



**Cook County
Emergency Telephone System Board**

**February 23, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Thomas Fleming
Mr. Michael Kuryla
Ms. Tisa Morris

Staff and Guest in attendance ;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Fleming made a motion and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 18, 2023 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Absent
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The Spring Session of the second year of the 103rd General Assembly has been kicked off with the introduction of more than 800 bills. The final day for the filing of bills was February 9, 2024. Committee deadline is April 5, 2024 and the Legislature expects to adjourn May 24th. Initially we have not seen very many bills specific to 9-1-1, public safety telecommunications, or the ETSB. These are the few bills which have been introduced which could impact the operation of the 9-1-1 system.

HB 5128

This Bill would mandate that the Sheriff be included as a member of any county ETSB. Currently, the law allows the Sheriff to be a member, but the appointment is typically up to the County Board.

SB 3294

This Bill proposes adding telecommunicators to the definition of “security employees of a public employer” found in Section 14 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. This would effectively remove the right to strike and replace it with binding interest arbitration in the event of contract impasse.

SB 3377

The language of this Bill seeks to amend the ETSA by providing a definition of “rural 9-1-1 system.” Based on the language of the Bill, it would not apply to Cook County.

STATEWIDE 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

The Board met on February 5th, but has cancelled their February 12th meeting. The Board will next meet on March 11th and March 25th. The Board is reviewing the draft of the Annual Report to the Legislature which is due to be presented to the Legislature on March 1, 2024. The Board is also receiving comments on the suggested changes to Administrative Rules, Parts 1325, 1326 and 1327. While comments have been received, the Board has not discussed them. Finally, the Board is awaiting the report from Crowe and Associates. Crowe was hired by the State to study the 9-1-1 surcharge and its collection and use.

FEDERAL ACTION

Discussions are taking place in the United States Senate on federal funding for Next Generation 911 implementation and for the reclassification of telecommunicators under the Standard Occupational Classification scheme. However, because of the discord in both the House and the Senate, there has been no movement on either bill.

Executive Director Bennett stated that we want the State to follow the FCC rules in place because the State sometimes wants to place more restrictions on use of ETSB funds. We believe the local ETSBs know what’s best for their communities since each may face different challenges that other communities may not. We have more meetings scheduled soon.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH AND UPS REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett advised the Board that the equipment has been ordered. We received a quote for a temporary generator because we didn't want to run solely on UPS during the switch. There is \$10,753.29 left in the budget approved by the Board. A couple of costs for Mitsubishi were presented. We've received a quote to have one of their technicians remove and replace a fan to keep the warranty, and to have a tech on scene at the start and end of the project. Mr. Fleming asked what that's expected to cost. Executive Director Bennett estimates a couple hundred at both the start and finish. We expect to switch the ATS in March and hope to switch the UPS in April, but we will keep the Board informed.

BACKUP CENTER UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett is working with Mr. Tracy at the State's Attorney's Office on the language. FGM used a device on site that captures the whole building. They'll manage the project and Crestwood will complete the work. We will share the building with Crestwood Public Works. We'll occupy the front part of the first and second floors while they occupy the back of each floor. There are no costs at this point. Mr. Fleming asked who at the police department has been involved and Executive Director Bennett answered that Chief Schmitz and Sheriff's legal, who will be the signer on the IGA. There have been no issues thus far.

CAD TO CAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Fat Pot was the original company that developed a CAD to CAD integration. They were bought by Central Square, who put this integration into the cloud. After independent CAD systems go through some programming in the cloud, they'll be able to communicate with each other. For example, one of our dispatchers dispatches a domestic battery call in Crestwood Condos. Normally, the dispatcher must call Red Center to request an ambulance and provide the details of the call while the fire department's call taker generates a call for dispatch. With this integration, our dispatcher could request the ambulance from their CAD by generating the call for service and dropping it into Red Center's pending queue. Our dispatcher could then see status changes on Red Center's call for service in real time. Another example is Park Ridge requesting additional resources (Glenview and Niles) for a shooting in their area. Our dispatcher could generate the call for assistance in their CAD systems. Chicago is also going to Central Square. If one of our units is attempting to serve an order of protection in Chicago and faces an issue where they require assistance, we could generate the call in their CAD. The initial MOU is between ETSB, Northwest Central Dispatch, Red Center, and Glenview. This is a cloud-based solution that can be shared with anyone. We presented our plan to the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator suggesting that anyone wanting to join our hub could, after paying their fees. We proposed this solution be State funded, which she agreed to, and the grant application was submitted by Northwest Central Dispatch. The Fat Pot product costs approximately \$55,000 per year and the Motorola maintenance fee costs about \$3,000 per year. We recommend the State pay for the first year's Fat Pot cost and a one-time Motorola integration cost of about \$80,000. Each PSAP would be responsible for their yearly costs thereafter. We have an IGA between the agencies drafted by Mr. John Kelly and reviewed by Mr. Tracy. Our goal is to create a hub for our four agencies. Anyone that joins will have to coordinate programming with their CAD company and Central Square. Since it's cloud-based, you can continue to add agencies and build the cloud. The State will absorb the initial fees, totaling \$136,356. The product is Fat Pot, but the IGA will be with Central Square and Motorola. Mr. Cornier asked if our contract agencies will be part of this integration and what their costs will be. Executive Director Bennett explained that these fees will cover all of Cook County ETSB so our contract agencies will not

