

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
April 15, 2021**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021 virtually with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided for participation.

The following members were in attendance:

**Board**

A.J. Gary (Chairman)	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Brian Presley	911 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

**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 1:05 pm and presided over the meeting.

Upon a motion presented by Doug Sprouse and a second by Keith Edmonds, the minutes of the March 18, 2021 regular monthly meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports** – Following a motion presented by Keith Edmonds and a second by Robert McGowen, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2021 to be \$12,336,842.10 in which \$2,044,462.81 is in the State Treasury Money Management Fund account and \$10,292,379.29 is in the US Bank working capital account.

**Expense Report** - Monthly expenses of \$257,494.66 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$232,212.39
- AT&T Mobility – FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$15,189.36
- Arkansas Division of Emergency Management - \$934.12

- County Judge's Association - \$150.00
- Executive Director Travel Reimbursement - \$217.56
- Contract Labor - \$8,750.00

**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**

**AEMA Conference** – The 911 Board meeting has been tentatively scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 pm to align with the AEMA Conference. A 911 Board panel discussion is on the draft agenda for 4:15 pm. No issues were stated.

**Annual PSAP Certification** – C.J. Engel gave an update to the Board that approximately 13 certifications are missing but will have more information in the May meeting as the majority of the certifications were submitted around the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Baker asked if PSAPs would need to submit online and paper certifications. Mr. Engel confirmed it is one or the other.

**HB1156: 911 Rural Enhancement** – Chairman Gary updated the Board on the status of HB1156. The bill has been addressed the past two meetings and is still within Senate Committee. While it was thought to be a simple bill, it has generated many questions from the committee on Smart911. JP French with Rave Public Safety has attended meetings and answered several questions as well as provided information on request. It was expected to be on today's committee agenda but has been left off. It is not believed to be a major impact if not passed at this time.

**HB1373: T-CPR for PSAPs** – Mr. Engel provided an update that HB1373 had passed both the House and Senate. It has been signed into law as Act 505.

**RFP – ESInet and NG911 Core Services** – Mr. Engel stated that 7 proposals had been received for the ESInet and NG911 Core Services RFP. Due to timing concerns, Skot Covert has withdrawn himself from the evaluation team.

**Federal Engineering PSAP Consolidation** – Shelby Johnson asked if we need to establish extra time for conversations around the draft plan by adding extra meetings or extending timeframe of scheduled board meeting with in person meeting. Jamie Pafford-Gresham asked if the discussion would be open. C.J. Engel confirmed it would be open forum and document would be open to public when final. Chairman Gary asked Mr. Engel to lock in dates and time to have a long discussion and review. Jamie had an ambulance provider contact her about an ongoing project within their county and stated it is important that we think about the EMS providers and who they provide services for. A survey was being sent out to collect information on EMS dispatch providers.

**GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service** – Shelby Johnson shared the following updates:

- Geocomm is finalizing a gap analysis for roads, addresses and boundaries. Attempting to schedule in person meeting with Geocomm to review the findings.
- GIS team has met with approximately 1/3 of the state to review response boundaries.

- This month's update includes detailed reports and edits being made to the maps.
- A good example of what is being found includes the PSAP boundary between Clark and Hot Spring County running through Lake Degray but both counties agree the PSAP boundary should line the north shore giving Clark County full response to the lake.

#### **FROM THE FLOOR**

C.J. Engel informed the Board that notification letters have been sent to the appropriate appointers for the expiring seats. A corrected letter was received for Brian Presley confirming term to expire July 24, 2023.

Mr. Engel addressed the conference schedule attached to the Agenda and asked if any board members are wanting to attend to reach out.

Robert McGowen made a motion, Keith Edmonds seconded for Mr. Engel to register for any conferences needed for the Executive Director position. All approve by vote.

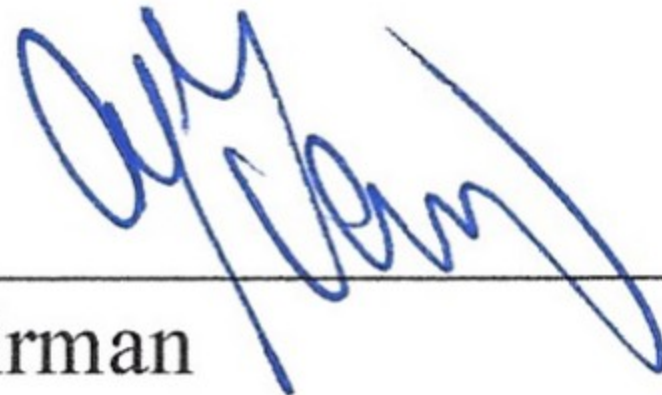
Rodney Wright mentioned when hiring C.J. Engel, that the board was to review the contract after 6 months. It's agreed that the July meeting will include review of new contract. Danny Baker stated that he will not be available for an in person meeting in July and would need to have Zoom option.

Danny Baker pointed out that this week is National Telecommunicators Week and the stated the Board's appreciation for all of those in 911.

Chairman Gary opened up the floor for questions or comments from guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 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