

**Story County 911 Service Board
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025**

The 911 Service Board met on 11/12/2025 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 Newon; Carrie Jaconbs, alternate
Ames	Tom Hackett
Ames Police Chief	Geoff Huff; Aaron DeLashmutt, alternate
Cambridge	Not present
Collins	Not present
Colo	Dennis Clatt
Gilbert/Franklin	Tom Kepley, alternate
Huxley	Nathan Albaugh
Maxwell	Not present
McCallsburg	Not present
Nevada	Ray Reynolds, alternate
Roland	Not present
Slater	Not present
Story City	Matt Sporleder
Westory	Not present
Zearing	Not present
Story County EMA	Not present
Secretary	Amanda Pyle
Guests	– Nic Briseño, SCSO; Marylin Mosinski, SCSO; Amber Paull, Ames PD; Louis Johnson, ISU DPS

Fitzgerald, joining virtually, opened and proposed that Lennie lead the meeting. No objections.

Quorum determined.

Introductions in the room and virtual attendees.

Huff made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Hackett. Motion carried unanimously.

Hackett made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May and August. Second by Huff. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Updates

SF659 was signed into law, including a provision (Division XII) that allows state 911 to invoice PSAPs for delivery of 911 calls. A coalition of public safety associations advanced recommendations for a modified solution to surcharge and funding. The coalition will do outreach in preparation to push the recommendations in the next legislative session. Local agencies are urged to do their own outreach – a one-page information sheet has been circulated by Iowa APCO and NENA.

The recommendations are:

- Establish a \$1.15 surcharge baseline.

- Adjust the allocation split to 55% local/45% state for FY27 and FY28, then returning to 60% local/40% state.
- Implement an automatic annual increase to the surcharge.

The coalition also aims to have the Division XII language removed or modified.

The Iowa DOGE Taskforce released a report in October with recommendations that are of specific concern to 911. 2C, cited on pages 97-98 of the report, recommends developing a small number of standard service regions, no more than ten. It specifically mentions that public safety dispatch could be managed regionally by the state.

Iowa APCO and Iowa NENA released a joint statement about the implications of regionalization on local 911 services asking for opposition of Recommendation 2C.

Briefing on Consolidation Study Concept

Briseño mentioned that there are about 12 state associations on the referenced coalition. Lennie, Briseño, Pyle, and Mosinski, among others, are members of associations in that group. From our material expertise and interests in 911 at the state level, we have seen a state and national push towards regionalization. That issue, plus the push from the state to take local money, has sparked internal discussions about future planning.

The 911 Board currently holds a contract with consultants to tap for information. Briseño reached out to our contact for cursory information on what a feasibility study may look like, process and timeline wise. He requested a quick estimation to share initial information with the board. Mission Critical Partners swiftly produced a 44-page proposal for consolidation study addressed to the Sheriff's Office.

A consolidation study was conducted over 20 years ago that is very outdated. Gaining refreshed information and insight now would help us along the road that we'll likely have to go down. No action needs to be taken at this time but know that the conversation is coming.

The 911 Executive Board has seen the full proposal from MCP. Newton said that he visited with his attorney and ISU is not in support of the document based on the way it is written. The document reads that it is a final document. The study states that ISU agrees to the study, which it does not. ISU is uncomfortable with the language.

The group agreed that the document language needs to be modified to suit all. The Executive Board was tasked to build key points, needs and wants for a proposal.

Murken- We may know more about the DOGE recommendations to the legislature by February. We need to know if a study is even necessary.

Lennie- We could see forced, internal or state pressure to restructure. I would rather make changes on our terms by forecasting and planning ahead. We may find that consolidation doesn't make sense at all, but either way we would benefit from the report with knowledge and some answers. The trends and pressure are real.

The intent of the agenda item was not to agree to move forward with MCPs proposal, but to spur the conversation.

Murken- Should there be an RFP once the Executive Board builds the list of needs? Any RFP language should come to the full service board before being released.

Murken moved to refer the issue back to the Executive Board for further clarification on what kind of study we would like and what questions should be answered. Second by Huff. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business None

New Business None

Comments from the Public None

Comments from 911 Service Board Members

Reynolds mentioned that his department currently has no less than ten radio batteries that are cracked on the back. He asked that the board consider replacements for batteries, clips, etc. through the 911 Funding Grant. Nevada has benefited from the grant in the past and Reynolds thanked the board for that equipment.

Huff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7.25pm. Second by Hackett. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary
911 Database Coordinator