

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
January 18, 2024**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary 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

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| AJ Gary, Chairman | Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management |
| Shelby Johnson - Zoom | Director, Arkansas GIS Office |
| TJ Fowler - Zoom | Designee, Auditor of State |
| Rusty McMillon - Zoom | County Judge, Greene County |
| 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

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Doug Sprouse to approve the Minutes from the December 14, 2023 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2023, to be \$19,523,118.36 in which \$2,175,339.96 is in the State Treasury and \$17,347,778.40 is with U.S. Bank. \$10,000,000.00 has since been moved to the State Treasury Account from the U.S. Bank account as approved at the November meeting and will be reflected in the January financials.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending December 31, 2023 totaling \$10,759,538.00 included:

- LEC Charges - \$216,343.17
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$18,256.15
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet- \$41.23

- HCJ CPAs & Advisors - \$10,725.00
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00
- 3Q23 PSAP Distributions - \$10,498,572.45

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 Bo Robertson to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

A maintenance reimbursement request was submitted for Washington County from 2022 in the amount of \$56,304.00. Robert McGowen made a motion to approve, Doug Sprouse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- A new column was added to the status report for GeoMSAG.
- Fulton County is taking the steps necessary to join the state's ESInet project.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that there were no new changes since December meeting. Two cuts are scheduled for January. 76 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers are currently connected to the statewide ESInet. Of these, 49 are i3, 30 are RFAI and 2 CAMA with a population of 2,625,120 or 87.89% is covered. Fulton County has been added to the project scope.

PSAP Consolidation Updates

Crawford County – Judge Chris Keith updated the board on its current consolidation status. The county is operating as a consolidated PSAP that began as three previous PSAPs and is currently fully staffed. The new facility expected to be completed by February or March.

Union County – Sally Pittser updated the board on Union County's consolidation status. Necessary equipment has been ordered and is currently stored waiting to be installed in new facility. A remodel is underway and plan to move into facility around August.

Call-Processing Equipment (CPE) Reimbursement Proposal – C.J. Engel brought forward a proposal to reimburse PSAPs that will continue to receive funding following consolidation for the up-front costs associated with one (1) new position up to \$35,000.00, every five years. This will be in addition to the annual maintenance reimbursements that are already paid.

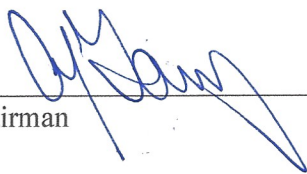
Doug Sprouse made a motion to reimburse the board funded PSAPs up to \$35,000.00 for one position every five years, seconded by Jamie Pafford-Gresham. Clayton Orr clarified this is acceptable without rule promulgation as these reimbursement requests will come before the board. Motion carried unanimously.

From the Floor

Chairman Gary opened the floor to questions/comments from the board and/or guests. Shelby Johnson shared that Mayor Sprouse has been elected to the National Municipal Board of Directors.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024 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 Doug Sprouse and seconded by Robert McGowen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by vote.



Chairman