



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

March 21, 2025
10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Michael Kuryla
Mr. John Matthews

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services
Mr. Evan Stahlman, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen
Brent Baccus, Mitchell Titus
Bolanle Babatunde, Mitchell Titus

Guests in attendance virtually;

Vaibhav Amble, Mitchell Titus

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 7, 2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Absent
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – MARCH 2025

Executive Director Bennett informed the Board that the item related to requiring CPR does not apply to Cook County E9-1-1 since we no longer provide emergency medical dispatch (EMD). On April 29th, we will go to Springfield for a “9-1-1 goes to Springfield” event regarding a surcharge increase. The last increase was in 2017 and has remained stagnant. Executive Director Bennett has talked with colleagues and everyone has been experiencing a significant drop in surcharge of approximately 10% overall with no explanation.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

INDOOR SCHOOL MAPPING GRANT UPDATE

The first phase of the project is complete. GeoComm will provide PDF maps for all the agencies to host on our pages. Executive Director Bennett gave the Board a demonstration of the application, including how to distinguish the different floors and room labeling, as well as how to view entries and exits, corridors, cameras, emergency utility shut offs, and more. Once the maps are hosted, we will schedule operations meetings with all agencies to go over the application. The first phase consisted of 83 schools. The second phase consists of the remaining 37 schools which will be added throughout 2025-2026.

Mr. Cornier asked if the officers will be able to access the maps from their mobile computers, to which Executive Director Bennett answered yes. The maps will be in the premise information on every call for dispatch at any of our schools. He then displayed our webpage for the Board to demonstrate and explained that we will host as many maps as possible, including maps from other vendors. Additionally, we have a plotter at the 9-1-1 center so we're able to print maps for a command room.

Mr. Cornier asked if the maps will be shared with the fire departments that fall into our jurisdiction. Executive Director Bennett advised we'd share the maps with the dispatch centers if there's an incident at one of our schools because the fire departments do not share our technology. Also, soon all schools will need to have panic alarms. We are working with our police departments and their schools to be part of the process to ensure we get the alarm information quickly and correctly from their vendors.

Mr. Kuryla asked if it's possible for the schools that are outside of our jurisdiction to have their schools mapped. Executive Director Bennett advised that they could contract GeoComm or another vendor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FY2024 AUDIT DRAFT REPORT

Mr. Baccus and Ms. Babatunde from Mitchell Titus (MT) presented the FY2024 audit draft report. Mr. Baccus advised that the scope is to express an opinion, and report to the Board the results. The ETSB's internal controls are appropriate; reasonable judgements and consistency have been used. There were no repeats of the prior deficiency reported in FY2023.

Ms. Babatunde continued. It was a better audit than last year as there were no repeat of the deficiencies reported last year. The ETSB's accounting policies are in line with GAAP. Surcharge receivables are estimated because State is always late by a few months. There were no uncorrected adjustments. The requested adjustments were much lower than last year at \$118,000 versus \$700,000 due to streamlining processes. As for other matters, there is a management letter deficiency comment because of the inventory process. Inventory was at a standstill due to all the remodeling and renovating that

took place in Maywood and Des Plaines over the last few years. To correct this matter, the ETSB will implement an inventory procedure and conduct a full audit of inventory in FY2025. MT noted no conditions that would indicate substantial doubt on ETSB's ability to continue another year as a going concern.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to release the FY2024 audit draft report to the County.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Absent
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

MARCH BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The March Bill Payment Resolution is attached for the Board's review.

The significant items to report are;

- CDW-G for 18,588.17 – Majority is equipment for on-boarding Olympia Fields and to replenish inventory
- Cook County Sheriff for 155,652.96 – Pass through for dispatching services
- FGM Architects for 320,400 – This amount covers the cost for the first four invoices for work completed on the Crestwood Expansion Project
- Motorola for 295,613.55 – Majority is pass through; \$1,150 is for the Motorola Summit in May

Total Bills \$ 857,746.39

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the March Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$857,746.39

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Absent
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The focus was on the audit, which took a lot of work and hours to complete. Lauterbach & Amen will present two months of financial reports at the April meeting. Mr. Stahlman added that there was no activity out of the ordinary and that all the adjustments for the audit have been finalized.

Additionally, Executive Director Bennett advised we were notified that the banks denied the two surcharge checks that were forged. State is pursuing through the Illinois Attorney General, and we are pursuing the issue on our end with Brian Tracy from the State's Attorney's Office.

Executive Director Bennett revisited the Worth call received via Live 911 discussed at last month's meeting. At the time of Worth's call, Des Plaines was in the process of being cutover. Shortly after the cutover, Des Plaines received a call through Live911 regarding an ambulance request for a subject that was not breathing. The officer arrived with an AED and revived the person prior to the ambulance arriving. We've had two success stories using Live911 in a short amount of time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Cornier made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 21, 2025, seconded by Mr. Matthews.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Absent
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent

Motion carried.

The March 21, 2024 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting

April 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

9511 W. Harrison, LL11

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Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services Date

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