



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

November 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 in Randolph County Boardroom. Chairman Bobby Helmers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Bobby Helmers
Chad Langerhr
Lyn Thies
Kelli Wright
Chuck Kelley
Sean Lukes
Jarrod Peters
Marc Kiehna

Board members absent:

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 October 10, 2024 by the Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Bobby Helmers asked if there were any questions or concerns. Bobby Helmers asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Kelley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Sheriff 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. Lyn Thies moved to approve the bills, seconded by Chuck Kelley. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bobby Helmers, Kelli Wright, Chuck Kelley, Chad Langerhr, Lyn Thies, Sean Lukes, Jarrod Peters and Marc Kiehna. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

BUDGET

October budget had normal monthly expenditures. November surcharge revenue check wasn't received before the books closed. Next month we'll have the beginning balance for 2025 budget.

SCHOOL MAPPING

School mapping is going well. Hubtech has completed Sparta Lincoln, Sparta High School and Coulterville School. They will begin St. Mark's and Steeleville Elementary next week. Hubtech hired Restin Schubert Coulterville High senior who intends to go into GIS. Cindy has been contacting the principals prior to Hubtech scanning. Hubtech starts around 1:00pm outside and moves inside once schools dismiss. They prefer a janitor or someone from the school be present. Cindy will meet Hubtech at the Chester High School. Sean Lukes met with Hubtech at the Sparta schools.

RETIREMENT

Cindy Barbera-Brelle, 911 State Director is retiring in February 2025. The state is beginning interviews for the position.

INDIGITAL 911 EQUIPMENT

Randolph County 911 5 year maintenance is up February 2025. Cindy met with INdigital Jonathan, Justin and Jodi last month at Springfield Conference. She was able to view Vesta 911 Equipment which is user friendly, but much more expensive. Randolph

County 911 Solacom software support was paid upfront for present 911 equipment. Software maintenance is not included on the new bid; however, it's paid through February 2026. Cindy will look at the contract for the software support cost. If Randolph County 911 goes with Vesta, maintenance is \$28,000.00 yearly. The current Motorola maintenance is \$9,500.00 yearly. The Solacom refresh bid which is Randolph County 911's current equipment; latest Solacom software, MEVOs, new monitors and servers \$148,144.80 after 5 years. If Randolph County 911 chooses not to go with the refresh this year, our server B needs moved from Washington County to Randolph County at \$7,000.00. This amount is not included in the refresh bid. INdigital will not continue support if Randolph County 911 doesn't do the hardware refresh network at \$17,365.00. Maintenance will continue after February 2025 at \$9,651.00 yearly. Vesta equipment \$251,794.00 with network at \$20,000.00 yearly is \$330,481.00 after 5 years. INdigital is building the network system in Missouri installing Resilient Equipment. Marc asked why INdigital is moving server B next to server A. Cindy asked INdigital that question. It's called Geo-redundancy if server B is put at Sparta PD, which is more expensive. Marc asked about the cost. Chuck stated having both servers next to each other is not good. Lyn asked if Sparta PD had enough room. Cindy stated yes. Cindy will follow up with INdigital regarding server B being placed at Sparta PD.

GRANTS

Cindy stated 2026 grants are out. She asked Cindy Barbera-Brelle, 911 State Director if Randolph County 911 could receive the EMD grant replacing flip charts with digital instructions. Cindy Barbera-Brelle stated no, due to Randolph County 911 transfers medical 911 calls to MedStar. Cindy stated the rules are heading to not transferring. The state wants pre-arrival given when the call is answered.

CROWE REPORT

The Crowe audit report, from the 911 Directors Office, may take away the small surcharge for smaller Counties. The State will be restructuring the formula for how the money is distributed. Chuck said the State of Illinois will need to increase the surcharge if Part 1325 passes. Cindy said the Advisory Board meeting was cancelled for this month. She has a Legislative call next Tuesday.

PART 1325

A special meeting was held in Springfield with multiple Counties giving testimonies of what Part 1325 will do if passed.

AERIAL GRANT

Cindy said a few years ago Randolph County 911 was very fortunate to attain the grant for aerial photography. The following year the State of Illinois funded a statewide aerial project and included Randolph County. The flyover has been completed and the data will be available soon. Cindy stated the \$500,000.00 Randolph County 911 is paying next year for the radio equipment, the new 911 equipment bid, which isn't in the budget for next year, plus not knowing where the surcharge is going, and the notification systems for the County; Cindy is concerned about paying for an aerial project when Randolph County can attain it from the State of Illinois and the flyover projected was intended to support 911 PSAPs. Marc asked Cindy to meet with Chris Koester, RC Assessor to contact the Eagleview regarding the proposal. Marc said the Assessor's Office has purchased software that highlights changes to the new aerial photography. Marc said the County Board would table the Eagleview contract.

911 OFFICE CLEANING

The 911 Office has been disposing shredding files and has old equipment in need of disposing.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

Sherry has been working on the Interagency Agreements, there are a few that need updated.

CIT TRAINING

CIT training was forwarded.

STARCOM

Sheriff Peters has spoken with Mike at Walker Communication regarding Starcom on state bid. This will be purchased out of the 911 funds allocated for the radio proposal and will be separate billing. No addition or change order to the bid, however the Sheriff's Office has to purchase that directly which is part of the radio updates

ALERT APP

Sheriff Peters has spoken with Everbridge regarding their app. The app alerts the public to stay away from areas, weather alerts etc. The program self generates telephone numbers in the area. Cost is \$9,000.00 a year for Randolph County. Cindy asked if each individual had to subscribe. Sheriff Peters stated as long as the person has their location turned on they would receive a prompt on their phone to download the app. Cindy asked about shared cost. Sheriff Peters stated his office has the Sheriff's app. Lyn said each town could submit information for the app. Chuck said in EMS Everbridge is used for public health alerts. Sheriff Peters will set up a presentation from the company.

RENOVATIONS

Middendorf Royce is the construction management for the Sheriff's Office renovations. A grant through the Department of Justice for \$4.3million. The generator and transformer will be moved to the other side of the Sheriff's Office. Water, gas and electrical upgrades will be made. Sheriff Peters spoke about the 911 Office moving into the old ROE Office, EMA will move into the old Economic Development Office. The deputies will be in the backside of the ROE Office. A training and conference room will go into the old 911 Office. Marc said there would be a building that joins the Courthouse to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Peters stated the new squad room would be in there with storage on the second floor. The old squad room will be a new jail cell with 8 beds.

RETIREMENT

Marc stated it has been a pleasure serving on the ETSB for the last 12 years. He thanked Cindy and Sherry for their work with the ETSB. Cindy thanked Marc for his contribution to the ETSB.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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