

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
March 9, 2021**

A special monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 virtually with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided for participation.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Skot Covert	Chief Deputy Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon	Judge, Greene County
Brian Presley	911/Dispatch Coordinator, Independence County
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Keith Edmonds	Madison County OEM
Doug Sprouse	Mayor, City of Springdale
Rodney Wright	Sheriff, Saline County
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford EMS

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Arkansas Office of State Procurement

Tanya Freeman

A quorum was declared, and in the absence of Chairman Gary, Shelby Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and presided over the meeting.

Shelby Johnson informed the Board that there was only one item of discussion and that is the ESInet and NGCS RFP. Mr. Johnson thanked Tanya Freeman for her efforts and assistance in getting this RFP ready for release, while Jamie Pafford-Gresham echoed those sentiments by stating Ms. Freeman was great to work with and also helpful on the PSAP Consolidation RFP. Shelby Johnson opened the floor for discussion.

RFP – ESInet and NG911 Core Services – Mr. Johnson asked for any feedback or input on the RFP documents and the will of the Board to post or make changes. Tommy Sizemore asked what happens with the RFP process since the RFP has been cut down to 30 pages. Tanya Freeman explained the initial process has shortened and we will only receive approximately 20 pages in proposals. Those vendors will then be ranked and we will select a vendor for discussions. The Functional matrix and in depth phases will then be addressed within discussions.

Shelby Johnson asked Ms. Freeman to address the difference between the traditional RFP process and the Most Advantageous Approach that we are going. Tanya stated the size of the traditional approach is much larger initially and takes longer to evaluate each proposal. Ms. Freeman says that she feels comfortable that we have addressed the items upfront that influence costs.

Rodney Wright asked about the dates listed on the proposal and whether those would change if the RFP was voted to be released now. C.J. Engel stated that those dates would be adjusted by about a week if the Board chose to release without major changes.

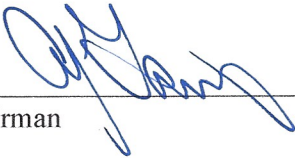
Robert McGowen made a motion to move forward and release the ESInet and NGCS RFP with a second by Skot Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Engel and Ms. Freeman stated to the Board that we will need to select an evaluation committee. The Board will need to determine the number of evaluators for the regular monthly meeting next week. Shelby Johnson, Skot Covert, Robert McGowen, Tommy Sizemore, and Rusty McMillon volunteered to serve on the evaluation committee.

FROM THE FLOOR

The regular meeting is 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 Rusty McMillon. The motion carried.



Chairman