



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

Via Teleconference
March 17, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance in person;

None

Board Members in attendance virtually;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Thomas Fleming (not in attendance at the time the vote was taken)
Mr. Michael Kuryla
Mr. John Matthews
Ms. Tisa Morris
Ms. Elizabeth Ryles

Board Members Absent;

None

Staff and Guest in attendance in person;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst

Guest in attendance virtually;
Ms. Erika Smith and, Lauterbach & Amen
Ms. Bola Babatunde and Mr. Brent Baccus, Mitchell Titus

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Executive Director Bennett read the following Virtual Meeting Proclamation;

“JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The current trend regarding increasing test positivity and the impact of new variants allows for board members to attend virtually. The meeting will be held physically on site for those wishing to attend in person with socially distant seating.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 18, 2022 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

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| Cornier | Yes |
| Fleming | Yes |
| Kuryla | Yes |
| Matthews | Yes |
| Morris | Yes |
| Ryles | Yes |

Motion carried.

FY 2021 AUDIT DRAFT REPORT

Mr. Brent Baccus and Ms. Bola Babatunde presented and reviewed the results of the draft of the FY 2021 audit. There were no inconsistencies from last year, any issues were quickly resolved (including payroll which has been an issue in the past) and all was handled appropriately.

Ms. Babatunde recommended that staff work to reduce the number of journal entries that were necessary, but she added that journal entries are not unusual.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion and Ms. Ryles made the second to release the audit to the County.

Roll Call Vote;

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| Cornier | Yes |
| Fleming | Yes |
| Kuryla | Yes |
| Matthews | Yes |
| Morris | Yes |
| Ryles | Yes |

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

With the April 8th deadline fast approaching for the end of this Spring's legislative session, both the House and the Senate have begun meeting in person in Springfield. With only a few exceptions, all bills are now out of committees and on the floor in either chamber. There are three bills which are of concern to the 9-1-1 community that have made it out of committee.

HB4931/SB3127

These bills will include public safety telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers in the definition of the term "first responder" as that term is used in other statutes in Illinois. There has been a move on the federal level to also achieve this classification, including a proposed federal law change. Including public safety telecommunicators in the term "first responder" will have no immediate effect in Illinois in terms of pension or labor laws, but could make public safety telecommunicators eligible for additional benefits as we saw in the COVID relief legislation.

HB 5001/HB 5002

HB 5001 authorizes tuition or fee allowances for the children of first responders attending day care because of the schedules of the parents. Public safety telecommunicators would be included as first responders in this legislation. The amount of the tuition or fee assistance will be determined by the day care provider. HB 5002 funds this program with \$3,000,000 in State assistance to the providers to allow them to fund the assistance.

HB 5502

This Bill will assist in the implementation of Kari's Law and the Ray Baum Act, federal laws which require the provision of 9-1-1 service without the need to dial any additional number, like "9" to access the 9-1-1 system and requires addressing for all 9-1-1 calls made from MLTS phone systems. The Office of the 9-1-1 Administrator is negotiating the final language of this bill with the phone service providers. This Bill also contains language that would allow the Illinois State Police to use funds from the Administrative portion of the 9-1-1 surcharge to upgrade the State Police communication centers to connect the to the NG Esinet. Questions have arisen regarding the future intention of the State Police regarding whether or not their communication centers will be primary or secondary PSAPs. The Bill will not affect the amount of surcharge received by the 9-1-1 systems.

CESSA/9-8-8

The State of Illinois held the first meeting of the Committee required to implement the CESSA act on March 8th. Many questions still remain as to how this legislation will be implemented. There is some on-going discussion as to whether the January 2023 implementation date is realistic and whether some legislative extension may be needed. On the federal level, the 9-8-8 congressional mandate is in the process of being implemented, although like CESSA, there are questions about whether they will meet the July 1, 2022, deadline. Illinois has not taken any steps to implement the legislation. SB 2945 creates the "9-8-8 Trust Fund" in the Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding Illinois' 9-8-8 efforts. The Governor's budget does not recognize any dedicated revenue to fund this Trust Fund, although there has been no effort to fund it from surcharge funds.

Executive Director Bennett added that we continue to stay engaged and are vocal as things continue to change frequently.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As directed, Executive Director Bennett provided a summary of the change orders for the Board Member's review.

NG 911 UPDATE

Staff is requesting an upgrade of the Maywood backup phone system for NG9-1-1. This will mirror our system in Des Plaines. Total cost is \$65,181.51.

Executive Director Bennett reported that the phone equipment at Des Plaines was upgraded from 6-Cot to 4-Cot earlier this year. The NG911 network was originally 2 connections to Des Plaines, however it made more sense to have one (1) to Maywood and one (1) to Des Plaines. This will allow both controllers to have the same capacity at both Maywood and Des Plaines.

Ms. Ryles made a motion and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve the software and hardware upgrade to the Maywood controller for NG911 in the amount of \$65,181.51.

Roll call vote;

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| Cornier | Yes |
| Fleming | Yes |
| Kuryla | Yes |
| Matthews | Yes |
| Morris | Yes |
| Ryles | Yes |

Motion carried.

911 CENTER ANNIVERSARY

9-1-1 Center Anniversary - March 13, 2022, was the 25th anniversary of the first 911 call in Des Plaines. The 9-1-1 hosted an open house in March of 2017 that was successful. Staff is recommending a deferral of an open house until after all construction is completed in the summer or fall.

911 CENTER EVENTS

Executive Director Bennett reported that the 9-1-1 Center is again participating in community events as part of our Educational Program. As always, the Board Members are welcomed to attend.

- April 22, 2022 – A tour of the 9-1-1 Center with 6th – 8th graders
- July 2022 – Sheriff's Police 100th Anniversary Celebration Open House in Maywood. The Back up PSAP will be open, and we will provide information on Smart911, give an overview of how 911 works and answer questions.

Employees have also recently attended an event with 60 seniors.

Ms. Ryles requested that the Executive Director Bennett send out a separate email regarding the upcoming events.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The March Bill Payment Resolution was presented for the Board’s review and is made a part of these minutes.

There are no significant items to report for the period.

Total Bills \$451,651.48

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the March Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$451,654.48.

Roll call vote;

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| Cornier | Yes |
| Fleming | Yes |
| Kuryla | Yes |
| Matthews | Yes |
| Morris | Yes |
| Ryles | Yes |

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Erika Smith, Lauterbach & Amen, reviewed the financial reports for the period. Ms. Smith reported that these are the first financial reports for the fiscal year and that we nothing notable to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

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None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 17, 2022, second Mr. Matthews.

Roll call vote;

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| Cornier | Yes |
| Fleming | Yes |
| Kuryla | Yes |
| Matthews | Yes |
| Morris | Yes |
| Ryles | Yes |

Motion carried.

The March 17, 2022 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Meeting

Friday, April 29, 2022

10:30 a.m.

9511 W. Harrison, LL11

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst

Date