

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD**

July 21, 2022

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

The following board members were in attendance:

Tina Owens, Chair Proxy	Chief of Staff, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
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
Tommy Sizemore - Zoom	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

The following board members were absent:

Skot Covert	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith

In the absence of A.J. Gary, Tina Owens called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Jamie Pafford-Gresham, the minutes of the June 16, 2022 regular monthly meeting were approved unanimously.

Financial Report – Following a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Shelby Johnson, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2022 to be \$14,509,178.92 in which \$2,049,649.93 is in the State Treasury account and \$12,459,528.99 is in the U.S. Bank account.

Expense Report – Monthly expenses of \$301,893.39 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$279,094.96
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$8,197.04
- APCO - \$440.00
- AEMA - \$240.00
- AAC - \$125.00
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$1,273.72
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$401.44

- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00

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.

Robert McGowen discussed proposition of reimbursing the Executive Director's mileage at the federal rate of \$0.625 rather than the state rate of \$0.52. Assistant Attorney General, Doug House stated he would check on potential options for the Board but did not have an answer at time of discussion. Further discussion tabled.

Old Business

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

- Observation of GIS data development shows that MSAG and ALI data entries are not completed by the same person at local level resulting in records not being maintained. Due to the mismatch in this data, upload of data into NGCS has been slowed.

NG911 GIS Data Validation Service Procurement – Mr. Johnson shared that proposals were evaluated and discussions have taken place on scope. Follow up meetings have been scheduled. C.J. Engel informed the Board a Special Meeting may be necessary to get contract to legislative review on schedule.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 17 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet with Clark, Columbia, Conway, Craighead, and Saline County scheduled for August. Bill reviews have taken place with twelve of those that reflect a total expected savings of \$192,643.92 per year or an average of \$16,053.72 per year per PSAP.

Bylaws, Rules & Guidelines Subcommittee Update – The Subcommittee has discussed standards relating to GIS data including a GIS data upload schedule for local entities to NGCS, and a GIS address and roads standard. Additional discussion around requiring dispatch centers to meet certain standards including use of 911 Call Processing Equipment (CPE) occurred.

PSAP Consolidation Funding – Mr. Engel presented the following information to the Board regarding providing potential funding to the 15 counties with PSAPs required to consolidate:

- \$8,573,009.17 remains available and unallocated within the Board's 15% Fund.
 - \$100,000 ea. - \$1,500,000 total – 18% of Fund Balance
 - \$125,000 ea. - \$1,875,000 total – 22% of Fund Balance
 - \$150,000 ea. - \$2,250,000 total – 26% of Fund Balance
 - \$175,000 ea. - \$2,625,000 total – 31% of Fund Balance
 - \$200,000 ea. - \$3,000,000 total – 35% of Fund Balance
 - \$225,000 ea. - \$3,375,000 total – 39% of Fund Balance
 - \$250,000 ea. - \$3,750,000 total – 43% of Fund Balance
- Board will review funding options and plan to discuss at August meeting.

New Business

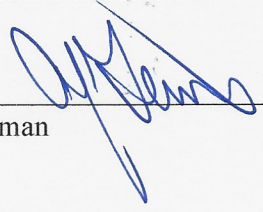
No new business presented.

From the Floor

Tina Owens opened to questions or comments from the Board and then guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas, 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.



Chairman