



**Cook County  
Emergency Telephone System Board**

**January 16, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier  
Mr. Timothy Doherty  
Mr. Thomas Fleming  
Mr. Tom Gadomski  
Mr. Art Jackson  
Mr. Michael Kuryla  
Mr. John Matthews  
Mr. Art Robles  
Mr. Kevin Sisk

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director  
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration  
Mr. Chris Lienhardt, Director of Fire Operations  
Mr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Support Services  
Ms. Megan Kinsella, Director of Operations  
Mr. Ryan Kelsey, Astound Business Solutions

Guests in attendance virtually;  
Mr. Evan Stahlman, Lauterbach & Amen  
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Kuryla made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Gadomski	Yes
Jackson	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Robles	Yes
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT – JANUARY 2026

Mr. John Kelly’s report is as follows;

The Legislature is due to resume the 104<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session on January 13, 2026, for the Senate and January 20<sup>th</sup> for the House. Final introduction of bills will be in February. The surcharge increase legislation drafted by INENA and ILAPCO, House Bill 4066 and Senate Bill 2670, will be introduced and both associations will be seeking support from the 9-1-1 community to gain the needed surcharge increase. At this time, I am not aware of any other potential legislation affecting the 9-1-1 community.

The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on January 12, 2026. The Advisory Board approved the proposed revisions to Part 1325 of the Illinois Administrative Code and the formal administrative rule approval process will be forthcoming. The Advisory Board has begun strategic planning for the 9-1-1 system and has solicited input from the 9-1-1 community relative to that process and the issues affecting 9-1-1 in Illinois. Further discussion of that Strategic Plan is on the agenda for the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Advisory Board will also be discussing the required GIS updates and the schedule for those updates.

There has been no action at the federal level on either the efforts to reclassify telecommunicators or funding for NG9-1-1. The National Emergency Number Association will be hosting “9-1-1 Goes to Washington” from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup> in an effort to solicit legislative report for these issues.

Executive Director Bennett advised we have talked with people at the Sheriff’s Office about the house bill and senate bill regarding the surcharge increase. We are working through a target list of elected officials. An increase will benefit all our contract agencies, as well as the ETSB.

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

### CONSOLIDATION UPDATES

Executive Director Bennett advised that he has talked with many agencies about coming to our 9-1-1 center in both north and south areas of the county. Bellwood is the latest agency to sign for police and fire dispatch. An IGA has been submitted to Melrose Park and Stone Park. Des Plaines Fire will be coming over in September, and the other Division 20 agencies are scheduled for later in the fall.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction at Crestwood has been moving quickly. We will be meeting with a couple of vendors there after today's board meeting. We have been working with Sheriff's IT to get networking installed to connect with our agencies.

The flooring project in Des Plaines is moving into Phase 4, and construction for the expansion is scheduled to begin on Monday.

### BELLWOOD RESOLUTION

Executive Director Bennett requested a motion to approve the Village of Bellwood joining our ETSB.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cornier, to add the Village of Bellwood to the Cook County ETSB.

#### Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Gadomski	Yes
Jackson	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Robles	Yes
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

## BYLAWS UPDATE

Executive Director presented a redline document of the bylaws. The only change is to add the Village of Bellwood to the bylaws. There was no discussion. A vote to adopt the bylaws as presented will be taken at the next meeting.

## MC7500E RADIO CONSOLES

CenCom combined with Lakecom recently in 2025. CenCom is decommissioning their old 9-1-1 center and has eight MCC7500E consoles. The consoles were installed at a cost of over \$900,000 a few years ago. We can purchase the consoles with all equipment for \$315,000. These consoles will be installed in the old Des Plaines training room. Staff is recommending this purchase at a significant discount. There will be a separate charge from Motorola installing and programming these consoles.

Mr. Sisk made a motion, and Mr. Robles made the second to approve of \$315,000 to purchase eight additional radio consoles.

### Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Gadomski	Yes
Jackson	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Robles	Yes
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

## CAD-to-CAD GRANT

The CAD-to-CAD project has continually stalled since the initial approval by the State in July of 2024. Despite countless meetings with Central Square, they have been unable to connect to Cook County CAD since July 2024. We have made formal notification to the State that we are withdrawing from this project. Executive Director Bennett will discuss options for CAD-to-CAD funding in the future with the Statewide 911 Administrator.

## RAVE LINK AND COLLABORATE

Executive Director Bennett gave a presentation on this at the last meeting. This technology ties CAD to our mass notification system to automatically send a notification to pre-determined groups when an incident in CAD fitting specific criteria occurs within a geographical boundary we draw, such as around a school. We anticipate this being available sometime this summer.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### JANUARY BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

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

The significant items to report are;

- CenCom E9-1-1 for \$315,000 – 8 Complete MC7500E Consoles with Accessories
- Cook County Sheriff for \$1,478,215.27 – Pass through for Dispatching Services
- GeoComm for \$18,947.50 – Final payment for GIS project from 2023
- Insight for \$111,952.70 – Equipment to on-board Riverdale, replace old equipment for Berkeley, add consoles at Maywood (to move to Crestwood), and replace old monitors
- Mercury for \$459,393.49 – Majority is for Maywood 6 AIOs (to move to Crestwood) and replacement of 5 AIOs for Des Plaines expansion

### **Total Bills \$ 2,429,192.99**

Mr. Gadomski made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the January Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,429,192.99.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Gadomski	Yes
Jackson	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Robles	Yes
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Stahlman from Lauterbach & Amen presented the financials.

