

**TAZEWELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Special Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Morton Police Department-Training Room  
375 W Birchwood Rd Morton, IL 61550

**Call to Order**

The special meeting was called to order by TC3 Director Melissa Ketcham at 9:00 am.

**Roll Call**

Roll call for the board members was not taken verbally but the following members were accounted as follows:

**Members in Attendance**

Melissa Ketcham, TC3 Director  
Ryan Billingsley, Deputy Chief  
Shawn Darche, Morton PD  
Mike Foster, Morton PD  
David Horn, Deputy Chief  
Jeff Stevens, Deputy Chief  
Brian Simpson, Washington PD  
Rich Brodrick, Chief  
Justin Egan, Chief  
Mike McIntyre, ETSB-911 Coordinator

**Members Not in Attendance**

John Dossey, Chairman  
Trent Reeise, Vice Chairman  
Mike Evans, Chief  
Tom Haas, Tremont FD  
Bill Reis, Chief  
Tim Gillespie, Chief Deputy

**Others in Attendance**

Rich Mendenhall-ETSB

**Discussions to re-align the patching of the radios:**

**Discussion:** It was discussed by Director Melissa Ketcham that there are still a lot of ongoing issues with the radios. Melissa proposed repatching the radios for a short trial period so Washington and Morton would be patched, East Peoria, Creve Coeur, and Fondulac would be patched, TCSO and all other small agencies would be one, Pekin, North Pekin, Marquette Heights together, and the two different fire channels to see if this would eliminate some of the issues over the radio. With the help of the dispatchers, during the trial period, 5 dispatchers

would do it the “old way” with the conventional radio and the shifts with 6 dispatchers will try the patch without Washington to see what works best.

With the help of ETSB Mike McIntyre, he would be able to create a patch to make this work.

One of the main issues is that the dispatchers cannot hear the police officers in many cases, and in particular, East Peoria is having a lot of issues due to the possibility of Washington and EP being on two separate radio frequencies. EP on Starcom (P25) and Washington still on the VHF/Conventional radio.

The proposed solution is to remove Washington from the patch for a short trial period to see if this will eliminate a lot of the issues they have been experiencing. Mike stated the overall goal is to have all the agencies transferred over to the new P25 Starcom radio by August 2023. It was decided to extend the trial period to a week with both the 5 and 6 dispatchers to see what works best and discuss the results at a later date.

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Minutes prepared by Shannon Hoog. From an audio recording.

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*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Shannon Hoog*