

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
August 10, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Bentonville Emergency Communications Center with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

AJ Gary, Chairman	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
TJ Fowler – Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Bo Roberson - Zoom	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
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

The following members were absent:

Tommy Sizemore Fire Chief, City of Barling

Motion by Doug Sprouse and seconded by Robert McGowen to approve the Minutes from the July 20, 2023 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report – Motion by Rusty McMillon and seconded by Robert McGowen to approve the financial report and expenses as provided reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of July 31, 2023 to be \$19,582,840.40 in which \$2,127,673.86 is in the State Treasury and \$17,455,166.54 is with U.S. Bank. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending July 31, 2023 totaling \$230,993.84 included:

- LEC Charges - \$197,102.47
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$17,675.24
- NASNA - \$500.00
- ADEM - \$549.02
- Information Network of Arkansas - \$1,495.00
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$939.47

- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$571.41
- Contract Labor - \$12,120.00

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests – An updated report of the ETSB 15% Carryover Allocation Fund was presented reflecting one new request by Craighead County for \$65,728.71, leaving a remaining fund balance of \$386,244.17. A consolidation expense reimbursement request for \$200,000.00 has been made by Saline County leaving a balance of \$2,400,000.00 in allocated consolidation reimbursement funds following approval and distribution. Poinsett County has made a 2022 annual maintenance reimbursement request for \$16,495.95. Robert McGowen made a motion and seconded by Doug Sprouse to approve all PSAP reimbursement requests. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson gave an update on the status of GIS data aggregation. No significant update but continued progress has been made on the issue regarding MSAGs handled by small Local Exchange Carriers (LEC).

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that one PSAP has been transitioned to ESInet since the previous meeting leading to a new total of 69 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers. Of these, 35 have been cut RFAI, 37 are i3, and 2 are CAMA. No significant changes to population or local savings.

NEW BUSINESS

GIS Intergovernmental Agreement – Shelby Johnson shared that the current agreement has been approved for time extension of one year. Following an original proposal to extend the Arkansas 911 Board’s agreement with the Arkansas GIS Office for two years, the procurement office has recommended that we move forward with a new four-year agreement with the ability to extend up to three additional years. Anticipated costs over seven years would be \$1,613,554.60 or \$230,507.80 per year. Doug Sprouse made a motion and seconded by Robert McGowen to pursue a new four-year agreement with the ability to extend up to seven-years with the Arkansas GIS Office. Shelby Johnson recused himself from the vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

From the Floor

Robert McGowen asked C.J. Engel about previous discussions on the small Telephone Companies billing the Arkansas 911 Board and whether any progress was made on determination of these charges. Mr. Engel stated that not all companies had been helpful in these conversations, it appears that the charges are for landline costs and letters will be sent to counties that will need to take on these costs for budget purposes.

AJ Gary gave an update on the State Fire Marshall’s Office being moved from Arkansas State Police to ADEM.

Chairman Gary opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 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 Rodney Wright and seconded by Robert McGowen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Chairman