

**RICHLAND COUNTY 911 ETSB SPECIAL MEETING
AT THE OLNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/TRAINING ROOM
August 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**

ETSB Members Present: Cynthia Given, Joe Greifzu, Daron Harmon, Andrew Hires, Kevin Parker and
Chris Waller

ETSB Members Absent: Jessica Clark

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and taking roll call with Chairman Daron Harmon presiding.

Cynthis Given made motion to accept Order of Business with no changes. Kevin Parker seconded motion. Ayes carried.

Chairman Daron Harmon reported the RFPs were put out for bids on the radio project. Global out of Effingham, IL sent a bid for \$677,000.00 and VEI of Vincennes, IN bid was \$880,000.00. 911 has approved to pay \$300,000.00 towards the radio project. The County seizure fund has \$350,000.00 to be used on the radio project. City and County had a meeting to discuss the \$27,000.00 shortage. They would like to see 911 pickup the balance of \$27,000.00. The annual maintenance is expected to cost between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00. City and County believe they will be responsible for the annual maintenance cost. It was pointed out all the expense for the radio project will not be paid out of 2025 fiscal year budget. The 911 cost will probably be paid out early next year, so no budget amendments are necessary. 911's budget is from Dec. 1st to Nov. 30th each year. The first half of up-front money will come out of seizure money. Chris Waller made motion for 911 to pay the extra \$27,000.00 for a total of \$327,000.00 for radio project. Cynthia Given seconded motion. It was pointed out this is an in fracture cost so 911 can pay for this, where as maintenance might not be allowed. Sheriff Hires and Chairman Harmon stated they have maps that shows 95% coverage. They believe coverage will be better with adding five new sites. It will also benefit fire department with no extra cost. Each agency will be responsible for cost of upgrades to their portables. Nobody must upgrade, everything will work with this P-25 system. The JED's Board will probably take over ownership of the system when all done. The JED's Board is a 50-50 split between City and County representatives. Mandy pointed out 911 is ok now but do not know future of surcharge income. The \$677,000.00 includes licenses, upgrade to current system and 5 new sites in county. The 3 repeaters at Courthouse will probably be moved to city. There will be a site at OPD and Ludlow Street. Roll Call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The maintenance on the 7 sites will have eight hours of battery backup and Global will monitor 24/7. When there is a problem, they will call dispatch to tell them a tech is being sent out. The maintenance cost is for all 7 sites and Global will tune their equipment.

Cynthia Given made motion to adjourn. Kevin Parker seconded. Ayes carried.

The next meeting will be August 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Olney Fire Department Meeting/Training room.