

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
May 16, 2023**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Board**

Tina Owens, Chairman Proxy

Executive Deputy 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

Bo Roberson - Zoom

Director, Garland County Department of  
Emergency Management

Robert McGowen

Administrator of Public Safety, Benton  
County

Doug Sprouse - Zoom

Mayor, City of Springdale

Rodney Wright

Sheriff, Saline County

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:**

Danny Baker

Police Chief, City of Fort Smith

As proxy for Chairman Gary, Tina Owens called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

Upon a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by TJ Fowler, the minutes of the April 20, 2023 regular monthly meeting were approved.

**Financial Report** – Following a motion presented by Robert McGowen and a second by Shelby Johnson, the financial report was approved unanimously as provided which reflected the total assets and liabilities as of April 30, 2023 to be \$20,227,264.91 in which \$2,101,779.71 is in the State Treasury account and \$18,125,485.20 is in the U.S. Bank account.

**Expense Report** – Monthly expenses of \$426,594.79 were approved for payment as submitted. Included in the approved expenses were:

- LEC Charges - \$196,486.55
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$16,840.37

- U.S. Bank VISA - \$530.00
- NASNA - \$275.00
- Crawford County 911 - \$200,000.00
- Executive Director Reimbursement - \$341.64
- Contract Labor - \$12,080.00

**15% Allocation Balance by County Report** – An updated report of the 15% Allocation Fund was presented reflecting no new requests, leaving a remaining balance of \$451,972.88. Following \$200,000.00 approval for Crawford County, a new 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. Marion and Franklin County have been completed. Clay and Crittenden County are the only two counties that haven't been started.

**ESInet & NextGen Core Services** – C.J. Engel shared that 68 PSAPs have been transitioned to the ESInet. Of these, 33 have been cut RFAI and 35 are i3. A population of 2,351,905 or 77.98% is currently covered by PSAPs on ESInet. AT&T bill reviews have been completed with 58 PSAPs reflecting a combined monthly savings of \$106,404.84 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** – Texarkana confirmed that an interface between Motorola and Crimestar could be developed. An estimate was received late and had not been discussed with the county yet. The cost of the interface could be reimbursed through the funds allocated for consolidation. Chief Kramm with Texarkana Police Department stated that their next step would be to discuss the interface estimate with the county and to develop a draft agreement between the entities prior to the June meeting. The Board agreed to table this discussion to the next meeting allowing time for that local agreement to be worked out and discussed between Miller County and Texarkana.

### **New Business**

**PSAP Consolidation Reimbursement Pre-Approval** – A PSAP consolidation expense pre-approval request was submitted by Faulkner County along with an estimate from Southern Software to migrate Faulkner County to the same Computer Aided Dispatch software as the City of Conway. Robert McGowen made a motion to pre-approve Faulkner County's consolidation expense request of \$149,595.00 to migrate CAD for consolidation with the City of Conway, Rodney Wright with a second. Motion carried.

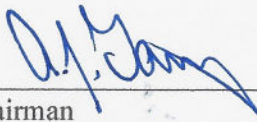
**Executive Director Contract Review** – The current agreement between Mr. Engel and the Arkansas 911 Board is due to terminate on June 30, 2023. A motion by Robert McGowen to move into Executive Session, with a second by TJ Fowler. Motion carried. Following Executive Session, Robert McGowen made a motion for the Arkansas 911 Board to renew an agreement with CJ Engel for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025 at a total compensation rate of \$187,200.00 with \$12,000 of that being factored in to help with vehicle costs such as mileage. No benefits including additional mileage, retirement or health insurance will be paid. Any necessary expenses such as lodging, meals or out-of-state travel will continue to be covered or reimbursed by the Board. Shelby Johnson with a second. Motion carried unanimously.

**From the Floor**

Tina Owens opened the floor to guests. Hearing none.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 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 TJ Fowler to adjourn and second by Shelby Johnson. The motion carried.

  
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Chairman