

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



**LakeComm Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes – Approved**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

2:30 PM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the
JETS of Lake County meeting, whichever is later.**

**LOCATION:
Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC)
656 W. Winchester Rd.
Libertyville, IL 60048
Central Training Room**

1. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Timony called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

LakeComm Secretary Mike Strong did a roll call of members.

Members present:

Chair: Kevin Timony – Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills

Lake County: Patrice Sutton - Lake County Administrator

Municipal Manager: Greg Jackson - Chief of Staff, City of North Chicago

Fire Chiefs Association: Ed Lescher - Fire Chief, Fox Lake Fire Protection District

Fire Protection District: George Steinberg, Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District

Chiefs of Police Association: Jason Seeley - Chief of Police, Mundelein

Members absent:

Vice Chair: Bill McKinney – Mayor, City of Zion

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Committee action approving the LakeComm Executive Committee minutes from November 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Jackson, seconded by Member Sutton, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Reports**5.1. Financial Report**

Chair Timony introduced the Financial Report for November and requested any questions or comments on the report. Hearing none, Chair Timony moved on to the next item.

5.2. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kern provided an update to the Committee on various operational items and the status of the consolidation after its first 30 days. Overall

things were running well, and it was mentioned that staff were working to maximize efficiencies including the CAD and other systems. It was noted that the JETSB had received the first round of funding from Lake County and will be transferring \$2.5 million to LakeComm by the end of the week. He went on to mention that he was working with Lake County and its vendors to move furniture in the administrative area to provide needed privacy and oversight of the area. He estimates this cost to be approximately \$10,000 and hopes to have it done in the next few months. Finally, Kern spoke about the dark back-up center at Lake Zurich's police department. The original contractor is no longer able to provide the services quoted which was to be reimbursed by the Lake County ETSB. During a walk through several items needed to be evaluated including electric, HVAC, lighting, etc. He will be working with Lake Zurich to identify an architect/engineer to provide a basic evaluation and see how best to move forward. Staff will also meet with Xybix related to the dispatch consoles and see if there are other options which can provide cost savings.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. FY27 Budget Review

Executive Director Kern provided a status on the progress of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. He advised that necessary edits will be completed and presented to the Executive Committee in January. Notably he is working through health insurance costs which are anticipated to increase significantly in July 2026, and he is also reviewing maintenance and contractual costs for items that LakeComm is inheriting as part of the consolidation.

7. New Business

7.1 IL TERT Membership Approval

Executive Director Kern provided an overview of the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce which is a mutual aid component to 911 and emergency communications similar to MABAS, ILEAS and IL-TERT. It was explained that five (5) of the seven (7) emergency communications centers involved in the consolidation were active members and it was his recommendation for LakeComm to become a member.

A motion was made by Member Seeley, seconded by Member Lescher, to approve LakeComm's membership in IL-TERT and authorize Chair Timony to

sign the Intergovernmental Agreement. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. Member Remarks

Member Jackson advised that the City of North Chicago was preparing the legislative agenda and asked about the status of 9-1-1 Surcharge increase legislation. Director Kern advised that there was movement to increase the \$1.50 surcharge from 2017 to \$2.50. This is included in HB4066 and SB2670 and co-sponsorship from our local elected leaders would be extremely helpful. At this time, he estimates that LakeComm is approximately 42% funded by surcharge and the remaining is made up with member fees.

Chair Timony briefly reviewed the progress of LakeComm and its accomplishments during 2025.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Lescher, seconded by Member Seeley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Timony adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: January 14, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.