



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

Via Teleconference
April 30, 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. Michael Kuryla
Mr. John Matthews
Ms. Tisa Morris

Board Members Absent;

Mr. Thomas Fleming
Ms. Elizabeth Ryles

Staff and Guest in attendance in person;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst
Ms. Kathleen McKee, Assistant State's Attorney
Ms. Megan Kinsella, Director of Operations
Ms. Erika Smith and, Lauterbach & Amen

Guest in attendance virtually;
None.

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:36 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. Cornier made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 17, 2022 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Illinois Legislature ended its Spring Session on April 8, 2022. In the waning days of the Session there was a lot of activity. Late on the last day of the Session, an amendment was added to the Governor’s proposed budget which took \$5,000,000 from the 9-1-1 Surcharge Fund and moved the money to the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline Trust Fund. The Governor’s Office indicated that this money was moved to the “seed money” for the federally required 9-8-8 Suicide Hotline. Neither the State Police, the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator nor Illinois NENA or Illinois APCO were made aware of this sweep until after it was approved by the legislature. Both Associations are working with our legislative representative and the Statewide Administrator to attempt to reverse this use of surcharge funds. The Administrator has made an inquiry to the FCC as to whether or not the State sweeping these funds is a proper use of surcharge funds under the terms of the 9-1-1 Fee Diversion law. If it is not an appropriate use, the State could be limited or prevented from receiving federal grant funds. Both Associations have distributed sample messages for legislators to the membership for use in contacting their representatives about this matter.

Among the bills passed in this session that impact public safety communications are the following:

HB 5502 – this Bill amends the Emergency Telephone System Act to add definitions and modify terms relating

to private switch and MLTS phone systems. The Bill is designed to bring Illinois into compliance with the federal law as expressed in Kari's Law and the Ray Baum Act. These two laws require the ability to directly dial 9-1-1 without using some other number to access the phone system and that all 9-1-1 calls provide a dispatchable street address.

HB 1321 – mandates law enforcement employers, including 9-1-1 centers, provide information and training to employees on mental health standards and resources. The Bill creates grant funding for this training

SB 2945 – proposes the establishment of a revenue trust fund to support 9-8-8 services. This is being proposed in conjunction with the federal effort to establish a nationwide suicide prevention hotline. As written, it would establish a funding mechanism separate from the 9-1-1 surcharge but would be an additional charge on cell phone bills. This is the Bill that is mentioned above in connection with the sweep of surcharge funds.

SB 3127 – provides for the classification of public safety telecommunicators as first responders for purposes of Illinois law.

CESSA – The State Department of Human Services held a meeting on March 8, 2022, to discuss the statewide oversight committee required by the CESSA Act. However, since that time, nothing further has been done. Real questions exist about the ability to have the response systems in place by January 1, 2023. INENA and ILAPCO will meet with the Access Living group over the summer to discuss further efforts to implement the Bill. The Illinois Association of Police Chiefs has also asked to be part of these discussions.

Executive Director Bennett added that the amendment in the proposed budget to sweep \$5,000,000 from the 9-1-1 Surcharge Fund and to fund the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline Trust Fund is a major concern. If no amendment is passed to reverse this action, this would take effect on July 1, 2022, and would make the State ineligible for federal grants and the reduce the available surcharge that is distributed by the State to the 911 Communications Centers across the state.

Mr. Cornier questioned if all agencies are affected statewide. Executive Director Bennett responded that all agencies that receive and collect 911 surcharge are affected. Staff applies for grant funds annually and if the 9-1-1 surcharge is swept we would be ineligible for grants in the future. That State Police, who is controlling the 9-1-1 fund is communicating with the Governor's Office.

Executive Director Bennett has sent an email to all the contract agencies requesting their cooperation in lobbying against this effort and the Big 8 Counties Statewide 911 Board subgroup is also in discussion regarding this.

There were rumors of this happening under a previous administration and NENA and APCO lobbyist were successful in preventing it and hopefully they will be again.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett reported the supply chain has been affected by Covid. The windows have been delayed for months but are expected on June 1st. The reception area specialty fire rated glass has also been delayed. The heat pumps will be arriving next week after a significant delay and the new generator is expected to arrive in July/August.

