

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
July 17, 2025**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at the Conway Emergency Operations Center at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary expressed appreciation to Faulkner County and the City of Conway for hosting the board at its new consolidated center and called the Arkansas 911 Board meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared with one vacant position.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

A.J. Gary, Chairman	Director Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson - Zoom	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Kevin Molder - Zoom	Sheriff, Poinsett County
Danny Baker - Zoom	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore - Zoom	Fire Chief, City of Barling

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Assistant Attorney General

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The following members were absent:

TJ Fowler	Designee, Auditor of State
Doug Sprouse	Mayor, City of Springdale
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Motion made by Rusty McMillon and seconded by Danny Baker to approve the Minutes from June 12, 2025, Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2025, to be \$17,076,677.37 in which \$10,047,740.51 is in the State Treasury and \$7,028,936.88 is with U.S. Bank.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending June 30, 2025, totaling \$13,695,204.07 included:

- LEC Charges - \$323,786.63
- AEMA - \$340.00
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$18,405.86

- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- U.S. Bank - \$999.00
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00
- Pulaski County - Jacksonville - \$35,000.00
- White County - \$210,000.00
- Maintenance Reimbursements - \$2,470,320.96
- 1Q25 PSAP Quarterly Distribution - \$10,620,710.39

Motion by Rusty McMillon and seconded by Shelby Johnson to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests - Requests for 9-1-1 CPE upgrade reimbursements were received by the following:

- Baxter County - \$30,000.00
- Garland County - \$30,000.00

Motion by Kevin Molder and seconded by Danny Baker to approve the 9-1-1 CPE upgrade reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ALETA Training Update – Shannon McCuin provided an update on the development status of the online Basic Telecommunicator Course. She shared that development of all chapters have been completed and are undergoing testing and peer review. An ACADIS upgrade is needed so a short extension has been requested and expect to roll out by the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

City of Fort Smith – Sebastian County PSAP Consolidation Update – Danny Baker introduced Dr. Wes Milam as the newly hired Director for the consolidated center. Dr. Milam addressed some of the priorities he would be focused on in getting this project moving forward including the CAD/RMS system, budget for 2026, new facility, and consolidation of staff with a goal of Spring 2027 for completion.

City of Sherwood CPE Upgrade – C.J. Engel discussed the need for the City of Sherwood to upgrade their 9-1-1 CPE. With an extension in place for North Little Rock and Sherwood to consolidate and aging equipment that have discontinued parts. This equipment would put Sherwood with the same phone and mapping equipment as North Little Rock. Options would include Sherwood spending a significant amount of money to update their current aged equipment to connect to ESInet or they could go ahead and change to the same equipment as North Little Rock. The recommendation would be to allocate \$35,000.00 to the City of Sherwood to reimburse for that upgrade to take place. Additional discussion was had around these options. Motion by Rusty McMillon to allocate \$35,000.00 to the City of Sherwood to reimburse one CPE position, second by Shelby Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

From the Floor

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

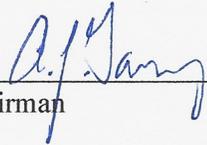
Bo Robertson thanked Shannon for the work on the online training course and mentioned that Garland County had recently passed a Resolution to consider Public Safety Telecommunicators as first responders.

Rusty McMillon provided an update on a recent trip to a multi-county consolidated PSAP in Missouri.

Sean Canady informed the Board that the City of Conway had also recently passed a Resolution considering Public Safety Telecommunicators as first responders. He thanked the board for having its meeting at their new facility.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Rogers Convention Center. 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 Rusty McMillon and seconded by Shelby Johnson to adjourn. The motion carried.



Chairman