

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
January 16, 2020**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at ADEM.

The following were in attendance:

**Board**

AJ Gary	Director, AR Division of Emergency Management Office of Auditor of State
Skot Covert	Director, AR GIS Office
Shelby Johnson	Judge, Greene County
Rusty McMillon (via conference call)	
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford EMS
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Brian Presley	911/Dispatch Coordinator, Independence County
Rodney Wright	Sheriff, Saline County
Chadwick Henson	Police Chief, City of Trumann PD
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, Barling Voluntary Fire Department
Keith Edmonds (via conference call)	Madison County, OEM

**Administrator**

Renee Hoover

**Asst. Attorney General, State Agencies Dept., Office of Arkansas Attorney General**

**Leslie Rutledge:**

Brad Nye

**Guests:**

Josh Curtis	Association of Arkansas Counties
Alice Wallis	Perry County 911
Jennifer Wheeler	Arkansas GIS Office
Judy Wells	Van Buren County 911
Gary "Bud" Gray	North Little Rock OES
Jordan Roark	North Little Rock OES
Ronya Marveggio	Bentonville Police Department
Brandy Mendoza	Bentonville Police Department
Brittney Pullen	Bentonville Police Department
Brandy Dye	Ashley County 911
Tim Erickson	Paragould Emergency Services
Michael McCammon	Paragould Emergency Services
Tina Owens	ADEM

Nita Roper  
Josh Hallenbeck  
Ted Mullenix  
Jonathan Duran  
Tina Thompson  
Kelly Gottsponer  
Lisa Lake  
Tobi Miller  
Dennis Gilstrap  
Brad Thomas  
Tara Bryant  
Travis Osborne  
Stephen Wright  
Jeff Pointer  
Jerry Martin

Logan County 9-1-1  
Mullenix & Associates  
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AR GIS Office  
Crawford County  
AT&T FirstNet  
AT&T  
Logan County  
Crawford County Judge  
Crawford County  
Fayetteville PD  
North Little Rock PD  
U.S. Senator Tom Cotton  
Alma Police Department  
Mayor - City of Alma

A quorum was declared and Director Gary called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

**Financial Reports** – The financial report was approved as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2019 to be \$2,144,336.11 in which \$2,023,210.68 is in the State Treasury Money Management Fund account and \$121,243.43 is in the US Bank working capital account. Ms. Hoover shared with the Board that \$3,200,000 was transferred from the State Treasury Money Management Fund to the US Bank working capital account to cover the difference in the working capital account and the approved December 2019 expenses.

Ms. Hoover also reported to the Board that the first remittance of the public safety fee from the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund was received on Wednesday, December 15, 2020. The amount received from the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund was \$6,956,606. The report received by the Arkansas 911 Board with the remittance check reflected that this was the balance of the funds that had been received by the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund during November and December 2019 and was the balance in the fund after the first deductions of \$2,000,000 for AWIN (to be distributed in July, 2020), \$62,500 for CLEST for the 911 Basic Telecommunicator Training (to be distributed in July, 2020), and \$14,000 per month (for distribution each month beginning December 2019 through June 2020) to the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) for administration of the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund.

Monthly expenses of \$267,082.40 were approved for payment as submitted.

15% Allocation Balance by County Report - An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting a balance of \$728,171.17. This report reflects the total balance remaining and allocated for reimbursement for 16 PSAPs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Website Status – Ms. Hoover reported to the Board that the base information for the website has been entered, and the site should be available very soon. She also reflected that at the December meeting, she had shared that the work to complete Phase II of the project which is to integrate the PSAP Certification into the website would not be completed and available for input of the 2020 PSAP Certification data. However, an update was received this week prior to the meeting confirming that Phase II of the project will be completed which will allow the 2020 PSAP Certification data to be input via the website. The Board approved for face-to-face training on input of the 2020 PSAP Certification data for 911 coordinators, PSAP supervisors, or other individuals as designated by the chief operation official of each PSAP jurisdiction. The training will be coordinated as soon as the website is available to go live.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Panic Button (RFQ Update)** – Chairman Gary shared that he has held off on drafting the letter requested at the December 19, 2019 meeting pending additional information that has been made available from the Department of Education. He shared that conversations are ongoing, and no decisions have been made at this time to select one or multiple vendors, and it looks like key decision makers are leaning toward allowing each Arkansas School District to select the product and vendor of their choice to provide this type of service for their respective school district. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

### **Sub-Committee Updates**

**Rules/Bylaws/Operational Standards & Guidelines Sub-Committee** – The revised draft of the Bylaws was approved as presented. Sub-Committee Chairman, Shelby Johnson will provide a formal copy to Chairman Gary for signature.

### **Next Generation 911 (NG911 Implementation Plan Sub-Committee –**

A draft RFI was provided to the Board for review prior to the meeting. During the meeting the Board unanimously agreed that they should move forward with an RFP rather than an RFI or RFQ in an effort to move the project forward. The Board requested that Ms. Hoover provide a summarization of the technical content for their review. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2020 to review the technical content for the RFP. Ms. Hoover also provided an update to the Board that the Office of State Procurement (OSP) is still working on the process for which the Board can enter RFPs through the system used by OSP.

Ms. Hoover also shared with the Board information regarding a forum on Next Generation 911 which is scheduled for March 23-24, 2020 in which the Board may be interested in participating to gain additional knowledge about NG911.

### **Consolidation Plan for Funding 77 PSAPs –**

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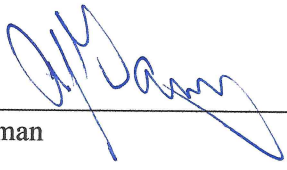
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Robert McGowen shared with the Board that there is a NENA training class on PSAP Consolidation that is scheduled for March 27, 2020 in Hot Springs, AR.

**FROM THE FLOOR**

The next meeting has been scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at ADEM (Arkansas Division of Emergency Management). The date, time, and location of the Arkansas 911 Board meetings will continue to be posted on the Arkansas Public Meetings calendar.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting carried.

  
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Chairman