The majority of the construction is complete, and the expected move-in date is scheduled for June.

DIXMOOR OPT OUT

The Village of Dixmoor has requested to opt out of Cook County ETSB and join Calcomm. The Village of Dixmoor is one of the original remote site agencies. The 911 Center answers the 911 calls for the remote site agencies and transferred them to that agency for dispatch.

Executive Director Bennett provided a proposal for dispatching services to the Village of Dixmoor, which was half the cost proposed by Calcomm, but Dixmoor opted to sign with Calcomm.

Staff will submit an opt out plan to the Statewide 911 Administrator and work with legal counsel for the surcharge agreements that require modification.

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the Village of Dixmoor's request to opt out of the Cook County's 911 Center.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

EXPANSION PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION WIRING

The expansion project in the conference room is underway. Eight (8) new positions will be added in June 2022. Staff is requesting funding for the following items under our expansion budget.

1. Mercury Systems – Dispatch and office expansion cabling, grounding, Wi-Fi, network electronics. Staff is requesting a not to exceed price of \$125,000.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion and Ms. Morris made the second to approve the dispatch and office expansion cabling, grounding, Wi-Fi, and network electronics for a not to exceed price of \$125,000.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

2. Word Systems – Add eight (8) logging recorder positions for the conference room dispatch expansion project. Staff is requesting a do not exceed price of \$31,000.

Mr. Matthews made a motion and Ms. Morris made the second to approve the purchase of eight (8) logging recorder positions for the conference room dispatch expansion project at a not to exceed cost of \$31,000.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

3. SEICO – The door swipe access additions for new areas were removed from the construction budget and is now being handled by SEICO. New network equipment was required to add additional doors to the system so for efficiency it was best completed at a separate project. The overall construction budget was reduced by this amount. Staff is requesting \$16,998 for this project.

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Kuryla made the second to approve the purchase of additional door swipes for the expansion area at a not to exceed cost of \$16,998.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

4. ABT – Additional video display add-ons for the expansion areas in the conference room dispatch and the construction areas. Staff is requesting funding of \$26,364.45.

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the purchase of additional video displays in the conference room dispatch and construction expansion project areas at a not to exceed cost of \$26,364.45.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

911 CENTER TOUR & PUBLIC EDUCATION

The 911 center hosted a field trip on Friday, April 22nd. Board Members Kuryla and Ryles were in attendance. Staff was able to educate the Junior Sheriff's group on 911 protocols and the various jobs and tasks of employees in the 911 center. The group practiced mock 911 calls and reviewed the questions that a Telecommunicator would ask in this interactive roll play activity. The event was attended by Undersheriff Marlon Parks and First Deputy Chief of Police Terrence Tabb.

Executive Director Bennett added that public education events were routine before the pandemic. The Sheriff's staff and the 911 staff were very engaged and the children seemed to enjoy the roll play games and the tour.

The Executive Director will keep the Board abreast of any future events.

SMART911 VIDEO

The ETSB/Park Ridge video and ETSB/Sheriff’s Police video have been completed. We have received positive feedback from both videos. They will be hosted on social media and the various department websites.

Executive Director Bennett added that we will engage with other agencies this summer to update the videos with information regarding their communities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The April Payment Resolution is attached for the Board’s review.

The significant items to report are;

- Reimbursement to Cook County for Salaries through 11/30/2022 - \$789,400.42
- ABT – Appliances for Construction and Audio-Visual Equipment - \$37,457.45
- Mercury Systems – Max-CT COTS Server Upgrade & Dispatch & Office Expansion Cabling / Grounding / WIFI Network Electronics - \$188,722.53
- Motorola – 1st Milestone Payment 25% of contract for 4 MCC7500 - \$58,121.91
- Construction Inc. – Pay Applications 4 & 5 - \$880,139.26

Total Bills \$2,057,247.26

Ms. Morris made a motion and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the April Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,057,247.26.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Erika Smith, Lauterbach & Amen, reviewed the financial reports for the period. Ms. Smith reported that expenditures are currently exceeding revenues due to the construction project.

The financial report was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 29, 2022, second Ms. Morris.

Roll call vote;

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

Motion carried.

The April 29, 2022 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Next Meeting

June 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Des Plaines, IL 60016

Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst

Date