serve, to join together with each other to purchase appropriate next generation 9-1-1 equipment, services, and use said equipment together; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs have authorized and directed the execution of this AGREEMENT;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements, promises, and covenants set forth herein and the above and foregoing recitals which are made part of this agreement, the parties agree as follows:

**1. ASSOCIATION.** The Participating 9-1-1 Programs do hereby establish a cooperative venture for the purchase of next generation 9-1-1 equipment, services, and the joint use and operation of the jointly purchased equipment. The association shall be known as Counties of Southern Illinois (hereinafter CSI) which shall consist of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs and any other 9-1-1 emergency telephone systems which may hereinafter become participating 9-1-1 programs.

**2. NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1.** The term "next generation 9-1-1" shall mean for purposes of this Agreement the same definition contained in the Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology of the National Emergency Number Association being:

Next Generation 9-1-1 is the next evolutionary step in the development of the 9-1-1 emergency communications systems known as E9-1-1 since the 1970s. Next Generation 9-1-1 is a system comprised of managed IP-based networks and elements that augment present-day E9-1-1 features and functions and add new capabilities. Next Generation 9-1-1 will eventually replace the present E9-1-1 system. Next Generation 9-1-1 is designed to provide access to emergency services from all sources, and to provide multimedia data capabilities for PSAPs and other emergency service organizations.

**3. BY-LAWS.** CSI shall be subject to and shall be governed by the attached By-Laws which are marked as Exhibit A and made a part hereof together with any amendments which may be made to the said By-Laws in the manner therein set forth.

**4. PARTICIPATION.** Each Participating 9-1-1 Program and any future participating programs are to actively participate and share equally in the assets and equipment of CSI. This includes equally sharing any grant monies received to purchase, maintain, and operate any next generation 9-1-1 equipment.

**5. LACK OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.** Any Participating 9-1-1 Program that does not actively share in the work and responsibilities of CSI shall not benefit from the assets of CSI.

**6. POWERS AND LIMITATIONS.** It is intended by this Agreement that CSI be an association charged by the Participating 9-1-1 Programs with the task of securing funding to jointly purchase appropriate next generation 9-1-1 equipment, services, and use said equipment for the benefit of all of the 9-1-1 emergency service programs of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs. As such, each Participating 9-1-1 Program (the parties to this Agreement) do not relinquish any of their powers, duties, responsibilities or operation of their respective 9-1-1 programs to CSI. CSI shall have the authority to purchase equipment and services, to seek funds to do so, and shall account to the Participating 9-1-1 Programs for all funds received and spent as well as to any entity providing funding. CSI has the power to incur reasonable expenses to facilitate the intended purpose of this Agreement, but cannot and shall not ever bind or incur liability for any of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs without the express written permission of such Program or Programs.

**7. ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT.** Any acquisition of equipment or services by CSI is to facilitate this Agreement. Actual ownership of equipment is by all of the Participating 9-1-1 Programs (the parties hereto) in equal shares.

**8. TERMINATION.** Any Participating 9-1-1 Program may withdraw from this Agreement and cease to be a part of the association, CSI, by mailing written notice of its intention to withdraw to all parties to this Agreement. ~~A withdrawing participant or party hereto and a removed participant is not entitled to any of the assets acquired by CSI and will expressly forfeit its undivided share of assets of the 9-1-1 program.~~

**9. ASSIGNMENT.** This agreement may not be assigned by any party.

**10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no other promises or conditions in any other agreement whether oral or written. This agreement supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between the parties.

**11. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may not be modified or amended unless the amendment is made in writing and is signed by all parties.

**12. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provisions of this agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it becomes valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

**13. WAIVER OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHT.** The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.

**14. LAW OF ILLINOIS.** This agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Illinois.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates so indication.

WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

By: Ray A. Kinn  
Chairperson

Date: 5/18/09

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## EXHIBIT 12.5

### COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (CSI) BY-LAWS

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**

**ARTICLE I  
DECLARATION AND PURPOSE**

The Participating 9-1-1 Programs have organized as a Not for Profit Organization. The goal of the 9-1-1 Coordinators and Directors in southern Illinois is to plan for a public safety broadband network that would allow the creation of a Next Generation capable regional 9-1-1 system. The 16 Emergency Telephone System Boards have come together through the execution of an intergovernmental agreement to formally pursue a regional Next Generation system. The organization shall be known as the Counties of Southern Illinois hereinafter referred to as CSI.

**ARTICLE II  
POWERS**

The powers and duties of CSI have been established in the intergovernmental agreement titled "Intergovernmental Agreement for Use of Next Generation 9-1-1 Equipment" signed by the Participating Emergency Telephone System Boards.

**ARTICLE III  
CSI COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1. Membership.** CSI membership shall consist of the 16 individual emergency telephone system board coordinators or directors as collectively referred to in the Intergovernmental Agreement as Participating 9-1-1 Programs. The group shall meet as a committee.

