

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Illinois 911 Board

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Emergency Operations Center, Monroe County Court Building

Call to Order:

Lynden Prange called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following were present at the meeting:

Kevin Scheibe (Staff/Present)	Rachele Starr (Staff/Present)
Lynden Prange (Present)	John Hanegan (Present)
Dane Luke (Present)	Kim Lamprecht (Present)
Vicki Koerber (Present)	Jason Donjon (Absent)
Jim Maurer (Absent)	Charlie Kujawski (Absent)
Chad Mueller (Present)	Ryan Walker (Present)
Marty Seitz (Absent)	Carla Heise (Present)
Floyd Floarke (Present)	John Guebert (Present)
Joe Krump (Absent)	Brittani Holcomb (Guest/Present)

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes (April 11, 2024):

Motion to approve minutes from February 15, 2024 made by Jim Maurer. Second to the motion made by Ryan Walker. All voted in favor.

Approval of Financial Report:

A copy of the Financial Report (February 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024) is attached. Balance of \$396,624.93. Revenue of \$189,879.13. Expenditures of \$208,240.34. CDs are \$1,348,144.85. Total 911 funds of \$1,744,769.78.

Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Jim Maurer. Second to the motion made by Vicki Koerber. All voted in favor.

Approval of Bills:

A copy of the March 2024 Bill Report is attached with a total for all invoices for \$14,726.81.

- City of Columbia- Cellular data services for the month of March: \$310.44
- Nokia- Technical support for year 2: \$12,994.09
- Active 911- Monroe County EMS subscription: \$47.25
- Dell Technologies- Desktop computer replacement for station #4 MCSD: \$1,375.03

Motion to pay the bills made by Vicki Koerber. Second to the motion made by Kim Lamprecht. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Board Member Revisions: Jason Guebert with the Red Bud Fire Department was set replace Chad Grohmann since his passing. The Monroe County Commissioners will have to approve his appointment, which is set to happen at the following Monroe County Board meeting.

Navigator Conference: Kevin reminded the board that he, along with Rachel and dispatchers from CPD and MCSD, will be attending the conference in Washington D.C. next week (4/15/24-4/18/24).

Text/Video/Picture to 911 update: Kevin said both PSAPs are ready. T-Mobile and Verizon were tested and worked. He said AT&T could not be tested until the FCC approves their letter of recommendation to go live. Kevin has since received an email from the FCC approving their recommendation and AT&T will be tested after Kevin comes back from the Navigator Conference. Solacom and CommTech will provide training to dispatchers, Kevin and Rachel to ensure everyone is familiar with the system. Once it is tested and we can go live, Kevin said he would disseminate that information on social media sites and the Republic Times newspaper. He specified that as of right now, only AT&T customers have the capabilities to send pictures/video via 911. T-Mobile and Verizon have until the end of 2025 to go live with picture text to 911 capabilities. Kevin said light up keyboards and mice were ordered for each dispatch station. This will help ensure dispatch is able to see when a message is received via 911. The volume for incoming messages has been an issue, which Kevin said would be adjusted. It is confirmed that text messages are coming through and being recorded by the Nelson Recording Systems. Lynden Prange asked about other counties successes with the text to 911 capabilities. Kevin said MCSD and CPD will be the first PSAPs to have the capabilities south of Sangamon County, IL. Kevin and other board members spoke about surrounding counties and their issues with being able to go live with text to 911.

911 Signage: Kevin spoke about road signage and when new roads are put in throughout the county, signs need to be installed. In the past, the county paid for the road signs. Rachel said there are approximately 50 roads that need to be re-named. Kevin asked if the board would be willing to allow 911 to pay for the signs and the Monroe County Highway Department/Road Districts would complete installation. Lynden Prange advised some of the fire departments can create road signs and have done so in the past. Lynden proposed having 911 pay for the signs, if the county highway department/road districts would handle installation. Vicki Koerber proposed having the total cost of the signs reviewed on a yearly basis to see what it is costing the 911 board. There was then discussion among several of the board members about which fire departments had the capabilities and what the cost was to create the road signs. Rachel said a bulk letter was going to be sent out soon to approximately 3,000 residences throughout the county without proper road signage. The letter will advise the residents they do not have appropriate signage and will provide information as to where the signs can be obtained. Ryan Walker asked what would happen when a sign is destroyed by an accident or vandalism. The board spoke about this issue and concluded the sign would have to be replaced due to state law. A motion was made by Vicki Koerber to approve payment for signage in unincorporated Monroe County by 911. Second to the motion was made by Kim Lamprecht.

Open Discussion: Floyd Floarke spoke about issues involving hunting shacks in Monroe City and Valmeyer. The shacks did not have addresses and were extremely difficult to locate. Rachel advised all of them needed to have their own individual address. Floyd said the shacks are 4 miles off of KK Rd and the terrain only allows trucks and ATVs to access the property. He said the signage to the property is not satisfactory. Kevin about how the road names were chosen and the importance of not having duplicate named roads throughout the county. Kevin spoke about indoor school mapping and what it all entailed. It will provide all first responders with a 3-D image of the interior of schools. With this system, the cameras in the school will switch over to the 911 system during an emergency which will allow a live feed to dispatch, who can provide updates to responding emergency personnel. Vicki Koerber asked Kevin about switching all agencies to a secure radio channel. Kevin said all responding agencies are ready to switch to secure channels. MCSD PSAP is ready to switch to secure. CPD has older radios that don't have AES encryption software. The AES software has been ordered from Motorola and when it arrives, can be installed within 10 minutes. The shipping date was April 9, 2024, and expects the delivery to arrive anytime. Once all PSAPs are ready, the entire county will go live on secure channels on April 22, 2024. Kevin spoke about a potential House Bill that would allow media to access encrypted radio channels. Kevin stated the radios would have to be provided and programmed for the media to be able to access the secured channels. There was an open discussion from several board members about potential changes for emergency services from OSHA that could cause violations to increase.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Walker. Second to the motion was made by John Hanegan. Meeting was adjourned.