

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
February 16, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 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
Robert McGowen	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**

Douglas House

**The following members were absent:**

Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
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Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Doug Sprouse and a second by Robert McGowen, the minutes of the January 19, 2023 regular monthly meeting were approved.

**Financial Report** – Following a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Shelby Johnson, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2023 to be \$19,538,703.28 in which \$2,078,580.03 is in the State Treasury account and \$17,460,123.25 is in the U.S. Bank account.

C.J. Engel advised the board that a \$200,000 reimbursement request from St. Francis County for PSAP consolidation expenses is included within the expense report from the 15% Fund.

**Expense Report** – Monthly expenses of \$535,703.69 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$306,063.40
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$16,901.96
- USPS - \$354.00
- U.S. Bank VISA – \$110.74
- St. Francis County - \$200,000.00
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$152.36
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00

**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**

**GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service** – Shelby Johnson gave an update on the continued work of their team. He had the opportunity to speak at the County Judge’s Conference and provide status reports to them as well.

**ESInet & NextGen Core Services** – C.J. Engel shared that 56 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet. Of these, 31 have been cut RFAI and 25 are i3. A population of 2,102,140 or 69.7% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have reflected a combined monthly savings of \$95,841.84 or \$1,150,102.08 per year to local PSAPs with a yearly average of \$23,002.08 per PSAP.

**Miller County – Texarkana Proposals Review** – Mr. Engel summarized the proposals given by both Miller County and the City of Texarkana given at the January meeting. The City of Texarkana has updated its proposal for Miller County to join Bi-State at a service fee in line with the percentage of call volume using an agreement with them directly. This proposal would give the benefit of 9-1-1 and dispatch services provided by Bi-State for Miller County but would not give the county a seat on the oversight board. The County Judge had not seen this proposal yet and has agreed to go back and review. Robert McGowen made a motion to escrow funding to Miller County until a consolidation plan is in place and presented, Danny Baker with a second. Motion carried.

Shelby Johnson – Yes  
TJ Fowler – No  
Rusty McMillon – No  
Bo Robertson - Absent  
Robert McGowen – Yes  
Doug Sprouse – Yes

Rodney Wright – No  
Danny Baker – Yes  
Tommy Sizemore – Yes  
Jamie Pafford-Gresham – No  
A.J. Gary - Yes

## **New Business**

**AR GIS & AR 911 Board Intergovernmental Agreement** – Mr. Engel informed the Board that the current agreement between the Board and Arkansas GIS expires June 30, 2023. Shelby Johnson has supplied an updated potential scope of work for an extended agreement with the Arkansas GIS Office. Mr. Johnson would like to recommend a two-year agreement. Motion made by Rodney Wright to create a new two-year agreement between the Board and Arkansas GIS, Robert McGowen with a second. Motion carried.

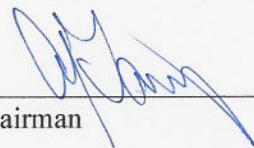
**PSAP Consolidation Reimbursement Requests – Pre-Approvals** – Mr. Engel provided the White County PSAP Consolidation Pre-Approval request and an estimate from AT&T on upgrading their call-handling equipment to complete consolidation. Robert McGowen made a motion to pre-approve White County's request of \$200,000 to upgrade its call handling equipment for consolidation with the City of Searcy, Rodney Wright with a second. Motion carried.

**Annual Legislative Report – CY 2022** – C.J. has provided an Annual Legislative Report for CY 2022 to the Board for review that is required through statute to provide to the Governor and Legislative Council. Robert McGowen made a motion to submit the Annual Legislative Report for CY 2022, Rodney Wright with a second. Motion carried.

## **From the Floor**

Chairman Gary opened the floor to questions or comments from the Board and guests. Hearing none. The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 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 Robert McGowen to adjourn and second by Rodney Wright. The motion carried.

  
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Chairman