

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
October 20, 2022**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Board**

Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Skot Covert - Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon - Zoom	County Judge, Greene County
Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse - Zoom	Mayor, City of Springdale
Rodney Wright	Sheriff, Saline County
Danny Baker - Zoom	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith

**Executive Director**

C.J. Engel

**Asst. Attorney General, Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge**  
Douglas House

**The following members were absent:**

A.J. Gary	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Brian Presley	911 Coordinator, Independence County
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

In the absence of Chairman Gary, Shelby Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Danny Baker and a second by Robert McGowen, the minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting were approved as amended 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 September 30, 2022 to be \$16,348,246.62 in which \$2,057,054.05 is in the State Treasury account and \$14,291,192.57 is in the U.S. Bank account.

**Expense Report** – Monthly expenses of \$436,403.91 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$264,790.92



- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$9,079.27
- 1Spatial, Inc. - \$148,300.00
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$39.99
- APCO - \$100.00
- NENA - \$147.00
- ADEM - \$1,404.82
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$420.68
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00

**15% Allocation Balance by County Report** – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no change and a remaining balance of \$478,235.91.

### **Old Business**

**GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service** – Shelby Johnson shared progress status for the GIS data work. The 1Spatial data validation portal is ahead of schedule with one training taking place already. Shelby will be on the agenda for the Arkansas APCO/NENA conference to give an update on the project.

**ESInet & NextGen Core Services** – C.J. Engel shared that 34 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet with three remaining for October and seven scheduled for November. Of these, 21 have been cut RFAI and 13 are i3. A population of 1,093,776 or 36.26% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have shown a combined monthly savings of \$40,692.81 or \$488,313.72 to local PSAPs.

**Bylaws, Rules & Guidelines Subcommittee Update** – The Subcommittee’s meeting met to follow up on the training standards recommendations presented to CLEST. Due to Secretary Cook leaving DPS and CLEST, discussions have stopped for a short amount of time. Mr. Engel shared that an attempt to schedule a meeting with Secretary Gary and Director Hankins from CLEST to renew these conversations.

### **New Business**

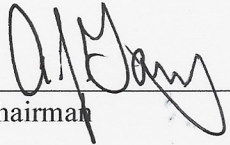
**PSAP Consolidation Plans** – C.J. Engel shared that three PSAP Consolidation Plans have been submitted and those have been provided to the Board. Those entities include Union County and El Dorado, North Little Rock, Sherwood, and Maumelle, and Saline County and Bryant. The Board has also received a letter from Benton County informing that four PSAPs will remain active with one being self-funded and the request for funding be directed to Benton County, Bentonville, and Rogers. Shelby Johnson stated his appreciation for the commitment made by the entities who have submitted their plans and are working hard towards the objective of legislation. Danny Baker also complements these agencies on their hard work and wish them the best in the process. C.J. reminded the Board and those on the call that the deadline for PSAP Consolidation Plans remains January 1, 2023.

**From the Floor**

Mr. Johnson 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, November 17, 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.

  
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Chairman