

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
September 15, 2022**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 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, Chairman	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 - Zoom	Mayor, City of Springdale
Rodney Wright	Sheriff, Saline County
Danny Baker - Zoom	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore - Zoom	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

The following board members were absent:

None

Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Rodney Wright and a second by Robert McGowen, the minutes of the August 18th 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 August 31, 2022 to be \$21,634,074.72 in which \$2,053,217.12 is in the State Treasury account and \$19,580,857.60 is in the U.S. Bank account.

Expense Report – Monthly expenses of \$10,194,892.32 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$228,298.66

- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$16,014.63
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$1,147.70
- Poinsett County - \$66,185.24
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$947.92
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00
- 2Q22 PSAP Distributions - \$9,870,176.94

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting a reimbursement request by Poinsett County for their remaining balance of \$66,185.24 for recent Call-Handling Equipment and Computer Aided Dispatch upgrades. With approval, the new balance is \$478,235.91.

Old Business

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson shared that progress is continuing to be made on roads and addresses across the state. A recent gap in staffing has been filled with a new contractor starting yesterday.

NG911 GIS Data Validation Service Procurement – Mr. Johnson shared the procurement for GIS Data Validation Services has been completed and fully approved. A kickoff meeting has been held with 1Spatial and training scheduled.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 24 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet with six remaining for September. A population of 847,658 or 30.05% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. Lonoke County and Cabot Police have been moved up the schedule which is also working in alignment with consolidation efforts.

Bylaws, Rules & Guidelines Subcommittee Update – The Subcommittee’s meeting was suspended for this month. Proposed standards for roads and address as well as minimum upload schedule was shared with the board a couple of months ago. Shelby Johnson and the Subcommittee are recommending that the Board adopt these standards. Rodney Wright made a motion to adopt the minimum GIS upload schedule, Bo Robertson with a second. Motion carries. Rusty McMillon made a motion to adopt the roads and address standard, Rodney Wright with a second. Motion carried. Discussion took place on new school district police departments and how these impact GIS and PSAPs. Outreach will be necessary.

New Business

911 Recruitment – C.J. Engel discussed other states’ recruitment campaigns for telecommunicators through media. The Board agreed to pursue additional information on what a campaign like this would take to assist in increasing application interest for the field.

CAD Information Sharing - Secretary Gary talked about a platform that Rave Public Safety provides to allow information sharing between Computer Aided Dispatch systems. A potential pilot program is being looked at to allow for this platform to be tested.

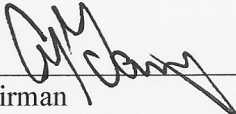
From the Floor

Mr. Engel gave an update to the Board on consolidation discussions between Miller County and Texarkana, AR including a recently signed 5-year agreement by Texarkana, AR

to stay within Bi-State. A refresher on the published deadlines was given, including the January 1, 2023 timeline for PSAPs to submit a local consolidation plan.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 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 Rodney Wright to adjourn and second by Shelby Johnson. The motion carried.



Chairman