

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
February 5, 2020**

A special meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 via conference call.

The following were in attendance:

Board

AJ Gary	Director, AR Division of Emergency Management
Skot Covert	Office of Auditor of State
Shelby Johnson	Director, AR GIS Office
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
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, Barling Voluntary Fire Department
Doug Sprouse	Mayor, Springdale, AR
Keith Edmonds	Madison County OEM

Administrator

Renee Hoover

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

Leslie Rutledge:

Brad Nye

Guests:

Tina Owens	ADEM
Austin Grinder	Mullenix & Associates
Bobbie Ann Merkle	ADEM
Ronya Marveggio	Bentonville Police Department
Mindy Corbett	Bentonville Police Department
Mark Grady	INdigital
Larry Short	INdigital
Mark Baughman	Rogers Police Department

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

Consolidation Plan for Funding 77 PSAPs – Chairman Gary shared with the members that at the last regular meeting and prior to the special meeting on January 23,

2020, there was no prior knowledge of the State's agreement with PGV Advisors, and everyone should have received a copy of the email from Shelby Johnson regarding his conversations with Ed Armstrong (OSP) in which he was made aware of the recent agreement in which the State had initiated with PGV Advisors. And, during the special meeting on January 23, 2020, the Board requested that Ms. Hoover reach out to PGV Advisors to determine if they had any experience with 9-1-1 related projects and if they could possibly be prepared to provide a presentation to the Board at the next regular meeting on February 20, 2020. Ms. Hoover shared with the Board that she had spoken with Mr. Sam Datta, PGV Advisors, and he shared that their company does have staff members who have worked on 9-1-1 related projects and PSAP consolidation projects. Ms. Hoover confirmed that she had shared with Mr. Datta information related to ACT 660 of 2019 and the requirements of the Board to establish a plan by January 1, 2022 for funding for no more than 77 PSAPs as well as a scope of the project as outlined in the current technical requirements document for the project. Mr. Datta confirmed that his firm would have no problem being prepared to present to the Board at the meeting on February 20, 2020 should it be the desire of the Board. The Board unanimously agreed to extend an invitation to PGV Advisors to present at the meeting on February 20, 2020. The Board also agreed that if after the presentation they are confident that PGV Advisors is qualified for the project, they will consider negotiation of an agreement with them. They also were in agreement that if they are not confident that PGV Advisors is qualified and has the 911 subject matter expertise, then they will proceed with the RFP process.

ESInet & NG911 Core Services Agreement – The Board agreed that as the draft technical requirements document for the RFP was provided to the Board on January 30, 2020, there has not been adequate time to thoroughly review the document. Ms. Hoover shared with the Board that a section has been included in the draft for the respondent to provide options for call handling solutions in an effort to establish some consistent pricing options for Arkansas PSAPs, and if after review, it is not the desire of the Board to include the call handling solutions it can easily be removed.

Chairman Gary suggested to the Board with unanimous agreement by the members to take additional time to review and be prepared for further discussion and approval at the next regular meeting on February 20, 2020. There was also unanimous agreement that any questions or recommended changes be provided to Renee Hoover via email with a copy to all Board members.

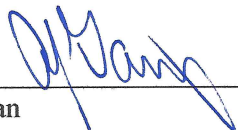
FROM THE FLOOR

In response to Mr. Robert McGowen's request for an update, Ms. Hoover shared that she was hopeful that INA will have the website ready for review the following week. She also reminded the Board that all bios and headshots for the Board Members page had not yet been received, and the website will come up with the information that has been provided. Ms. Hoover will send the members a copy of the FAQ's and information that has been provided to be included in the "About the Board" page. She also shared that a soft copy of the 2020 PSAP Certification will be sent to the PSAPs so they can begin gathering the data for the annual certification and have it ready to input with the PSAP Certification portal is available on the website.

Chairman Gary shared a quick recap of the meeting details for Shelby Johnson who was unable to join the call earlier.

Reminder - 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 special meeting carried.



Chairman