

Agenda – 1st Quarter meeting - Minutes  
07 February 2020  
0830 hours – Brick Street Restaurant

- Attendance:
  - Sheriff Kenny Freeman – Present
  - Chief James Webster – Present
  - Major Dave Turner – County Commissioner Appointment – Present
  - Fire Chief - Eric Kirkham - Present
  - Dave Gerth, Director EMT's - Present
  - Director Britt Burgmeier - Present
  - County Council appointment and County Councilman, David Woodall – Present
  - Patrick York, City Council appointment - Present
  - Mayor, Mike Ochs – Present
  - Guest –Matt Alexander, Derek Peterson, Joe Richardson – ERS Wireless
  
- Britt will open the meeting for organizational needs; election of Board Chair/President and Secretary.
  - **Motion made by Chief Webster to allow Patrick York another year as chair.**
  - **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Major Dave Turner**
  - **Passed unanimously**
  
- Elected Chair will proceed with the regular scheduled meeting.
- New Business:
  - 2020 Budget – Had previously approved by the board and both the city and county contributed the amounts requested.
    - **Discussion regarding annual budget and the fact there were funds available at years end to transfer to a special line of Capital improvements and/or Technical support and replacement. It was agreed that the Director should request the Auditor to transfer those funds.**
    - **Motion made by Major Turner to move those funds and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Webster. Discussion regarding the funds being automatically returned to the County General fund and it was determined the 911 funds came from a mix of City, County and user fees from the State, therefore; the funds do stay with 911 and can be moved and reserved for future use for upgrading equipment and insuring the vital equipment is always updated to current standards.**
  - Update on upgrades to towers that will assist in reception.
  - The Southeast most area is still an issue with regard to communication and it is agreed that a new tower is needed for several counties. Another meeting is scheduled to discuss cost and shared cost of erecting and installing the tower and communication equipment.

- Discussion regarding the cost and who is responsible for the initial cost was had and agreed that Jennings County would ask for assistance from the State and Federal for funding of a new tower. Sheriff Kenny Freeman immediately contacted Representative Jim Lucas who agreed to meet with a smaller group at 1:00 pm, 8 November. The meeting with Representative Lucas went very well and he agreed to investigate ways to assist.
- No further discussion has been had with Representative Lucas as of 23 January 2020; I did contact him and received neither response nor request for additional information.
- **Representatives from ERS Wireless were in attendance and agreed to provide more information that will be forwarded to State Representative Jim Lucas' office for review.**