**SECTION 2. Office.** The regular business office and mailing address for CSI shall be as designated by the CSI Committee from time to time as necessary, by resolution of the Committee.

**SECTION 3. Regular Meetings.** CSI shall conduct regular meetings at the Williamson County 9-1-1 Office on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings shall begin at 9 a.m. Meeting times and locations may be changed by a majority vote of CSI.

**SECTION 4. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of CSI may be called with advance notice to the entire membership of at least 48 hours, by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Special Meetings may be attended by conference call.

**SECTION 5. Notice.** Notice of regular and special meetings shall be given 48 hours in advance of the meeting by mail or email or fax in written form and posted at the principal office of CSI with a proposed agenda.

**SECTION 6. Quorum.** The majority (9) of the members of CSI shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of CSI.

**SECTION 7. Voting.** Each member of CSI shall have one vote. Transactions requiring CSI membership approval shall be completed by simple majority vote. Members unable to attend a meeting having to do with the business of CSI may send the ETSB Chairman or designee (who shall be a current member of the ETSB) in their absence. Alexander and Pulaski Counties shall have individual votes.

**SECTION 8. Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the CSI members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of CSI, unless the act of a greater number is required in these by-laws.

**SECTION 9. Conduct of Meetings.** CSI shall determine who chairs its meetings.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. Officers.** The officers of CSI shall be a chairman, project manager, treasurer, and a secretary. Officers whose authority and duties are prescribed in these by-laws shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by CSI.

**SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office.** The officers of CSI shall be elected annually by the membership at the regular meeting in January or as soon as possible after formation of CSI. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or additional offices created and filled at any meeting of CSI. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his or her death or until he or she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

**SECTION 3. Chairman.** The chairman shall be the principal executive officer of CSI. Subject to the direction and control of the membership, he or she shall be in charge of the business and affairs of CSI; he or she shall see that the resolutions and directives of CSI are carried into effect except in those instances in which that responsibility is assigned to some other person by the committee; and, in general, he or she shall discharge all duties as may be prescribed by the committee. He or she may execute for CSI any documents, or other instruments which CSI has authorized to be executed.

**SECTION 4. Project Manager.** The project manager shall assist the chairman in the discharge of his or her duties as the chairman may direct and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the chairman or CSI including being in charge of all sub-committees of CSI, developing the agenda and assuring that sub-committees are making progress with their assigned tasks. In the absence of the chairman or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the project manager shall perform the duties of the chairman and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the chairman.

**SECTION 5. Treasurer.** The treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of CSI. He or she shall (a) have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for CSI; (b) see to it that CSI properly spends its funds; and (c) perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the chairman or by the CSI committee. If required by the committee, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the committee shall determine.

**SECTION 6. Secretary.** The secretary shall see to it that (a) minutes of the meetings of the members are taken; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; (c) be a custodian of the records; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the chairman or by the committee.

## **ARTICLE V FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of CSI shall be fixed January 01 to December 31.

## **ARTICLE VI COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

**SECTION 1. Compensation.** No compensations shall be paid to any of the members of CSI.

**SECTION 2. Expenses.** The CSI members may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses associated with the business and duties of CSI.

**ARTICLE VII  
SUB-COMMITTEES**

CSI may create any sub-committees of its membership to accomplish its tasks.

**ARTICLE VIII  
AMENDMENTS**

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the by-laws shall be by simple majority vote. Amendments shall be presented to the membership in writing at least 21 days prior to any action taken by the membership.

**ARTICLE IX  
PROCEDURE**

All meetings shall operate procedurally by use of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised in its most recent edition.

**ARTICLE X  
REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

All members are assigned duties relating to the planning and tasks of CSI. Failure to perform assigned tasks on a repeated basis and failure to attend three consecutive meetings is grounds for removal from CSI by a vote of two-thirds of the membership.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

These by-laws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by CSI.

# White County 9-1-1

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WHITE COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD  
314 E. CHERRY STREET, CARMi, ILLINOIS 62821  
Phone: (618) 382-8911 Fax: (618) 382-2351

## EXHIBIT 12.6

### COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (CSI) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**ARTICLES  
OF INCORPORATION**

MISCELLANEOUS  
RECORD 328 PAGE 913

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
General Not For Profit Corporation Act

Jesse White, Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
501 S. Second St., Rm. 350  
Springfield, IL 62756  
217-782-9522  
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

(STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss. 891  
(ILLINOIS) COUNTY of Williamson  
This instrument of writing was filed for record  
this 26 day of Jan 2011  
at 10:30 o'clock a M., and Recorded  
in MCX Record 328 Page 913

*Jesse White*  
Secretary of State

Remit payment in the form of a  
cashier's check, certified check,  
money order or Illinois attorney's  
or C.P.A.'s check payable  
to Secretary of State.

