

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ARKANSAS 911 BOARD  
September 19, 2024**

A regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas 911 Board was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management with a Zoom link and conference bridge provided.

Chairman A.J. Gary called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and presided over the meeting with a quorum declared.

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Board**

A.J. 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
Sally Pittser - Zoom	911 Director, Union County
Bo Robertson - Zoom	Director, Garland County Department of Emergency Management
Robert McGowen	Administrator of Public Safety, Benton County
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
Jamie Pafford-Gresham - Zoom	Pafford Emergency Medical Services

**Executive Director**

C.J. Engel

**Assistant Attorney General**

Michael Bynum

Motion by Robert McGowen and seconded by TJ Fowler to approve the Minutes from the August 29, 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 August 31, 2024, to be \$25,622,301.96 in which \$12,567,109.31 is in the State Treasury and \$13,045,876.47 is with U.S. Bank.

**Expenses** – Expenses for month ending August 31, 2024 totaling \$504,563.07 included:

- LEC Charges - \$316,480.91
- Arkansas GIS Office - \$17,141.41
- AT&T Mobility FirstNet - \$41.23
- 1Spatial, Inc. - \$154,500.00
- U.S. Bank - \$799.52
- Contract Labor - \$15,600.00

**2Q24 PSAP Quarterly Distribution** - \$9,919,501.70 will be distributed in September.

**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 \$6,200,000.00.

Motion by TJ Fowler and seconded by Robert McGowen 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 Arkansas GIS Office's most recent project activities including the completion of the Pulaski County and City of Jacksonville data conversion due to consolidation.

**ESInet & NextGen Core Services** – C.J. Engel shared that 86 PSAPs and 5 Dispatch Centers are now connected to the statewide ESInet. With these transitions, a total population of 2,851,116 is covered or 95.46% of the state's population.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought before the Board.

### **From the Floor**

A.J. Gary opened the floor to questions/comments from the board and/or guests.

C.J. Engel discussed the Pulaski County and City of Jacksonville consolidation efforts, and go live on September 18, 2024. Reminder letters were also sent out to entities lining out deadlines for consolidation and extension requests.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the Washington County Sheriff's Office 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 TJ Fowler to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chairman