

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
January 15, 2026**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary called the Arkansas 911 Board meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared with one vacant position.

**The following board members were in attendance:**

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
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Kevin Molder - Zoom	Sheriff, Poinsett County
Tommy Sizemore - Zoom	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

**Executive Director**

C.J. Engel

**Assistant Attorney General**

Will Puddephatt – Zoom

**The following board members were absent:**

Doug Sprouse	Mayor, City of Springdale
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith

**Meeting Minutes** - Motion made by Rusty McMillon and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from December 18, 2025, Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2025, to be \$16,894,863.44 in which \$10,269,065.66 is in the State Treasury and \$6,625,797.78 is with U.S. Bank.

**Expenses** – Expenses for month ending December 31, 2025, totaling \$10,556,210.51 included:

- LEC Charges - \$275,429.86
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$17,435.19
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- U.S. Bank - \$29.53
- Contract Labor - \$16,309.00
- 3Q25 PSAP Quarterly Distribution - \$10,246,965.70

Motion by Rusty McMillon and seconded by Bo Robertson to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried.

**15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests** – Requests for PSAP Consolidation Reimbursements were received by the following:

- Lonoke County - \$200,000.00

Motion by TJ Fowler and seconded by Doug Sprouse to approve the PSAP consolidation expense reimbursement. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**AR GIS – Data Aggregation for NG911 Service & Data Validation** – Shelby Johnson reported that Boone County is now live with GeoMSAG with a total of 31 counties. There is a concern that without board action towards the counties which have not made any progress, that they will remain incomplete. Mr. Johnson would like to propose an action item to address at the next meeting.

**ESInet & Next Gen Core Services** – The two remaining PSAPs, Madison County and Chicot County have both signed contracts for hosted Call Processing Equipment with AT&T and are scheduled to transition to new equipment and ESInet in April.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Text-to-911 Implementation** – C.J. Engel discussed the irregularities between PSAPs that offer text-to-911 and those that don't. With ESInet and NGCS mostly in place, this capability is available to any PSAP at their discretion. Discussion around the board's authority in this topic without being able to fund it was had. The board will continue to help those counties that choose to move forward implementing text.

### **From the Floor**

A.J. Gary opened the floor to questions/comments from the Board and/or guests.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the North Little Rock City Services Building. 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 TJ Fowler and seconded by Doug Sprouse to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
Chairman