

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
April 20, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023 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
TJ Fowler	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Bo Roberson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Doug Sprouse - Zoom	Mayor, City of Springdale
Rodney Wright - Zoom	Sheriff, Saline County
Danny Baker - Zoom	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Asst. Attorney General, Office of Arkansas Attorney General

Doralee Chandler

The following members were absent:

Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
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Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Doug Sprouse and a second by TJ Fowler, the minutes of the March 16, 2023 regular monthly meeting were approved.

Financial Report – Following a motion presented by Rusty McMillon and a second by Shelby Johnson, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2023 to be \$17,947,109.44 in which \$2,093,668.58 is in the State Treasury account and \$15,853,440.86 is in the U.S. Bank account.

Expense Report – Monthly expenses of \$251,612.86 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$196,511.78

- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$15,623.60
- ADEM - \$680.34
- Nevada County 911 - \$26,263.03
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$412.88
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting one new request from Nevada County for \$26,263.03 leaving a remaining balance of \$451,972.88 and \$2,800,000 outstanding in allocated consolidation expenses.

Old Business

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson gave an update on the status of GIS work. Three counties remain in which work has not begun but contact with these is beginning. The online portal is up and running for local entities to review and comment on their boundaries.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 66 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet. Of these, 33 have been cut RFAI and 33 are i3. A population of 2,334,190 or 77.39% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have been completed with 56 PSAPs reflecting a combined monthly savings of \$103,338.84 or \$1,240,066.08 per year to local PSAPs with a yearly average of \$22,144.08 per PSAP.

New Business

Annual PSAP Certification Update – Mr. Engel informed the Board that only one report has not been received. Newton County had a staff change and has been given two additional weeks to submit.

Independence County Dispatch Agreement – An intergovernmental service agreement for dispatch and 911 services between Independence County and the City of Pleasant Plains was provided to the Board for review. Shelby Johnson made a motion, and Rusty McMillon seconded, to approve the agreement. The motion carried.

From the Floor

Representatives from Miller County and Texarkana were both present at the meeting. Chief Kramm from Texarkana Police Department gave a quick update on a couple of meetings had within the past week. All entities within Bi-State CRC have agreed to offer a 3-year commitment to provide dispatch and 911 to Miller County as a service without a seat on the oversight committee. Questions are out with Motorola and Crimestar regarding the potential for CAD interface.

Mr. Engel informed the Board of Saline County Quorum Court passing a resolution recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators as first responders in conjunction with National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Any entities interested in doing the same can reach out for a copy of that resolution.

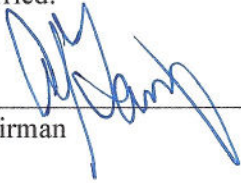
Mr. Engel stated that the Executive Director contract expires June 30, 2023 and will need to be reviewed and discussed within the next two months.

Due to a request to speak at another meeting on May 18, 2023, Mr. Engel has asked the Board to move the next meeting to Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The Board agreed.

Chairman Gary opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management 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 TJ Fowler to adjourn and second by Bo Robertson. The motion carried.



Chairman

