

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
August 25, 2021**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas as part of the Arkansas Emergency Management Association Conference with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

A.J. Gary, Chairman	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Skot Covert	Designee, Arkansas State Auditor
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Brian Presley (Zoom)	911 Coordinator, Independence County
Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County DEM
Doug Sprouse	Mayor, City of Springdale
Rodney Wright	Sheriff, Saline County
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Keith Edmonds	Director, Madison County EMS & Fire Services
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

Daniel Faulkner

A quorum was declared and Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and presided over the meeting.

Upon a motion presented by Keith Edmonds and a second by Rusty McMillon, the minutes of the July 15, 2021 regular monthly meeting and August 12, 2021 special meeting were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports – Following a motion presented by Keith Edmonds and a second by Tommy Sizemore, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of July 31, 2021 to be \$14,992,674.88 in which \$2,045,446.68 is in the State Treasury Money Management Fund account and \$12,947,228.20 is in the US Bank working capital account.

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting a balance of \$545,382.42 with no new requests for approval.

Shelby Johnson asked if a PSAP has funds remaining in the 15% Allocation Fund, would it be best to hold those funds for NG911 conversion needs? C.J. Engel stated that the funding can only be used for updating equipment such as call handling or computer aided dispatch which makes it perfect for NG911 upgrades. Mr. Engel informed those in the crowd to reach out if they have any questions regarding the leftover funds from 2009.

Old Business

Federal Engineering PSAP Consolidation Report – C.J. Engel informed the Board that several questions were coming up regarding page 6 of the PSAP consolidation report, and whether the report was recommending which centers would become the funded primary PSAP in each county. Because of these questions, and because Federal Engineering's intent was to recommend that how consolidation happens in each county should be a local decision, they have presented a replacement page 6 to just show the recommended number of PSAPs within those counties only without center names. Following a motion by Jamie Pafford-Gresham and a second by Keith Edmonds, the replacement page presented by Federal Engineering for their report was accepted.

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

- The regular GIS progress update report was distributed
- Progress has been steady with regional meetings and additional are scheduled with the next meeting being in Montgomery County.
- Working with AT&T, the GIS team has been looking at next steps needed and have proposed Monroe County be the first implementation from the GIS perspective for being prepared for NG911

Jamie Pafford-Gresham stated that she has had the opportunity to attend a couple of the regional meetings and feels the GIS staff has gone above and beyond throughout this project to make this as simple as possible for those in attendance.

Arkansas 911 Board Panel Discussion – Mr. Engel noted that following the Board meeting, he will give a Board Update Presentation and that will be followed up by bringing the Board members back up for a Q&A session.

New Business

Arkansas 911 Board Consolidation Plan – C.J. Engel stated that the PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee had met to look into next steps for the Board. Federal Engineering's report has been accepted and will be used as a supplemental document to the Board's final plan. The PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee has recommended to the full Board that the development of the Arkansas 911 Board's plan is made following the guidance of Federal Engineering's recommendation of funding 79 PSAPs. This recommendation would also include the opportunity for jurisdictions to present justification for the need in increasing the number of PSAPs funded.

Jamie Pafford-Gresham stated that after the PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee's robust discussion around Federal Engineering's report, she makes a motion to move forward in the creation of the Arkansas 911 Board's PSAP Consolidation Plan to fund no more than 79 PSAPs, Keith Edmonds with a second. All approve.

A roll call to increase the number of funded PSAPs from 77 to 79 was taken:

Shelby Johnson	Yes
Skot Covert	Yes
Rusty McMillon	Yes
Brian Presley	Yes
Bo Robertson	Yes
Doug Sprouse	Yes
Rodney Wright	Yes
Danny Baker	Yes
Keith Edmonds	Yes
Tommy Sizemore	Yes
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Yes

The result of the roll call, meets the requirement of Act 660, the Public Safety Act of 2019, for a minimum of 2/3 vote of the Board to approve the increase of funded PSAPs up from 77.

C.J. Engel discussed setting deadlines that would also need to be included in the Board's Consolidation Plan. Due to giving jurisdictions an opportunity to present justifications for increasing the number of PSAPs funded, a timeline for that presentation will need to be set. Also, asking for a consolidation plan from each jurisdiction affected, will need to give a deadline for submission of those plans as previously discussed in the last meeting. Jamie discussed the PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee's recommendation to set a deadline of April 1, 2022 for justifications of additional PSAPs before the Board, and a deadline of January 1, 2023 for jurisdictions to present a PSAP Consolidation Plan to the 911 Board and encouraged those to utilize Mr. Engel as a resource to assist through this process. Following a motion by Danny Baker, and a second by Doug Sprouse, the Board unanimously accepted the PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee's recommendation and set a deadline of April 1, 2022 for jurisdictions to present justification to the Board for additional PSAPs. Following a motion by Danny Baker, and a second by Rusty McMillon, the Board unanimously accepted the PSAP Consolidation Subcommittee's recommendation to set January 1, 2023 as the deadline for jurisdictions to present their PSAP Consolidation Plans to the Arkansas 911 Board. The Board would like to receive additional feedback from those impacted jurisdictions on consolidation deadline and will table that discussion for later meeting. Due to A.J. Gary needing to step out of the meeting, Shelby Johnson will proxy as Chairman for the remaining agenda.

ESInet and NG911 Core Services – Mr. Engel informed the Board this has been moved to new business as the old business was the RFP. A signed services contract is in place and the ESInet project has officially kicked off with AT&T. He introduced the AT&T project team that we will be working closely with including Justin Vaughn, Brian Hawthorne, and Katie Connors who will be the program manager of the project. C.J. informed the guests and the Board that the next steps will be reaching out to host informational regional meetings to go in depth on this project.

CLEST – ACADIS Portal – C.J. Engel informed the Board that because training compliance is a requirement of legislation and ALETA already has the ACADIS portal in place to maintain those training records, we are working together to explore ways to utilize this training portal to assist in annual training compliance efforts.

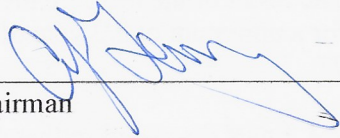
From the Floor

Shelby Johnson proposed to the Board to hold guest comments and questions for the Q&A session following this meeting and presentation. The Board agreed.

No further items of discussion from the Board.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 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 Keith Edmonds to adjourn and second by Danny Baker. The motion carried.


Chairman