

**Story County 911 Service Board
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024**

The 911 Service Board met on 11/13/2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center.

Story County Board of Supervisors	Linda Murken
Story County Sheriff's Office	Paul Fitzgerald; Nicholas Lennie, alternate
ISU	Michael Newton
Ames	Karen Tapper, alternate
Ames Police Chief	Geoff Huff; Aaron DeLashmutt, alternate
Cambridge	Taylor Bassett
Collins	Not present
Colo	Dennis Clatt
Gilbert/Franklin	Brian Grove
Huxley	Nathan Albaugh
Maxwell	Joel Westendorf
McCallsburg	Not present
Nevada	Ricardo Martinez
Roland	Jeff Larson
Slater	Taylor Christensen; Chad Fleenor, alternate
Story City	Not present
Westory	Not present
Zearing	Not present
Story County EMA	Melissa Spencer; Josh Harding, alternate
Secretary	Amanda Pyle
Guests	Nic Briseño, SCSO; Marylin Mosinski, SCSO

Fitzgerald opened the meeting and led introductions.

Murken made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Martinez. MCU.

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

911 Surcharge Update

HSEMD reports that the available state portion of the 911 surcharge fund has dwindled over the last 5-10 years. The department has a plan to introduce a bill that would make changes to help with cited budget strain. Nic Briseño has been engaged in local stakeholder group meetings that have met and discussed the proposal. The proposal, as it stands, involves the least amount of change at the local level.

- Change surcharge from \$1.00 to \$1.20,
- Transition from two surcharge models to have wireless and wireline both under the state; 60/40 split,
- Modify the pay formula that would provide an additional \$6.6mil to HSEMD and \$1.2mil to local 911 boards.

Briseño added that the plan would take over messy legislation pieces with local telephone company fees and mandates. The state would be behind the fight vs each PSAP or local board.

HSEMD is making rounds as not to surprise any group with this proposal for legislation that would come out in session in January 2025. We will keep a close eye on the next 10 years with the state's direction on this front.

In February, the 911 Board was briefed about possible legislation being introduced pertaining to the amount of money in local 911 budgets. Some legislatures (not the executive branch) have raised the idea that 911 has too much money and legislation could put our budgets at risk. Local groups have discussed several reasons why 911 funds should not be taken. HSEMD developed a survey with the help of Iowa APCO and Iowa NENA to gather information from boards about how they plan to utilize budget reserves. The information will aid to educate legislators and combat 911 funds being siphoned for other programs. Story County is one on a list of counties that has a large sum in budget reserves, but we have expensive updates and potential technological costs to plan for.

Old Business None

New Business

By invitation from Zetron, the Sheriff's Office PSAP is participating in a 90-day beta test for an over the top video platform. The platform enables the dispatcher to send a link to a cellular device that would eventually allow the caller to initiate live video stream with the dispatcher. Communications is currently testing out the translate and video functions. They will share feedback and suggestions with Zetron. Communications countywide has an existing relationship with Zetron products and reps.

Comments from the Public None

Comments from 911 Service Board Members None

Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm. Second by Murken. MCU.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary
911 Database Coordinator