

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 2, 2026

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting had to be moved to another location after the church allowed another group to use the meeting room. The WCEC group met at Cheryl's Country Diner about one half mile away. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to thank Cheryl for the use of the restaurant back room. Ken tried to call as many members as he could to advise them of the last minute change.

The monthly meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 7 members and guests present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2026 meeting, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried. There were extra copies of May 5, 2026 minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read, JR, KD8PYH, made a motion to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said he still needs to change out the repeater transmitter because it only has a one minute time out, and now it's quits transmitting audio after about a half hour when the weather is hot. The transmitter also transmits static about the time it quits transmitting audio. Ken says he needs to get everything ready for the Chic-Fil-A Road Run and Field Day before he can work on the repeater.

Bill, N8JXO, said the website of www.wc8ec.org is up and running. Bill said that we no longer have the www.wc8ec.com website.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the communications trailer is still at her house. She said she looks it over from time to time.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he forgot to check out the 443.175 MHz repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that we still need to keep our equipment list up-to-date as a resource. An ARES Form can be found on the website of www.wc8ec.org

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who hasn't completed the NIMS, ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, and any other NIMS communications courses, they should try to get them completed. A link to the training site can be found on the www.wc8ec.org website. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger card. Just go on Kroger.com community activity site, and follow the instructions. Show Wood County Emergency Communications as the recipient.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he went to the Hendershot Farm tower site to look things over. He said he needs to repair the door which is getting damaged by the weather.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a problem with the Broad Street ARDEN Node, and thinks it needs to be changed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Basic Electronic Class is still on hold until we can find a place to hold the classes. A short discussion followed.

Max, KC8JHI, gave reports on the area GMRS repeaters. He talked about the problems with the Red Hill repeater and how it was repaired. He said there is a new repeater on Dutch Ridge tower site in Jackson County. A lengthy discussion about nets, tower locations, and linking followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said they are going to change the location of the tower a little way, and they are going to set a power pole for commercial power. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't heard from anyone from the 911 Center about the Amateur Radio radios and the room. Ken said he would still like to hold the monthly meetings at the 911 Center. A short discussion followed.

JR, KD8PYH, said he is ready to put up a tower at his house on Man of War Road when we get everything together. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't tested any of the Meshtastic units that Conard, WV8JCR programmed for him. There has been very little discussion about the Meshtastic system lately.

Since Kenny, KE2NNY, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report about the State Wide SKYWARN system. Ken, WA8LLM, said he was going to drop any discussion about it until there is additional information.

There was no report on the association between vending machine company and WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the use of a canopy at Hamilton JR High was cancelled due to bad weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the maintenance person accidentally pulled the guy wires off of the 4-H Camp tower. Ken said he went out and temporally done some repair work to get the tower secured.

Eastwood VFD needs a canopy for their Ice Cream Social on June 6th.

The Broadway Church of Nazarene needs two canopies for their event on June 7th. Set up will be 9:00am on Saturday June 6th.

Deerwalk VFD wants a canopy for their Ice Cream Social on June 13th.

On June 20th the Chic-Fil-A Road Run will held. Ken, WA8LLM needs to work on the racing clocks and get equipment ready for the finish line.

Field Day will be held June 27th and 28th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said we have received a donation check from Waste Management for the Hamfest, but we need to figure a way to use it for a drawing.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by JR, KD8PYH. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/-Unit 255, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, JR Morton KD8PYH/Unit 296, Max Barker KC8JHI, Kelly McGill KF8CCI

