

**Story County 911 Service Board
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025**

The 911 Service Board met on 5/14/2025 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	Aaron DeLashmutt, alternate
Cambridge	Taylor Bassett
Collins	Not present
Colo	Not present
Gilbert/Franklin	Brian Grove
Huxley	Nathan Albaugh
Maxwell	Not present
McCallsburg	Not present
Nevada	Ricardo Martinez
Roland	Not present
Slater	Not present
Story City	Matt Sporleder
Westory	Ken Kling
Zearing	Not present
Story County EMA	Not present
Secretary	Amanda Pyle
Guests	– Nic Briseño, SCSO; Marylin Mosinski, SCSO

Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 6:30pm and led introductions.

Agenda approved.

Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing. Second by DeLashmutt. Motion carried unanimously.

911 Funding Grant

The application period closed on Tuesday, April 15th. Two applications were submitted. Colo Fire Department requested \$5,000 to add a radio to an attack truck. Westory Fire Agency requested up to the maximum 50% of their radio subscriber fee total, or 20%. The 911 Executive Board evaluated the applications and recommended that both grants be approved and awarded.

Martinez made a motion to approve \$5,000 to the Colo Fire Department. Second by DeLashmutt. Motion carried unanimously.

Martinez made a motion to approve 20% of radio subscriber fees for Westory Fire Agency. Second by DeLashmutt.

Martinez asked Kling if the fire agency anticipates being able to bridge the gap in the next budget year. His concern and that of the 911 Executive Board is that all agencies could take advantage of the grant.

Kling responded that they recognized the grant as an opportunity to gain some assistance, but Westory does have money in the budget to cover subscriber fees.

Bassett spoke up saying that she feels no agency should be penalized for applying for the grant when it's there for the taking. Murken agreed.

Fitzgerald stated again that the Executive Board recommended that both grants be awarded, adding that there was discussion about the direction of the grant, for hardship. The grant is not intended for ongoing subsidy of subscriber fees.

For FY26, the 911 Board had previously approved the budget to pay 30% of public safety subscriber fees. StoryComm documents that Westory Fire Agency has 14 active radios on the system. The grant award for 20% of additional subscriber fees is \$1,140.05.

Vote on the motion and second to approve the Westory Fire Agency grant request. Kling abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Fitzgerald noted that in the future, any submitting agency will be invited to the 911 Executive Board meeting where 911 Funding Grant applications are being discussed.

Legislative Updates

HSB104, the initial proposal by HSEMD that was highly disfavored by public safety, was killed in subcommittee. HSB332, a second version, is now introduced and still possible to move until the end of session. Briseño and Lennie attended the HSB332 subcommittee meeting. The impact locally would be crippling, with about \$40,000 in surcharge coming out of our budget alone.

HF951 could impact 911 funds on a state level. The bill looks to collect approx. 2 million for grants to counties to repair and replace infrastructure damaged by natural disasters in calendar year 2024. The overwhelming feeling is that appropriations would likely come for local assigned and unassigned 911 funds. Though Story County is in a good position, there is still risk.

Lennie continued that 911 surcharge is a limited pot of money that we share with the state. The state is nearly out of money. We will be fighting this fight next year if it doesn't go through this year. Contributing to subscriber fees is only holding us back from building the capital improvement fund that we need locally to sustain.

Grant offerings will be evaluated each year related to the condition of the budget.

Comments from 911 Service Board Members

Briseño mentioned, concerning the 911 Funding Grant, that description of hardship is the determining factor. If any agency needs clarity on information to submit or assistance, reach out. Don't be afraid to utilize Briseño and Pyle as resources.

Old Business None

New Business None

Comments from the Public None

Kling made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm. Second by Grove. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary
911 Database Coordinator