MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARKANSAS 911 BOARD July 20, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman 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

AJ Gary, Chairman Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency

Shelby Johnson
Rusty McMillon

Management
Director, Arkansas GIS Office
County Judge, Greene County

Bo Roberson Director, Garland County Department of

Emergency Management

Robert McGowen Administrator of Public Safety, Benton

County

Doug Sprouse Mayor, City of Springdale Rodney Wright Sheriff, Saline County

Danny Baker 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 Michael Lewis

The following members were absent:

TJ Fowler

Designee, Auditor of State

Motion by Rodney Wright and seconded by Robert McGowen to approve the Minutes from the June 22, 2023 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report – Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Bo Robertson to approve the financial report and expenses as provided reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2023 to be \$16,983,673.79 in which \$2,118,882.67 is in the State Treasury and \$14,864,791.12 is with U.S. Bank. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Expenses – Expenses totaling \$233,857.92 approved for payment were:

- LEC Charges \$196,486.55
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office \$17,675.24
- NASNA \$500.00

- ADEM \$549.02
- Information Network of Arkansas \$1,495.00
- U.S. Bank VISA \$939.47
- Executive Director Reimbursement \$571.41
- Contract Labor \$15,600.00

15% Allocation Balance by County Report – An updated report of the ETSB 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no new requests, leaving a remaining balance of \$451,972.88. An unchanged balance of \$2,600,000.00 in allocated consolidation reimbursement funds remains.

C.J. Engel discussed the current process of request for pre-approval of expenses by the Board prior to receiving invoices which has led to a couple of payment amount issues as well as last-minute changes in the expense report. Following conversations and review of other boards' methods, it is proposed that checks not be cut until the statements are received and a report of all expenses for the previous month be prepared for the Board's review at its meetings like that of the other financial statements. Reimbursements will continue to be handled with pre-approval by a majority vote of the Board. Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Rodney Wright to adjust the process for expenditures to include checks being cut following statement receipt and prior month's expenses be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson gave an update on the status of GIS data aggregation. Some progress has been made on the issue regarding MSAGs handled by small Local Exchange Carriers (LEC).

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 68 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers have been transitioned to the ESInet. Of these, 35 have been cut RFAI, 37 are i3, and 2 are CAMA. A population of 2,394,993 or 80.52% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have been completed with 59 PSAPs, reflecting an approximate combined monthly savings of \$107,339.84 or \$1,288,078.08 per year to local jurisdictions with a yearly average of \$22,014.84 per PSAP.

Annual PSAP Certifications Update – Mr. Engel gave an update on the data received within the annual certification reports. The following numbers were reported by local jurisdictions for 2022:

- 1,806,200 9-1-1 calls
- \$70,191,250.97 in expenses
- 1,157 full and part-time telecommunicators
- 186 less telecommunicators employed than budgeted
- \$42,378,831.84 distributed to PSAPs

NEW BUSINESS

Multi-State NG911 Funding Support – Mr. Engel provided a draft letter developed by a coalition of multiple states to show support for potential federal funding for NG911 implementation. Motion by Rodney Wright and seconded by Danny Baker to sign onto the letter of support and share with congressional delegation. Motion passed unanimously.

From the Floor

AJ Gary opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

Following discussion, the next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Bentonville Emergency Communications Center 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 Rodney Wright and seconded by Robert McGowen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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