

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD
March 21, 2024**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Van Buren County Emergency Communications Center in Clinton, AR with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

In the absence of Chairman A.J. Gary, Shelby Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

The following members were in attendance:

Board

Shelby Johnson	Director, Arkansas GIS Office
Rusty McMillon	County Judge, Greene County
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse	Mayor, City of Springdale
Kevin Molder	Sheriff, Poinsett County
Danny Baker	Police Chief, City of Fort Smith
Tommy Sizemore	Fire Chief, City of Barling
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

Executive Director

C.J. Engel

Assistant Attorney General

Michael Bynum

The following members were absent:

A.J. Gary, Chairman	Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
TJ Fowler	Designee, Auditor of State

Motion by Doug Sprouse and seconded by Robert McGowen to approve the Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Shelby Johnson introduced Van Buren County Judge Dale James and thanked him and his staff for hosting the board meeting and for giving a tour of the facility. Also, in attendance as guests were Justices of the Peace, Mary Phillips and Mike Bradford, as well as 911 Director Judy Wells. Judge James discussed their dispatch consolidation and facility remodel efforts.

Financial Report – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of February 29, 2024, to be \$29,836,043.39 in which \$12,236,172.90 is in the State Treasury and \$17,599,870.49 is with U.S. Bank.

Expenses – Expenses for month ending February 29, 2024 totaling \$348,225.03 included:

- LEC Charges - \$309,822.85
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$22,054.47
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet- \$41.23
- Office Depot - \$192.48
- U.S. Bank - \$150.00
- USPS - \$364.00
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00

15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests – An updated report of the ETSB 15% Carryover Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no new requests for reimbursement, leaving a remaining balance of \$322,666.80. No new consolidation expense reimbursement requests were received leaving a remaining balance of \$2,400,000.00.

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Kevin Molder to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- City of Dermott addressing issues
- Local retirements impacting addressing and GIS work

ESInet & NextGen Core Services – C.J. Engel shared that there was one new migration since the previous meeting. 78 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers are currently connected to the statewide ESInet. Of these, 51 are i3, 30 are RFAI and 2 CAMA with a population of 2,664,871 or 89.22% covered. Based on completed local bill reviews, there has been a combined savings of \$1,344,538.08 annually, or an average of \$20,067.72 per PSAP.

PSAP Consolidation Updates

Crittenden County – Crittenden County Judge Woody Wheelless updated the board on Crittenden County's current consolidation status. An agreement has been put together and the cities of West Memphis and Marion have signed on. Current issues regarding the Quorum Court debating whether the Judge or the Sheriff should control the PSAP have led to issues. Mr. Engel confirmed that state statute puts this decision-making authority under the County Judge, not the Quorum Court.

Pulaski County (Pulaski-Jacksonville) – Pulaski County Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County Attorney Adam Fogleman, and Chief of Staff Mike Hutchins attended via Zoom to give an update on the status of the consolidation for Pulaski County and the City of Jacksonville. Judge Hyde discussed the initial agreement being worked out will be for a term of one-year and will act as a contract of service to the City of Jacksonville to operate the PSAP. Current expectation is for completion of the merge to be by November, 2024.

St. Francis County – County Judge Craig Jones provided an update on the current operations of the St. Francis County PSAP. Consolidation has been completed between the

City of Forrest City and St. Francis County and operates under the county's leadership. Judge Jones spoke on lessons learned.

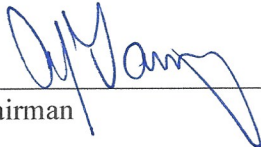
Pulaski County Intergovernmental Agreement Review – The Pulaski County Intergovernmental Agreement between Pulaski County and the City of Jacksonville was presented to the board for review. With cost share being viewed fair by both parties, a motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by Kevin Molder that the agreement be accepted as reviewed. Motion carried.

From the Floor

Shelby Johnson opened the floor to questions/comments from the board and/or guests. Bo Robertson discussed a new training position in Garland County and is looking for potential guidance with setting up. C.J. Engel asked Van Buren County Judge about the funding used for consolidation and upgrades of the facility and Judge James discussed those utilized.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at a location to be decided 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 Bo Robertson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.


Chairman