

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
February 15, 2024**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

In the absence of Chairman A.J. Gary, Tina Owens called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

Tina Owens, Chairman Proxy	Executive Deputy Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
TJ Fowler - Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon - Zoom	County Judge, Greene County
Sally Pittser	911 Director, Union County
Robert McGowen - Zoom	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse - Zoom	Mayor, City of Springdale
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

Michael Lewis

The following members were absent:

Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Kevin Molder	Sheriff, Poinsett County

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from the January 18, 2024 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2024, to be \$21,948,583.51 in which \$12,185,086.48 is in the State Treasury and \$9,763,497.03 is with U.S. Bank.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending January 31, 2024 totaling \$260,639.85 included:

- LEC Charges - \$221,133.82
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$23,361.32
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet- \$41.23
- U.S. Bank - \$503.48

- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests – An updated report of the ETSB 15% Carryover Allocation Fund was presented reflecting one new request from Union County for pre and final approval of \$63,577.37 leaving a remaining balance of \$322,666.80. Two new consolidation expense reimbursement pre-approval requests were received. Crittenden County requested a pre-approval of \$198,048.25 and Union County requested pre-approval of \$200,000.00 for expenses to be made and reimbursed from the allocated consolidation funding.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Sally Pittser to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Doug Sprouse to pre-approve Crittenden County's consolidation expenses for reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Tommy Sizemore to pre-approve Union County's consolidation expenses for reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shelby Johnson and seconded by Robert McGowen to approve reimbursement of expenses by Union County from the ETSB 15% Carryover Allocation Fund in the amount of \$63,577.37. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- New aerial imagery has been published
- T-Mobile has requested updated PSAP boundaries as they move to location based routing

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that there was one new migration since the previous meeting. 77 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers are currently connected to the statewide ESInet. Of these, 50 are i3, 30 are RFAI and 2 CAMA with a population of 2,646,652 or 88.61% covered.

PSAP Consolidation Updates

Faulkner County – County Judge Allen Dodson and Conway Mayor Bart Castleberry updated the board on Faulkner County's current consolidation status. The City Council has approved consolidation efforts, but no intergovernmental agreement has been reached.

Lonoke County – Cabot Mayor, and Lonoke County 911 Board Chair, Ken Kincade updated the board on Lonoke County's consolidation status. Ten entities are included in this process with consistent meetings taking place. Facility should be completed by deadline but potential equipment order delays could impact project.

Pulaski County (NLR-Maumelle-Sherwood) – Representatives from all three entities were present including NLR Mayor Hartwick, Maumelle Mayor Caleb Norris, and Sherwood Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell. NLR Chief of Staff, Mike Davis, gave an update on the status of consolidation. Agreements are still in review. NLR and Maumelle expect to

merge by July, with the addition of Sherwood being dependent on facility space. All three entities discussed funding issues.

Saline County – County Judge Matt Brumley and Bryant Mayor Rhonda Sanders gave an update to the board on Saline County’s consolidation status. The efforts should be completed by the end of March.

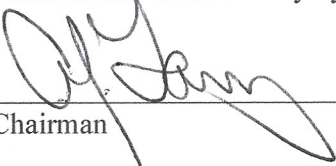
ALETA Update – Shannon McCuin presented an update to the board on ALETA telecommunicator training activities.

From the Floor

Tina Owens opened the floor to questions/comments from the board and/or guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at a location to be decided 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 Shelby Johnson and seconded by Robert McGowen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by vote.


Chairman