



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

June 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in the Randolph County Sheriff's Office training room. Chairman Bobby Helmers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Bobby Helmers
Daniel Niemeyer
Lyn Thies
Chad Langerhr
Kelli Wright
Jarrod Peters
Andy Gerlach

Board members absent: Chuck Kelley
Sean Lukes (Proxy – Jeremy Kempfer)

Others present: Cindy Wagner, 911 Administrator
Sherry Craig, 911 Secretary
Jeremy Kempfer, Sparta Police Department

MINUTES

After a review of the minutes from May 14, 2026, by the Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Bobby Helmers asked if there were any comments. Bobby Helmers asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Sheriff Peters moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Daniel Niemeyer. Motion carried.

BILLS

After a review of the bills by the Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Bobby Helmers asked if there were any questions. Andy Gerlach moved to approve the bills, seconded by Lyn Thies. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bobby Helmers, Daniel Niemeyer, Lyn Thies, Chad Langerhr, Kelli Wright, Sean Lukes, Jarrod Peters and Andy Gerlach. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Cindy will give a mid-year review next month. Landline and wireless revenue are dropping \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00 per year in Randolph County. The state is running both networks; however, it is anticipated revenue may level some when Counties are all on one network.

The battery backup was completed at the Sheriff's Office.

HUBTECH

Cindy said a GIS State portal contract could be paid for with an NG Grant. Randolph County 911 should have 2 contracts going forward, GIS State portal work and County GIS. The State 911 Directors Office is asking more from Counties regarding GIS mapping. Sherry stated ISP updates the workflow tool weekly which is downloaded for each mapping layer and pushed to the portal. The state provides a monthly GIS call. Any board member is welcome to listen for a better understanding of this work. Cindy asked the ETSB if they would like Hubtech to begin submitting preliminary contracts for next year. They stated yes. Always an option to go with time and material on GIS work. Cindy said Hubtech assists with pushing aerial photography to the PSAPs, upgrades with Devnet, Fire Department AGOL map, adding new layers to the map, therefore, last year came in a bit higher than normal.

IDPH LICENSURE

Randolph County 911 has a call on June 18th with Priority Dispatch to discuss Phases for the EMD program. A Dispatch Stirring Committee and Dispatch Review Committee need put together. The Dispatch Review Committee will take care of quality assurance. Decisions will need to be made if each PSAP wants control of their own quality assurance or MedStar.

TAX EXEMPT

Randolph County 911 applied for a tax exempt. Payment to Priority Dispatch is on hold until this is received.

RANDOLPH CO/WASHINGTON CO SERVER MOVE

Frontier audit showed a panel is needed in the Sheriff's Office equipment room. The electrician bid to run conduit is \$8,000.00. Cindy said Randolph County 911 will be needing new 911 equipment soon. The ETSB was asked if they wanted to go ahead with the server move. The server will be an additional backup for Randolph County 911. Cindy said Randolph County 911 has the MEVO backup and Sparta PD and the RCSO back each other up. Lyn asked if it was required to have the additional server. Cindy stated not if the server is only for additional back up purposes as we have redundancy with MEVOS and one another PSAP. Andy Gerlach motioned to not move the server from Washington County, seconded by Daniel Niemeyer. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bobby Helmers, Daniel Niemeyer, Lyn Thies, Chad Langerhr, Kelli Wright, Sean Lukes, Jarrod Peters and Andy Gerlach. Nays: none. Motion carried. Cindy will inquire what is needed to amend the filed amendment with the State.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT COVERS

The Advisory Board is ensuring sustainable funding for Illinois' 911 infrastructure.

CESSA and Illinois launched cohort based PSAP implementation which is up north and expected to roll out July 2027. Sheriff Peters said the State cut grant funding for Randolph County and Washington County Comwell. Cindy asked if another agency was covering Randolph County. Sheriff Peters said money was allocated to another agency, but not sure who.

Explains administrative rules for e.g. Part 1324.

GIS and workflows that support validation and routing functions within NG 911 ecosystem.

CESSA.

Shows what money is in the consolidation grants.

NG911 expenses grants. Sheriff Peters asked about the surcharge increase. Cindy said the Advisory Committee hopes a sponsor will pick it up at the next session. Cindy hopes to follow up with legislators regarding the need for surcharge increase.

ISP retained Crowe to perform financial analysis. Randolph County under 100,000 population receives \$1,500.00/\$1,800.00 monthly. This may go away with the new revision. Wireless states surcharge is based on wireless zip code.

Benefits of consolidation and modernization. 2014 there were 201 ETSBs and 253 PSAPs. 2015 there are 123 ETSBs and 169 PSAPs. Cindy predicts further consolidation could be required which would mean Randolph County having 1 PSAP giving prearrival and dispatching with either Sparta PD or MedStar Ambulance being secondary PSAP. What should be next in 911.

Address the ongoing staffing crisis and make more mental health resources available.

Statewide Advisory Board Members and hasn't had a presence from the Illinois Sheriff's Association in a year and half. Phil McCarty represents Counties with population less than 37,000.

ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

In February, Cindy received an email from Journalist Legal Assistants. Sheriff Peters said the email could pertain to Randolph County 911 and the County as a whole. Cindy will look into it further.

SPARTA PD

INdigital did a walk through at Sparta PD. Their comment "what was found by the technician, was that nothing was protecting the PCs in the new setup." The counter space is shortening and the telecommunicators will hit the towers with their knees. This information was forwarded to Corey Rheinecker, Sparta City Manager. Andy documented that was the ETSB observation as well.

TRAINING

Free training regarding bomb threats and swatting hoaxes. Daniel will look over the training.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

New maintenance work orders are an asset and seem to be working well.

GIS SHAPEFILE DATA REQUEST

Franklin County advised Cindy to talk with Peter regarding charges. They charge per address point.

911 CALL

The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call pinpointed on Clore St.; however, the actual call was on Schroeder Street. The past and present parcel lines appear to be outside some property lines and intersecting points; therefore, the caller's location was off on the Assessor parcel GIS layer. Cindy has spoken to the Randolph County Assessors past and present regarding the parcel lines being off throughout Randolph County. Sparta PD received a similar 911 call recently. Andy will talk with Chris Koester, Assessor.

RANDOLPH COUNTY 911 BY-LAWS

Randolph County 911 meeting structure for public comment.

Public Comment: None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bobby Helmers asked the board for a motion to adjourn. Andy Gerlach moved, seconded by Lyn Thies. Motion carried.