

Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board Minutes

Illinois Commerce Commission Main Hearing Room
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois
January 7, 2019
10:00 A.M.

The Board met pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M. in the Main Hearing Room at the Illinois Commerce Commission's offices at 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL.

Board Members physically present:

Ralph Caldwell
Juanita Kramer
Sam McClerren
Randy Nehrt
Deno Perdiou
Deb Prather
Col. Kelly Walter

Board Members present by phone:

Karen Boswell
David Clague
Larry Deetjen
Patrick Fucik
Glenna Johnson
David Tuttle
Linda Zerwin

Board Members not present:

None

Welcoming remarks:

Chairman Walter opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M.; the roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

1) Approval of October 1, 2018 Open Meeting Minutes

On Sam McClerren's motion and Juanita Kramer's second, the October 1st minutes were unanimously approved.

2) Legislative Update

None.

3) Annual Report to the General Assembly

The report is due to the General Assembly on March 1, 2019. The Board reviewed a draft of the report and it was recommended that an executive summary be included in addition to a chart of all

grant monies distributed to date. Ralph Caldwell also suggested that the report discuss the need for more funding in the future to pay for the network if the federal grant falls through. He indicated that we might need future legislation to increase the surcharge.

4) Unmanned Backup PSAP Discussion

The Department has not been paying for network costs associated with any new unmanned backups since 2016.

Part 1325.415 (i)(2)(A) provides a mechanism by which systems serving a population of less than 10,000 may request permission to have an "unattended backup" rather than a full featured, manned backup. No 911 Authority has requested permission for an unmanned backup under this Section of the Rules.

There are fourteen (14) 911 Systems that have agreements with a neighboring system for a means of backup, but for redundancy want to have an unmanned backup. For these systems, the 911 Fund is paying network costs for the "backup PSAP trunks for non-system providers" as contained within the definition of "network costs" (see Part 1329.110 Definitions), and the 911 Fund is also paying for the trunks for its unmanned backups.

The Department has always taken the position that it does not need to reimburse systems for network costs that are not necessary for the applicable grade of service. It has challenged systems that are "over-trunked" and have more capacity than needed, even though those costs clearly fall within the definition of network costs. Unmanned backups are not required by the Rules and exceed the applicable grade of service. The Department has the legal authority to withhold payment for unmanned backups.

Therefore, the Department will be informing the 14 systems that currently have an unmanned backup that it will not cover the costs for them after January 1, 2019, unless they send the Administrator a written request justifying the need to keep the unmanned backup in accordance with the process outlined in Part 1325.415(i)(2)(A), and their request is approved.

Ralph Caldwell indicated that Champaign County needs an unmanned backup due to limitations with his immediate backup and he feels that his county is being penalized for having an unmanned backup.

5) Fiscal Update

The Chairman presented the Board with a summary of the Department's spending through January 3, 2019, and the projected spending for the current fiscal year. The cash balance in the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund was also provided.

6) Administrator Update

Consolidation Plans

- Plan Due 1/31 – Hillside, Westchester, Willow Springs, Justice and Forest View Consolidation.
- Plans Due in 2019 (3) – Unserved Counties – Henderson and Stark (Due 3/1) and Fayette Consolidation Plan (Due 7/1)
- Henderson County – Researching options.
- Stark County – Researching options.

	2015	2019	
Unserviced Counties	13	4	
		Hardin	Consolidation Plan Submitted December 14 th
		Henderson	Consolidation Plan Due March 1, 2019
		Pope	Consolidation Plan Submitted December 14 th
		Stark	Consolidation Plan Due March 1, 2019

Consolidation Plan Reviews in Progress

- Union County (Alexander Consolidation) – Plan submitted 11/27. Technical Review completed. ALJ Hearing to be scheduled.
- Saline County (Gallatin Consolidation) – Plan submitted 12/14. Technical Review in progress.
- Johnson County (Pope & Hardin Consolidation) – Plan submitted 12/17. Technical Review in progress.
- Madison – ALJ Hearing – Date TBD

2018 Annual Financial Reports

2018 AFR due January 31st.

2017 Annual Financial Reports

Harvey has not filed.

Directory of Authorized 9-1-1 Systems (Transfer List)

A draft of the Directory of Authorized 9-1-1 Systems will be emailed this week to all 9-1-1 Systems requesting a final review of their information before it is distributed as the final Directory. 911 Authorities who after repeated attempts to obtain their information failed to reply will be listed in the Directory as **INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED**.

GIS

Sub-Committees are working on a NG911 GIS Readiness Checklist, the database schema and Training & Certification Program.

FY19 Grants

- Consolidation Grants – Awarded \$4,485,353.86 for 10 Applicants. Funds not awarded redistributed to 911 Authority.
- NG911 Expenses Grants – Awarded \$3,823,925.20 for 19 Applicants. Carryover to FY20 \$2,380,242.70.

FY20 Grants

- The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY20 Consolidation and NG911 Expenses Grant Programs were posted on December 14th.
- Consolidation Grant = \$5M

- NG911 Expenses Grant = \$8.88M
- \$5.44M for NG911 i3 Capable Hosted Call Handling Eqp and i3 capable multimedia logging recorder system
- \$3.44M for NG911 GIS Projects.

Federal Grant

- The Granting Agencies are the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) & the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA).
- It is anticipated that Phase 2 of the grant application process will open at the start of the year with the release of that the new NOFO which will contain the deadlines and the amount of funding each State qualifies for.

7) 2019 Meeting Schedule

The following Board meeting dates have been set for 2019:

Feb 4
Mar 11
May 13
Aug 19
Oct 21
Dec 9

8) Old Business

None.

9) New Business

None.

10) Public Comment

None.

On a motion by Sam McClerren and a second by Ralph Caldwell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.