

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
March 19, 2026**

A regular bi-monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at the Jacksonville Emergency Communications Center at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary called the Arkansas 911 Board meeting to order at 1:06 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
T.J. Fowler - Zoom	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon - Zoom	County Judge, Greene County
Bo Robertson - Zoom	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
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

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Assistant Attorney General

Will Puddephatt – Zoom

The following board members were absent:

Sally Pittser	911 Director, Union County
Jamie Pafford-Gresham	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Meeting Minutes - Motion made by T.J. Fowler and seconded by Shelby Johnson to approve the Minutes from January 15, 2026, Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of February 28, 2026, to be \$22,114,249.38 in which \$10,336,101.10 is in the State Treasury and \$11,778,148.28 is with U.S. Bank.

Expenses – Expenses for months ending January 31 and February 28, 2026, totaling \$826,443.63 included:

- LEC Charges - \$551,477.30
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$39,185.42
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$83.96
- Contract Labor - \$32,618.00
- Lonoke County - \$200,000.00
- NENA - \$480.00
- Qualtrics - \$1,512.00

- U.S. Bank - \$688.95
- USPS - \$398.00

4Q25 PSAP Quarterly Distribution - \$8,389,337.06 will be distributed in March.

Motion by Shelby Johnson and seconded by T.J. Fowler to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NLR – Maumelle – Sherwood PSAP Consolidation Update – Attendees included Jacksonville Mayor Jeff Elmore, 911 Director Tabby Hughes, Sherwood Police Chief Jeff Hagar, Lieutenant Kayla Pledger, NLR Chief of Staff Mike Davis, NLR 911 Director Kim Francisco, and Maumelle Police Captain Dustin Ivey. Chief Hagar provided an update on the planning process for consolidation of Sherwood's PSAP. Following additional discussions between all parties involved and a resolution by the City Council, Sherwood is proposing a withdrawal from consolidation with the City of North Little Rock in favor of consolidating with the City of Jacksonville. A request is being made to pursue this consolidation with an extension for completion of January 1, 2027. Tabby Hughes discussed the process and timeline of this project. Danny Baker made a motion and seconded by Doug Sprouse to extend the PSAP consolidation deadline until January 1, 2027, for the City of Sherwood to join with the City of Jacksonville. Motion passed unanimously.

AR GIS – Data Aggregation for NG911 Service & Data Validation – Shelby Johnson discussed a report created by their office reflecting counties' risk or delayed status of GIS data work. Highest risk counties of not making significant progress on their data include Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Lee, Madison, and Phillips. This information was provided at the recent County Judge's meeting. Rusty McMillon and C.J. Engel will try to reach out to these County Judges and request them to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

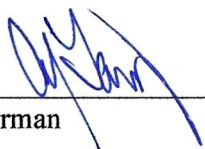
NEW BUSINESS

From the Floor

A.J. Gary provided some information on an ongoing dispute between Phillips County and the City of Elaine that recently became brought to attention regarding funding of services. A press release by the Mayor of Elaine will be shared with the Board members for additional information. Chairman 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, May 21, 2026, at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. 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 Shelby Johnson and seconded by Kevin Molder to adjourn. Motion carried.


Chairman