be responsible for any of the fees. We think it's a great program that has come far from what it used to be. This solution will eliminate delays in service because it allows dispatchers to see a call in their pending queue without going through the call-taking process. There are also automatic notifications. This will generate auto-aid fire calls for service for any agency required to respond to an alarm, including alarm elevations. At this point, we're asking for approval from the Board to enter an IGA with the agencies. The money is being applied for through the State and the deadline was extended to the end of February for FY2025 since State's fiscal year starts July 1st. We expect to receive an award in late May or early June and begin work in July.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion to approve entering a CAD to CAD IGA, second by Ms. Morris.

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Absent
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Absent

INDOOR SCHOOL MAPPING GRANT

An issue we always run into is that the city boundaries never match the school boundary, meaning some of the people living in your city may attend school in another city. This can cause an issue when it comes to who is responsible for paying for indoor school mapping. Our grant application will include all the schools within our agencies' jurisdiction and in unincorporated Cook County. We requested this quote from GeoComm, a GIS company. GeoComm will go into the schools and generate a 360-degree mapping of each school. The whole project will be paid for by the State grant, but we may have to pay maintenance later. We'll keep the Board updated as this grant will become effective in July with State's fiscal year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The February Bill Payment Resolution is attached for the Board's review.

The significant items to report are;

- Mercury \$346,182.97 - yearly agreement
- Mitsubishi Electric Power Products \$63,496.71 - UPS replacement and labor
- Motorola \$852,727.59 - mostly pass through; \$222,034.40 is a radio order from FY2023 budget
- Prime Electric \$105,236.00 - ATS replacement and labor
- Rave \$30,337.50 - yearly agreement
- Higher Ground \$11,880.00 - Live911
- Public Risk Underwriters \$29,576.00 - yearly insurance

Total Bills \$2,221,879.69

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve the February Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,221,879.69.

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Absent
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lauterbach & Amen provided the following report;

Executive Director Bennett advised that Ms. Pyrcioch (Lauterbach & Amen) provided the summary listed below. The ETSB pays the full amount of the CAD agreement and will charge back the Sheriff for half. Also, the surcharge distribution is expected to even out.

As of December 31, 2023, one month or 8.3% of the fiscal year is complete. Here is a summary of the attached financial reports.

- Statement of Net Assets
 - o Other current assets account has a negative balance that will be adjusted prior to the audit.
- Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
 - o Expenditures are in excess of revenues by \$484,582.51. This excess is due to paying a center construction bill related to FY23 that will be reclassified during audit prep and won't be on next month's statements. The ETSB also paid for CAD system maintenance for the entire fiscal year, which totaled over \$300K.
 - o Revenues are trending approximately \$6 over budget due to receiving a refund from AT&T for the final bill.
 - o Expenditures are trending higher primarily due to the timing delay in surcharge distribution to the CAD maintenance expense. Do note the Sheriff is expected to reimburse the ETSB for half of the expense.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Des Plaines cut over to Next Generation 9-1-1 this past Tuesday went well. The Maywood cutover is scheduled for this coming Tuesday. This new technology uses the caller’s location rather than a triangulated location from the cell tower, which should cut down on 9-1-1 transfers that pass through the center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 23, 2024, second by Mr. Kuryla.

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Absent
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

The February 23, 2024 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Next Meeting
March 22, 2024
10:30 a.m.
9511 W. Harrison, LL11
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services Date