**Filed: 12/11/2009 Jesse White Secretary of State**

File # 6703-6344 Filing Fee: \$50 Approved: SR

----- Submit in duplicate ----- Type or Print clearly in black ink ----- Do not write above this line -----

**Article 1.**

Corporate Name: CSI-Counties of Southern Illinois



**Article 2.**

Name and Address of Registered Agent and Registered Office in Illinois:

Registered Agent: Patrick J Lustig  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
Registered Office: 300 N. Park Ave.  
Number Street Suite # (P.O. Box alone is unacceptable)  
Herrin IL 62948 Williamson  
City ZIP Code County

**Article 3.**

The first Board of Directors shall be four in number, their Names and Addresses being as follows  
Not less than three

Director Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Patrick J. Lustig	303 N. Robinson Cir	Carbondale	IL	62901
Kenneth Smith	300 N. Park Ave.	Herrin	IL	62948
Jana Fear	307 W. Market St.	Jonesboro	IL	62952
Tracy Felty	1 N. Main St.	Harrisburg	IL	62946

**Article 4.**

Purpose(s) for which the Corporation is organized: CIVIC 050

The Participating 9-1-1 Programs have organized as a consortium and committee by the 9-1-1 Coordinators and Directors in Southern Illinois to plan for a public safety broadband network that would allow the creation of a regional Next Generation capable 9-1-1 system. The 17 Emergency Telephone System Boards and one municipality have come together through the execution of an intergovernmental agreement to formally pursue a regional Next Generation 9-1-1 system. The consortium shall be known as the Counties of Southern Illinois hereinafter referred to as CSI.

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**ARTICLES  
OF INCORPORATION**

Is this Corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act? (check one)  
 Yes  No

Is this Corporation a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954? (check one)  
 Yes  No

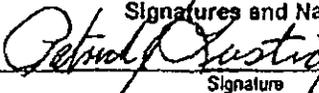
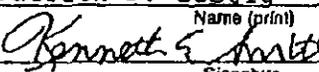
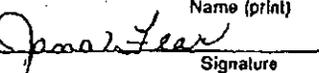
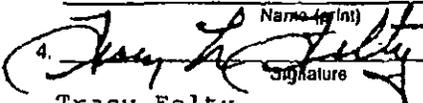
Is this Corporation a Homeowner's Association, which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure? (check one)  
 Yes  No

**Article 5.**  
 Other provisions (For more space, attach additional sheets of this size.):

**Article 6.  
 Names & Addresses of Incorporators**

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated November 10, 2009  
Month & Day Year

Signatures and Names	Post Office Address
1. <u></u> <small>Signature</small> <u>Patrick J. Lustig</u> <small>Name (print)</small>	1. <u>303 N. Robinson Cir</u> <small>Street</small> <u>Carbondale, IL 62901</u> <small>City, State, ZIP</small>
2. <u></u> <small>Signature</small> <u>Kenneth Smith</u> <small>Name (print)</small>	2. <u>300 N. Park Ave.</u> <small>Street</small> <u>Herrin, IL 62948</u> <small>City, State, ZIP</small>
3. <u></u> <small>Signature</small> <u>Jana Fear</u> <small>Name (print)</small>	3. <u>307 W. Market St</u> <small>Street</small> <u>Jonesboro, IL 62952</u> <small>City, State, ZIP</small>
4. <u></u> <small>Signature</small> <u>Tracy Felty</u> <small>Name (print)</small>	4. <u>1 N. Main St</u> <small>Street</small> <u>Harrisburg, IL 62946</u> <small>City, State, ZIP</small>
5. _____ <small>Signature</small> _____ <small>Name (print)</small>	5. _____ <small>Street</small> _____ <small>City, State, ZIP</small>

Signatures must be in BLACK INK on the original document.  
 Carbon copies, photocopies or rubber stamped signatures may only be used on the duplicate copy.

- If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by a duly authorized corporate officer. Please print name and title beneath the officer's signature.
- The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.
- The registered agent may be an individual, resident in Illinois, or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.
- The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.
- A corporation that is to function as a club, as defined in Section 1-3.24 of the "Liquor Control Act" of 1934, must insert in its purpose clause a statement that it will comply with the State and local laws and ordinances relating to alcoholic liquors.

**RULINGS &  
AGREEMENTS**

VICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **SEP 03 2010**

CSI-COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
C/O PATRICK J LUSTIG  
100 N PARK AVE  
HERRIN, IL 62948-3199

Employer Identification Number:  
27-2228928  
DLS:  
300236067  
Contact Person:  
DENNIS C GRUSSER ID# 17178  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-3500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required: ..  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
December 11, 2009  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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IN ILLINOIS

Sincerely,



Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC