



# Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

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May 15, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

## ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier  
Mr. Timothy Doherty  
Mr. Thomas Fleming  
Mr. Thomas Gadomski  
Mr. Arthur Jackson  
Mr. Michael Kuryla  
Mr. John Matthews

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director  
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration  
Ms. Megan Kinsella, Director of Operations  
Mr. Arthur Jackson, Retired Executive Director of ETSB

Guests in attendance virtually;

Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

## MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 30, 2026, as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

MAY 2026

Mr. John Kelly's report is as follows;

The Illinois Legislature has entered the last month of the Spring Session. They are due to adjourn on May 31<sup>st</sup> and both the House and Senate will be in session until then. Both the House and Senate bills seeking an increase in the 9-1-1 surcharge have been sent to Committee and it is doubtful that there will be any movement on either bill this Session. The feeling as expressed by the legislators is that no legislator in an election year wants to be seen as supporting any kind of tax increase. The Illinois State Police radio interoperability bill (HB 5369/SB2946) are also still in Committee with no floor action pending. Senate Bill 3798 which makes changes to the CESSA law has moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate. The Joint Illinois NENA and APCO Legislative Committee has provided significant input on the language and as of this week, we can support the changes.

The Statewide 9-1-1 Board is scheduled to meet on May 18, 2026. The Board is heavily involved in the development of a 9-1-1 strategic plan for the State of Illinois. The consultant for the State held a meeting to elicit input from 9-1-1 professionals on the plan in Schaumburg on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

On the federal level, the National Telecommunications and Infrastructure Administration (NTIA) released a report on the cost to implement NG9-1-1 on a nationwide basis on April 29, 2026. The NTIA estimates the cost at \$9.7 billion. It is hoped that this report will generate some additional interest and support for federal funding for NG9-1-1 implementation. While there have been discussions with Congressional staff about some legislative action, there is nothing pending in Congress at this time. Additionally, there has been no movement on the Telecommunicator Reclassification bill in the House.

Executive Director Bennett added that he has discussed the surcharge increase with our partner agencies and stressed the impact the increase would have. The NENA and APCO boards think this should pass in the fall.

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

### CONSOLIDATION UPDATES

Executive Director Bennett informed the Board of the tentative schedule for on-boarding new agencies in 2026 and early 2027.

### CRESTWOOD BUILD UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett advised the furniture and flooring are tentatively scheduled in June. He was there this morning discussing the camera system for interior and exterior cameras and will be meeting again on Monday to discuss wiring. He has been there with County IT to coordinate the installation of the County Wide Area Network (WAN), as well as with Comcast to discuss fire station alerting. The IT room will have some racks for County IT to place equipment.

## CRESTWOOD UPS

Kramer Data Power and Mitsubishi handled the installation of our UPS a few years ago in Des Plaines and continue to perform our annual maintenance. They are familiar with the necessity of not losing power in the 9-1-1 center. We received a quote from Zonatherm, also. Their quote was much higher than Kramer Data Power, and they were not experienced with a 9-1-1 center's nuances. Mercury was unable to quote Eaton because Eaton was backed up with AI data centers.

Mr. Matthews asked if Zonatherm offered something extra or missed something when providing the quote since it is significantly higher than Kramer Data Power. Executive Director Bennett answered that they quoted lithium batteries, which we are not going with, and he also believes they over-quoted due to not being familiar with our needs or KVA usage. He added that there will be additional costs for Palos Electric through the Village of Crestwood to complete the UPS project.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cornier, to approve a purchase order for Kramer Data Power with a do not exceed cost of \$120,000.

### Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

## DES PLAINES EXPANSION UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett advised the project is near completion. He will share more details during the FY27 grant awards agenda item.

## FIRE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett is requesting approval for Image Trend RMS. The one-time interface cost of \$3,500 is for the initial integration, and the total reoccurring cost is \$7,000. Total cost approval is \$10,500. The on-going costs may increase as we bring on additional fire departments.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve \$10,500 for Image Trend RMS.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett is requesting \$7,500 for CAD integration costs to interface with First Due RMS.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, to approve a one-time CAD integration cost of \$7,500 to interface with First Due RMS.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

### MERCURY SYSTEMS

Executive Director Bennett is requesting Board approval for the PRI buildout in Maywood at a cost of \$14,439.82. The PRI buildout will give extra capacity while using the Maywood phone controller with 23 additional conversations.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, and Mr. Jackson made the second to approve \$14,439.82 for Mercury Systems for the PRI buildout in Maywood.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett is requesting Board approval of Fire Station Alerting network equipment at a cost of \$46,599.17. This equipment is for fire station installations for upcoming fire operations.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve of Fire Station Alerting network equipment at a cost of \$46,599.17 through Mercury Systems.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

### FY27 GRANT AWARDS

Executive Director Bennett advised we applied for two grants for FY27.

