

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD**

**May 16, 2024**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

As designee for Chairman A.J. Gary, Tina Owens called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Board**

Tina Owens, Chairman	Designee, A.J. Gary
Jonathan Duran	Designee, Shelby Johnson
TJ Fowler	Designee, Auditor of State
Rusty McMillon - Zoom	County Judge, Greene County
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson - Zoom	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen - Zoom	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
Doug Sprouse	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
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

**Executive Director**

C.J. Engel

**Assistant Attorney General**

Michael Bynum

Motion by Doug Sprouse and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from the April 18, 2024 Arkansas 911 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** – C.J. Engel provided the financial report reflecting the total assets and liabilities as of April 30, 2024, to be \$19,768,626.84 in which \$12,343,470.25 is in the State Treasury and \$7,425,156.59 is with U.S. Bank.

**Expenses** – Expenses for month ending April 30, 2024 totaling \$361,742.32 included:

- LEC Charges - \$263,492.27
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$18,442.14
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- Office Depot - \$77.34
- Union County - \$63,577.37
- U.S. Bank - \$511.97
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00



**15% Allocation Reimbursement Requests** – An updated report of the ETSB 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 TJ Fowler to approve the financial report and expenses as reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**GIS Data Aggregation for NG911 Service** – Jonathan Duran updated the board on GIS work being done. No new changes on the report but county data improvements continue. An MSAG was created and implemented for Calhoun County who has been a wireless only 911 county. City of Dermott weighing options regarding readdressing.

**ESInet & NextGen Core Services** – C.J. Engel shared that one PSAP has been transitioned since the previous meeting. 81 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers are currently connected to the statewide ESInet. Of these, 54 are i3, 30 are RFAI and 2 CAMA with a population of 2,716,265 or 90.94% covered and reflecting a combined local savings of \$1,439,074.08 annually to PSAPs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **PSAP Consolidation Updates**

Clark County – Guests on the Zoom included Clark County Judge Troy Tucker, Sheriff Jason Watson, Arkadelphia City Manager Gary Brinkley, Arkadelphia Police Chief Jason Jackson. Judge Tucker updated the Board on Clark County and Arkadelphia's PSAP consolidation process including the identification and remodeling of a facility. The group is working on intergovernmental agreements following recent visits with other counties.

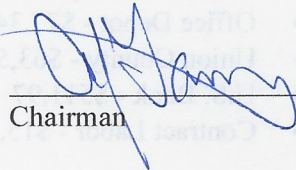
**Annual Legislative Report** – The annual legislative report required by state statute to was provided to the Board for review by Mr. Engel. Expect that this will be on the ALC agenda soon.

##### **From the Floor**

Tina Owens 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, June 20, 2024 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 and seconded by Doug Sprouse to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chairman