

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
February 18, 2021**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021 virtually with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided for participation.

The following members were in attendance:

**Board**

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| A.J. Gary (Chairman) | Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management |
| Rusty McMillon       | Judge, Greene County                                |
| Brian Presley        | 911/Dispatch Coordinator,<br>Independence County    |
| Robert McGowen       | Administrator of Public Safety,<br>Benton County    |
| Keith Edmonds        | Madison County OEM                                  |
| Doug Sprouse         | Mayor, City of Springdale                           |
| Danny Baker          | Police Chief, City of Fort Smith                    |
| Tommy Sizemore       | Fire Chief, City of Barling                         |

**Executive Director**

C.J. Engel

**Asst. Attorney General, Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge**

Brad Nye

A quorum was declared and Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm and presided over the meeting.

Upon a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Keith Edmonds, the minutes of the January 21, 2021 regular monthly meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports** – Following a motion presented by Doug Sprouse and a second by Keith Edmonds the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2021 to be \$13,465,858.20 in which \$2,043,979.94 is in the State Treasury Money Management Fund account and \$11,421,878.26 is in the US Bank working capital account.

**Expense Report** - Monthly expenses of \$354,881.21 approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges = \$234,946.50
- AT&T Mobility – FirstNet = \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office = \$17,080.98 & \$16,694.34 replacing voided check 13420
- Federal Engineering = \$36,240.00 & 40,471.00

- USPS = \$322.00
- C.J. Engel Travel Reimbursement = \$335.16
- Contract Labor = \$8,750

**15% Allocation Balance by County Report** – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting a balance of \$666,573.37 with no new requests for approval.

## **Old Business**

**Annual PSAP Certification** – C.J. Engel gave an update to the Board that Certifications were sent out following the January meeting with a due date of April 1, 2021 with a couple of reports being received.

**HB1156: 911 Rural Enhancement** – Chairman Gary reminded the Board of the proposal to move the 911 Rural Enhancement funding from ADEM to the Arkansas 911 Board. HB1156 was approved within House Committee and the full House. An amendment is being created within the Senate to clarify that any unused balances of the 911 Rural Enhancement funding will also be move to the Board. If approved by the Senate, HB1156 as amended will return to the House.

**RFP – ESInet and NG911 Core Services** – Mr. Engel updated the Board that the draft RFP, Technical Proposal, and Price Sheet were sent out to the NG911 Sub-Committee for review. C.J. Engel would speak with Tommy Sizemore to determine if the Sub-Committee was ready for the documents to be shared with the full Board. Once shared with the Board for review, a Special Meeting will be considered to release the RFP prior to the regular meeting in March.

**Federal Engineering PSAP Consolidation** – C.J. Engel informed the board that the draft outline of the plan created by Federal Engineering had been shared with the PSAP Consolidation Sub-Committee. As the Co-Chair of the Sub-Committee, Robert McGowen asked for the draft outline to be shared with the full Board for additional review and comments. Rusty McMillon talked with several Judge's at their winter meeting and has heard several PSAPs discussing consolidation. Danny Baker has been made aware of concerns from law enforcement in regards to no longer being able to manage warrants and provide ACIC services. Mr. McGowen stated as long as they have an ORI number through ACIC, they can continue to perform those services.

**GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service** – Jonathan Duran, Arkansas GIS Office Deputy Director, shared the following updates:

- GIS review meetings scheduled for the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled due to winter weather. Review meeting scheduled in Heber Springs for week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- GIS Office received 911 data gap analysis from GeoComm but haven't reviewed results.

## **New Business**

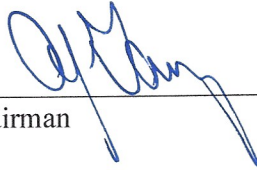
**HB1373: T-CPR for PSAPs** – Mr. Engel provided an update on HB1373 as amended to require PSAPs that provide EMD or pre-arrival instructions to be trained in telephone CPR. C.J. asked if the Board would like to take a stance on this bill or remain neutral. Rusty McMillon stated that the bill seems redundant and unnecessary. Danny Baker had talked with other local PSAPs that do not think this bill should require a specific EMD program. Shannon McCuin with ALETA, clarified that the bill does not require a specific EMD program but requires the training to be based on national standards and will not impact those that already have training in place. Ms. McCuin informed the Board that this bill started as requiring T-CPR training statewide but was pulled back to only include those that give pre-arrival instructions or EMD. The Board agreed to remain neutral on this bill.

### **FROM THE FLOOR**

Chairman Gary asked for comments or questions from guests on the call. Todd Brakeville thanked C.J. Engel for visiting Siloam Springs and for open conversations.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at ADEM with a virtual option. Information for all Arkansas 911 Board meetings will continue to be posted on the Arkansas Public Meetings calendar as well as the Arkansas 911 Board website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion by Robert McGowen to adjourn and second by Doug Sprouse. The motion carried.

  
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Chairman