

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
December 14, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

In the absence of Chairman Gary, Shelby Johnson 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

Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
TJ Fowler - Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson - Zoom	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen - Zoom	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse - Zoom	Mayor, City of Springdale
Kevin Molder - Zoom	Sheriff, Poinsett County
Danny Baker - Zoom	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore - Zoom	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Assistant Attorney General

Clayton Orr - Zoom

The following members were absent:

AJ Gary, Chairman	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from the November 16, 2023 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting with a correction in spelling to Bo Robertson's name. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of November 30, 2023, to be \$25,477,406.21 in which \$2,165,728.68 is in the State Treasury and \$23,311,677.53 is with U.S. Bank. Following discussions with the Arkansas State Treasurer's Office and Chairman Gary, Mr. Engel proposed transferring \$10,000,000.00 to the State Treasury account temporarily. T.J. Fowler asked for assurance that this would not put the board into a liquidity bind and Mr. Engel stated that the remaining funds in the U.S. Bank account as well as additional upcoming deposit should more than suffice for immediate needs. Shelby Johnson asked Mr. Fowler to explain the benefits of moving these funds over. C.J. also discussed this being short-term to take

advantage of higher interest rates while developing a plan to assist local jurisdictions with this funding.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending November 30, 2023 totaling \$259,568.01 included:

- LEC Charges - \$227,337.30
- APCO - \$104.00
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$16,008.26
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet- \$41.23
- NENA - \$147.00
- U.S. Bank VISA - \$330.22
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00

3Q23 PSAP Quarterly Distribution - \$10,498,572.45 will be distributed in December.

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests – An updated report of the ETSB 15% Carryover Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no new requests, showing a remaining fund balance of \$386,244.17. No new consolidation expense reimbursement requests were received, leaving a balance of \$2,400,000.00 in allocated consolidation reimbursement funds.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Jamie Pafford-Gresham to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Jamie Pafford-Gresham to transfer \$10,000,000.00 from the U.S. Bank account to the State Treasury account. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson updated the board on the following efforts:

- Pulaski County data moving to “EGDMS Load Pending” and currently sits at 88% match rate.
- Over the past couple of weeks fire district maps have been sent out to local coordinators for review and updates.
- An MSAG will be able to be created for wireless only counties which will decrease the amount of work on those counties.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that three PSAPs have been transitioned to ESInet since the previous meeting leading to a new total of 76 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers. Of these, 30 are RFAI, 49 are i3, and 2 CAMA. A population of 2,625,120 or 88.26% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet.

From the Floor

Mr. Johnson opened the floor to questions/comments from the board. Chief Baker discussed a local outage of 911 services and the upcoming follow-ups regarding it.

Bo Robertson asked about any further discussion regarding a CLEST update. C.J. will follow-up with Chairman Gary and Director Chapmond.

Mr. Johnson opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 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 Bo Robertson and seconded by Robert McGowen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Chairman