



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

May 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 in Randolph County Boardroom. Chairman Bobby Helmers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present:	Bobby Helmers Mark Prange Kevin Miller Lyn Thies Kelli Wright Sean Lukes Jarrod Peters Marc Kiehna
Board members absent:	Chuck Kelley
Others present:	Cindy Wagner, 911 Administrator Sherry Craig, 911 Secretary Daniel Niemeyer, Randolph County Sheriff's Office

MINUTES

After a review of the minutes from April 13, 2023 by the Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Bobby Helmers asked if there were any questions or concerns. Chairman Bobby Helmers asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lyn Thies moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jarrod Peters.

BILLS

After a review of the bills by the Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Bobby Helmers asked if there were any questions or concerns. Marc Kiehna moved to approve the bills, seconded by Kevin Miller. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bobby Helmers, Mark Prange, Kevin Miller, Lyn Thies, Kelli Wright, Sean Lukes, Jarrod Peters and Marc Kiehna. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

BUDGET

April had normal monthly expenditures. Equipment line item showed \$4,900.00 for the TV and monitor at Sparta PD and monitor at the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. Health Insurance renews in July with an increase of \$450.00. Lexipol payment may show on the budget for Services Rendered in May. Jarrod said it was a reimbursed grant, when he is notified the Lexipol claim is paid he will contact the County Insurance for reimbursement to Randolph County 911.

RADIO COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Daniel said after many emails with the Port District the grant process has come to a halt. He met with Lexipol, which said Randolph County's port was not big enough to receive money. Daniel contacted the Coast Guard regarding a cyber-security assessment grant. He and Jordan Scherle, RC IT met with Tyson Ciget, Coast Guard on Tuesday to answer all the questions. Looking at the report Randolph County's vulnerability is low, however our training and situational awareness is high. Daniel said Lexipol spoke about applying for several little grants. Daniel broke the budget down between Fire Departments, Police Departments, Sheriff's Office and Communications. Daniel found a Transit Grant and a Homeland Security Grant he forwarded to Lexipol. Cindy asked if this report was through Safecom. The State 911 Director reported regarding Cyber Security Infrastructure and ongoing local funding through Safecom. Daniel said he was on the Safecom website. Marc reminded the ETSB of the cyber security training each Randolph County employee has attended. Cindy stated she has a call

into Kevin Schibe regarding state grants. Daniel said part of the problem is we are at the end of the Federal fiscal year. He will continue to work on grants. Cindy asked for thoughts from the Sheriff's Office and Sparta PD on if a grant is not available, how much longer the equipment can survive without being replaced. Jarrod said Daniel has worked hard on grant research. He's not sure if the equipment is at the worry stage. When talks come up again about narrow banding the Sheriff's Office will need to do something. Marc made reference to the assessment made to Randolph County towns for providing dispatch services. Jarrod said they are paying the fees. Marc asked about the cost of replacing the radio equipment. Jarrod said around \$4,000,000.00. Marc asked about breaking it down into phases over 4 or 5 years. Daniel said that is the point in doing separate grants, however he wouldn't go that long. Communications Centers cost \$400,000.00/\$500,000.00 then Police Departments and Fire Departments. Cellphone coverage during a disaster was discussed. Kevin asked how long ago the service fees for Randolph County towns were set. Jarrod said about 3 years. Jarrod said when the assessment was done the amounts were high with small towns being \$10,000.00. Lyn stated 3 towns have dropped. Lyn stated Jason Schlesinger would like a representative from Coulterville on the Radio Communication Committee. The ETSB agreed to add Jason to the Communication Committee.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Ambulance Service will be added to the agenda quarterly. EMS Week is May 21-27, 2023.

24' GIS NG GRANT

The 911 Office amended the 24' GIS Grant for \$24,000.00. Randolph County was asked to change the amount to \$14,310.00 for ongoing support. This due to a number of required layers being completed.

TEXT SERVICE

INdigital is looking at May 16/17 or May 23/24 or June 20/21 for 911 text go live in Randolph County. Daniel stated June 20/21 will work.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Administrators Report was part of the INENA and APCO meeting in Effingham. The cut to the NG 911 Network list was passed around. Randolph County 911 is Solacom with AT & T and ESInet approval pending for use. The I3 release has passed the AT & T lab that is set for July 19. The network-to-network interface CSI is very close to going online with the statewide network. Randolph County will be towards the end of the year or possibly the beginning of next. Daniel asked when Randolph County goes to the Statewide network will we be able to transfer calls to other PSAPS. Cindy said this was her understanding. She spoke with Curt Wolfenberger, INdigital technician. Curt stated when Randolph County is in line for 911 equipment, INdigital is now recommending Vesta as opposed to Solacom. INdigital is not happy with the Solacom issues.

TRANSFERRING EMERGENCY CALLS

A memo was sent out on April 26 regarding transferring emergency calls, which came from the 911 State Director. When transferring PSAP to PSAP or to ISP advise the caller what PSAP they are being transferred to. It is important to relay the pertinent information and not hang up.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Questions were asked at the Effingham meeting if ISP is pushing out all emergency notifications. The State 911 Director is checking, however has only been forwarding what they receive which may not be all. Jarrod stated he had stopped receiving emails through STIC however, they have started.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Helmers asked the board for a motion to adjourn. Lyn Thies moved, seconded by Kevin Miller. Motion carried.