

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
April 17, 2025**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary called the Arkansas 911 Board meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared. Chairman Gary informed members that Robert McGowen's position on the Board had been vacated due to no longer being employed by Benton County Public Safety and would be filled at the discretion of the Governor. He stated his appreciation for Mr. McGowen's years of service and participation.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

A.J. Gary, Chairman

Shelby Johnson

TJ Fowler - Zoom

Rusty McMillon - Zoom

Sally Pittser - Zoom

Bo Robertson

Doug Sprouse

Kevin Molder - Zoom

Danny Baker - Zoom

Tommy Sizemore - Zoom

Director Arkansas Division of Emergency Management

Director, Arkansas GIS Office

Designee, Auditor of State

County Judge, Greene County

911 Director, Union County

Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management

Mayor, City of Springdale

Sheriff, Poinsett County

Police Chief, City of Fort Smith

Fire Chief, City of Barling

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Assistant Attorney General

Will Puddephatt

Sarah DeBusk-Griffith

The following members were absent:

Jamie Pafford-Gresham

Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Motion made by Doug Sprouse and seconded by Bo Robertson to approve the Minutes from March 20, 2025, Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2025, to be \$21,213,682.55 in which \$12,922,968.20 is in the State Treasury and \$8,290,714.35 is with U.S. Bank.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending March 31, 2025, totaling \$10,172,639.60 included:

- LEC Charges - \$276,851.87

- Arkansas GIS Office - \$19,838.08
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- U.S. Bank - \$942.43
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00
- Benton County - \$34,500.00
- Lee County - \$68,188.24
- 4Q24 PSAP Distributions - \$9,756,677.75

Motion by Rusty McMillon and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests - Requests for 9-1-1 CPE upgrade reimbursements were received by the following:

- Union County - \$35,000.00

Motion by Bo Robertson and seconded by Doug Sprouse to approve the 9-1-1 CPE upgrade reimbursement for Union County. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests for ETSB Carryover Allocation Fund reimbursements were received by the following:

- Union County - \$56,799.90

Motion by Shelby Johnson and seconded by Bo Robertson to approve Union County's ETSB Carryover expense reimbursement request. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests for PSAP consolidation reimbursements were received by the following:

- Faulkner County - \$400,000.00
- Union County - \$400,000.00

Motion by Doug Sprouse and seconded by Rusty McMillon to approve the PSAP consolidation reimbursement requests for both Faulkner and Union County. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ALETA Training Update – Shannon McCuin provided an update on the development status of the online Basic Telecommunicator Course. She shared that 4 out of 10 chapters had been completed, using newly purchased AI tool to create. Completion is expected around July with in-person classes starting back up second half of the year. Shannon offered to provide monthly updates until the conclusion of the project.

ESInet & NGCS Contract Renewal – Mr. Engel shared that the initial 4-year ESInet & NGCS contract with AT&T is set to expire on July 25, 2025, and will need to be renewed. TJ Fowler made a motion to approve continuing with an extension of contract for the allowable 1-year term, with a second by Sally Pittser. Motion carried unanimously.

From the Floor

A.J. Gary opened the floor to questions/comments from the board and/or guests.

Danny Baker shared an update on the Sebastian County and Fort Smith PSAP consolidation efforts, stating that a site has been purchased, architect has been hired, and currently recruiting to hire an Executive Director.

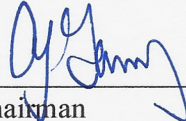
Sally Pittser invited the Board to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Union County PSAP on June 19th and to have its monthly meeting in conjunction immediately following.

C.J. Engel expressed interest in a potential migration from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online, prior to an increase in pricing at the next renewal in May as the bookkeeping tool for the Board, with no objections.

Members of the Board wished all a Happy National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and shared their support and appreciation for all they do.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2025, at the Crawford County Emergency Communications Center. 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 TJ Fowler and seconded by Bo Robertson to adjourn. The motion carried.



Chairman