

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

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 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 - Zoom	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse	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 – Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Asst. Attorney General, Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
Douglas House

Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Rusty McMillon and a second by Rodney Wright, the minutes of the November 17th regular monthly meeting were approved.

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 November 30, 2022 to be \$23,153,396.02 in which \$2,066,017.45 is in the State Treasury account and \$21,087,378.57 is in the U.S. Bank account.

Expense Report – Monthly expenses of \$10,840,181.97 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$253,041.52
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$17,749.90
- HCJ CPAs & Advisors - \$9,750.00

- NENA - \$415.00
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$117.47
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00
- 3Q22 PSAP Distributions - \$10,546,986.85

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no change and a remaining balance of \$478,235.91.

Old Business

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 49 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet with one remaining for December. Of these, 29 have been cut RFAI and 20 are i3. A population of 1,934,747 or 64.2% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have shown a combined monthly savings of \$71,179.37 or \$854,152.44 per year to local PSAPs with a yearly average of \$20,336.96 per PSAP. No new PSAPs will be cut in 2022 and will start back in January.

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson shared that a few more counties have moved to the right-hand column on the status report. The 1 Spatial Portal training was held with over 40 locals in attendance. Work continues implementing data validation ahead of schedule. Had the opportunity to spend the past couple of days at the new elect county judge seminar and spoke with Fulton, Baxter, and Independence County judges to potentially include them in the project.

PSAP Consolidation Plans – C.J. Engel shared that two new consolidation plans have been received and shared with the Board since last month which included Faulkner and White County. He spent the previous day with the new county judges as well and gave information regarding deadlines on consolidation. Rusty McMillon informed the Board that some discussions were had at the new elect county judge seminar regarding the potential opportunities for regional consolidation.

New Business

GIS Agreement with 911 Board – Shelby Johnson reminded the Board that the original agreement between the GIS Office and 911 Board was for three years and that will expire in the coming months. GIS work is expected to be needed to continue though scope may be adjusted and a new draft agreement can be brought to the Board in February or March.

From the Floor

Chairman Gary opened the floor to questions or comments from the Board and then guests.

C.J. Engel shared with the Board that State Auditor Andrea Lea and Skot Covert have informed that this will be Skot's last meeting as designee and thanked him for his service to the Board.

Danny Baker extends condolences and prayers to the Stuttgart Police Department for the on-duty death of Sergeant Donald Scoby.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at the Bi-State Justice Center in Texarkana, 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 Bo Robertson. The motion carried.



Chairman