

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
June 22, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

AJ Gary, Chairman	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
TJ Fowler	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon - Zoom	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	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Asst. Attorney General, Office of Arkansas Attorney General

Michael Lewis

The following members were absent:

Bo Roberson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
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Chairman Gary called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from the May 16, 2023 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report – Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Doug Sprouse to approve the financial report and expenses as provided reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of May 31, 2023 to be \$25,015,928.05 in which \$2,109,806.68 is in the State Treasury and \$22,906,121.37 is with U.S. Bank. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Expenses – Expenses totaling \$12,328,439.74 approved for payment were:

- LEC Charges - \$196,486.55
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$14,634.43
- AEMA - \$240.00
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$1,056.64

- Contract Labor - \$12,120.00
- PSAP Annual Maintenance Reimbursements - \$1,602,211.22
- 1Q23 PSAP Distributions - \$10,501,649.67

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.

OLD BUSINESS

GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service – Shelby Johnson gave an update on the status of GIS work. A small number of local telephone providers that maintain MSAG on behalf of local jurisdictions are not providing information as requested. Mr. Johnson has reached out to the Public Service Commission chairman and waiting on staff response.

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that 69 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet. Of these, 33 have been cut RFAI, 35 are i3, and 1 is CAMA. A population of 2,370,104 or 78.58% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. No new AT&T bill reviews have been completed. Current combined monthly savings remains at \$106,404.84 per month or \$1,276,858.08 per year to local PSAPs with a yearly average of \$22,014.84 per PSAP.

Miller County – Texarkana PSAP Consolidation Review – Representatives of Miller County and Texarkana that were present included Miller County Judge, Miller County Attorney, Miller County Sheriff, Texarkana Interim City Manager, Texarkana Police Chief and Texarkana Assistant Police Chief.

C.J. Engel and Jamie Pafford-Gresham updated the Board about meetings attended in Texarkana. Miller County Attorney Jason Owens presented concerns still held regarding consolidating Miller County into Bi-State Communications and stated a request for funding of two PSAPs due to distinct issues. Discussion among the Board regarding these concerns were had.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Rodney Wright to allow two funded PSAPs in Miller County, followed by additional discussion of the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Shelby Johnson – Yes
 TJ Fowler – Yes
 Rusty McMillon – Yes
 Bo Robertson – Absent
 Robert McGowen – Yes

Doug Sprouse – Yes
 Rodney Wright – Yes
 Danny Baker – Yes
 Tommy Sizemore – Yes
 Jamie Pafford-Gresham – Yes
 AJ Gary - Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Annual PSAP Certifications Update – Mr. Engel gave an update that all PSAP Certification Reports had been received and the annual FCC report is being completed.

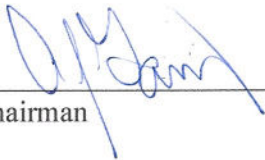
FY 2023 Audit Process – Mr. Engel requested approval to begin the independent audit process for FY 2023. Motion made by Robert McGowen and seconded by Doug Sprouse to begin the audit process with HCJ CPAs. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

From the Floor

AJ Gary opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 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 and seconded by Shelby Johnson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Chairman