

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
April 19, 2022**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

A.J. Gary, Chair	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Skot Covert - Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Brian Presley - Zoom	911 Coordinator, Independence County
Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
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 Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

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

Daniel Faulkner

Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Rodney Wright, the minutes of the March 17, 2022 regular monthly meeting were approved unanimously.

Financial Report – Following a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Rodney Wright, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2022 to be \$15,680,774.66 in which \$2,047,414.19 is in the State Treasury account and \$13,633,360.47 is in the U.S. Bank account.

Expense Report – Monthly expenses of \$263,321.92 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$238,167.11
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23

- Arkansas GIS Office - \$12,604.60
- ADEM - \$816.74
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$1,191.44
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$85.80
- Contract Labor - \$10,415.00

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting a balance of \$544,421.15 with no new requests for approval.

Old Business

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

- Monroe County data has successfully been uploaded into NGCS.
- Would like to underscore again the importance of local leadership supporting GIS data corrections as a top priority for their staff to speed up the process and shorten the length of time in the que.

NG911 GIS Data Validation Service Procurement – Mr. Johnson shared that we are a couple of steps closer to procurement process. The DPS procurement officer should have everything they need and will potentially be seeing a solicitation out soon.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that Johnson County has been transitioned to ESInet giving a total of 5 PSAPs live with Monroe County scheduled to cutover next. Recently completed bill review with each of the Benton County PSAPs to discuss what cost savings will be realized locally with the transition. Total local costs in Benton County are expected to be reduced by \$7,766 per month. AT&T will need to sign separate agreements with dispatch centers for their participation in the ESInet if they so choose to join and will need to remove them from the Board’s scope of work unless the Board is going to pay for their connections to the ESInet. These dispatch centers could also choose to continue utilizing legacy CAMA equipment. Robert McGowen motion to remove dispatch centers from the Board’s ESInet scope of work, Rodney Wright with a second. All approve.

New Business

Review PSAP Funding Proposals – The Board had discussion regarding each PSAP funding proposal and then voted to accept or decline each proposal separately after all had been addressed.

Washington County PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for Washington County is two funded PSAPs. The proposal request from Washington County is for three funded PSAPs with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and Central EMS consolidating and the City of Fayetteville and University of Arkansas consolidating. Jamie Pafford-Gresham motion to accept 3 funded PSAPs in Washington County, Robert McGowen with a second.

Shelby Johnson – Yes
 Skot Covert – Yes
 Rusty McMillon – Yes

Brian Presley – Yes
 Bo Robertson – Yes
 Robert McGowen – Yes

Doug Sprouse – Yes
Rodney Wright – Yes
Tommy Sizemore – Yes

Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Yes
AJ Gary – Yes
Danny Baker - Yes

White County PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for White County is one funded PSAP. The proposal request from White County is for two funded PSAPs with no change to the current setup. Rusty McMillon motion to decline proposal and continue with one funded PSAP in White County, Bo Robertson with a second.

Skot Covert – Yes
Rusty McMillon – Yes
Brian Presley – Yes
Bo Robertson – Yes
Robert McGowen – Yes
Doug Sprouse – Yes

Rodney Wright – Yes
Danny Baker – Yes
Tommy Sizemore – Yes
Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Yes
AJ Gary – Yes
Shelby Johnson - Yes

Benton County PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for Benton County is two funded PSAPs. The proposal request from Benton County is for four funded PSAPs with no change to the current setup. Robert McGowen motion to accept four funded PSAPs in Benton County, motion fails. Robert McGowen motion to accept three funded PSAPs in Benton County, Danny Baker with a second.

Rusty McMillon – Yes
Brian Presley – Yes
Bo Robertson – Yes
Robert McGowen – Yes
Doug Sprouse – Yes
Rodney Wright – Yes

Danny Baker – Yes
Tommy Sizemore – Yes
Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Yes
AJ Gary – Yes
Shelby Johnson – Yes
Skot Covert – Yes

Garland County PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for Garland County is one funded PSAP. The proposal request from Garland County is for two funded PSAPs with no change to the current setup. Rusty McMillon motion to decline proposal and continue with one funded PSAP in Garland County, Doug Sprouse with a second.

Brian Presley – Yes
Bo Robertson – Abstain
Robert McGowen – Yes
Doug Sprouse – Yes
Rodney Wright – Yes
Danny Baker – Yes

Tommy Sizemore – Yes
Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Yes
AJ Gary – Yes
Shelby Johnson – Yes
Skot Covert – Yes
Rusty McMillon - Yes

Miller County PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for Miller County is one funded PSAP. The proposal request from Miller County is for two funded PSAPs with no change to the current setup. Jamie Pafford-Gresham motion to allow 60 days to come back to the Board with a solutions proposal, Robert McGowen with a second. All approve.

Saline County (City of Bryant) PSAP Funding Proposal

The current allotment for Saline County is one funded PSAP. The proposal request from the City of Bryant is for two funded PSAPs with no change to the current setup. Shelby Johnson motion to decline the City of Bryant's proposal and continue with one funded PSAP in Saline County, Robert McGowen with a second.

Bo Robertson – Yes
Robert McGowen – Yes
Doug Sprouse – Yes
Rodney Wright – Abstain
Danny Baker – Yes
Tommy Sizemore – Yes

Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Abstain
AJ Gary – Yes
Shelby Johnson – Yes
Skot Covert – Yes
Rusty McMillon – Yes
Brian Presley - Yes

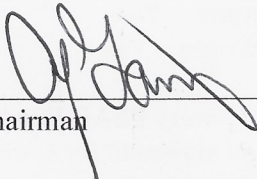
From the Floor

A.J. Gary opened to questions or comments from the Board. Danny Baker stated his appreciation of the effort from those that put their time into presentations and proposals.

A.J. Gary opened to questions or comments from the guests. Sheriff Tim Helder and Ronya Marveggio stated their appreciation to the Board for their time and considerations with difficult decisions having to be made.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 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 Rodney Wright. The motion carried.



Chairman