

**Story County 911 Service Board
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023**

The 911 Service Board met on 11/8/2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center.

Story County Board of Supervisors	Latifah Faisal, alternate
Story County Sheriff's Office	Paul Fitzgerald; Nicholas Lennie, alternate
ISU	Not present
Ames	Karen Tapper, alternate
Ames Police Chief	Geoff Huff; Aaron DeLashmutt, alternate
Cambridge	Not present
Collins	Not present
Colo	Dennis Clatt
Gilbert/Franklin	Brian Grove
Huxley	Nathan Albaugh
Maxwell	Not present
McCallsburg	Not present
Nevada	Ricardo Martinez; Ray Reynolds, alternate
Roland	Not present
Slater	Not present
Story City	Matt Sporleder
Westory	Not present
Zearing	Not present
Story County EMA	Melissa Spencer
Secretary	Amanda Pyle
Guests	Nic Briseño, SCSO; Marilyn Mosinski, SCSO; Matt Boeck, Story County GIS Coordinator

Fitzgerald opened the meeting and lead introductions.

Meeting agenda was approved with no modifications.

Martinez made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Second by Spencer. MCU.

911 Surcharge

Pyle sent an email notification to the Board on November 1st about information regarding 911 surcharge. Blake DeRouche, Iowa 911 Programs Manager, advised during the Iowa APCO/NENA Conferences that there could be a push for legislation introduced in the coming session that proposes surcharge changes. An article was released that presented that there is \$57million+ sitting in Iowa 911 Board budgets. DeRouche forewarned of recommendations to change the surcharge passthrough from the current 60% to PSAPs/40% to the state; collect more surcharge from customers or change percentages.

This matter will be monitored. It would be beneficial to share with associations and to educate legislators and representatives about 911 budgets and assigned balances.

Martinez asked if the state would allow 911 Boards to assign funds for future needs. Briseño responded that we *do* assign funds in our budget currently and had been advised by the state to do so.

Project Updates

No specific updates on the StoryComm system.

Agencies should be getting subscriber fee and radio maintenance invoices from StoryComm in the mail if they haven't already received them.

Communications is working with Zetron and RACOM on the final pieces of the text-to-911 recording component.

Board Meeting Cadence

The Sheriff made a proposal to change the Board meeting arrangement to one full membership meeting in February to certify the 911 budget, followed by a Public Hearing. The full membership would give the Executive Board authority to handle business throughout the rest of the year. Executive Board meeting agendas and minutes would be provided to the full membership and meetings would be open for anyone to attend. The arrangement would come with the caveat that members could request a full meeting at any time, which could be scheduled during the next quarterly meeting month, February, May, August or November.

There was no opposition to the proposal. Pyle will send out a reminder with the details to review before the February quarterly meeting. The Board will be asked to vote on the proposal at that meeting.

Old Business

GIS Grant- Matt Boeck, Story County GIS Coordinator, was present on the phone to give an update on GIS courses that were funded with PSAP GIS grant funds. Two, two-day ArcGIS Pro courses were offered to various users in Story County. The training was well attended and successful. Boeck thanked the Board for the opportunity to host.

911 Council Elimination- Pyle emailed a call for action in September after Governor Reynolds released recommendations to change/eliminate many state boards and advisories. The Iowa 911 Communications Council is on the list for elimination. A bill is likely to be introduced in January.

A committee, including HSEMD representation, is being assembled to work on a strategic plan to keep a local group functioning.

911 Funding Grant- Two applications were submitted and approved for the FY23 grant for communications equipment and subscriber fee aid. \$5,497.07 was paid out for subscriber fees. Application details will be announced after January 2024 for another grant offering in the April-May timeframe. There will be some minor changes to application format and budget submission specifications.

APCO Conference Grant- The Board sent three telecommunicators to the annual APCO Conference in August. All feedback was positive. Anticipating approval of training funds in the next budget cycle, we plan to push information out in January for another offering. Conference registration is in April 2024.

New Business

Pyle solicited feedback at the request of Story County Planning & Development about road naming on 580th Ave-Ames. Departments are discussing how to handle addressing and/or renaming of a stretch of dead-end access road (currently County 580th Ave) that will come with the US Highway 30 interchange project. 580th Ave will be moved to the east. The access road could become S. Teller Ave; should Ames number scheme be used?

There was a suggestion to leave the 580th address, make it a Drive, and place a pole marker with addresses or ranges at the access point.

Communications mentioned that from a response standpoint, there would not be an impact either way.

Comments from the Public None

Comments from 911 Service Board Members

Nevada Fire hosted a Junk Yard Dog Extrication and Electric Vehicle Emergency Training on November 4th. Participants gave great feedback; good training with new and useful information. Reynolds mentioned that there would likely be a follow up training.

Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm. Second by Huff. MCU

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary
911 Database Coordinator