The consolidation grant included costs for the majority of the Des Plaines construction. We were awarded \$874,586.35. The expansion included adding 8 more positions, bringing us up to a total of 44 consoles. The center looks awesome and has impressed visiting agencies during walk-throughs. The space demonstrates our preparation for the agencies we have scheduled to cut over in upcoming months. He recognized the staff members involved with the project's success.

The NG911 grant included the cost of a recorder at the Maywood center. We were awarded \$151,900, which covered most of the cost; maintenance is not eligible for grant funding.

Additionally, Executive Director Bennett was approached by the Sheriff's Office to apply for the federal JAG grant. We applied for radio infrastructure grant funding. The radio consoles we currently use are MCC7500s and Motorola is going to Access Consoles. We are looking to upgrade our consoles down the line. Our center provides agencies with resources by patching radio bands for carjacking task forces, gaming issues, and more.

### COOK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REQUEST FOR SERVICES

Executive Director Bennett advised that our 9-1-1 center works with Animal Control regularly and many of our agencies utilize their services. They are currently working with a private vendor for their call-handling and reached out to us to discuss handling their calls. We are in the process of putting together a bid for them. Through RapidSOS, we can offload some of our non-emergency calls using their AI system. The system will take their calls and generate the activity for us. Animal Control is on board.

### RAPIDSOS/POWERPHONE TOTAL RESPONSE

Executive Director Bennett recommends a trial for non-emergency call handling and analytics. We currently use ECaTS for analytics, which we have had since 2015. They provide a lot of call-answering times and other statistical data but have been bought several times and we have not seen much development. We think that doing a trial with RapidSOS from now until the end of the year would give us good insight on their ability to provide detailed analytical data.

The trial would run until 12/19/2026 at a 54.88% discounted cost of \$9,331.03 for both. This cost was determined based on the call volume for Animal Control. Future options are scalable at a non-emergency call handling rate of .60 cents per call.

Mr. Matthews asked for clarification that this trial is purely an extension and that nothing has changed. Executive Director Bennett confirmed this is an extension without change, then added that PowerPhone was rebranded as Total Response, and the company was later bought by RapidSOS. This is the same company that went through the AI-security approval process with IT.

Executive Director Bennett requests approval for a one-time set up cost of \$4,000 for analytics and \$1,000 for non-emergency call-handling, along with the cost of the trial of \$9,331.03. The total amount requested for Board approval is \$14,331.03.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve \$14,331.03 to RapidSOS for the trial and one-time set up fees for non-emergency call handling and analytics.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES/PAYMENT STATUS

Executive Director Bennett provided the Board with an update on agencies with outstanding invoices and their payments. To avoid these issues moving forward, we have added a provision to all our IGAs addressing non-payment. We have the right to bring in the Sheriff's auditors to audit an agency's financials if they go over 60 days behind without payment.

ALARM MONITORING RFP

Executive Director Bennett has worked with States Attorney Brian Tracy on a proposal request for alarm monitoring. Executive Director Bennett is requesting Board approval to release the request for proposal (RFP) for bids.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve of the release of the RFP for alarm monitoring bids.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### MAY BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

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

The significant items to report are;

- Construction, Inc. for \$121,762.00 – For the Des Plaines Expansion
- Cook County Sheriff for \$808,031.04– Pass through to the Sheriff for Dispatch Services
- County of Cook for \$989,432.32 – Second (Final) payment for FY25 ETSB Salaries
- GeoComm for \$91,785 – Previously approved payment for GIS and MSAG Services
- Motorola for \$97,489.43 – Previously approved payment for Staging Environment & Radio Parts
- Reliable Fire for \$30,204.18 – Majority is for the Crestwood Build
- Village of Crestwood for \$292,180 – Materials and Labor for the Crestwood Build

**Total Bills \$ 2,531,690.14**

Mr. Matthews made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the May Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,531,690.14.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Lauterbach & Amen presented the April 2026 financial report.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jackson shared a story about a paper he wrote when he was in school on the consolidation of services. The focus was that communities, governments and police departments in particular, could not afford their own 9-1-1 systems. He received feedback that it simply would not happen.

One of the most significant things he and his team accomplished was having the former State Superintendent approve of Cook County Sheriff's Police using the Des Plaines center for their 9-1-1 Communications rent-free if they agreed to allowing Illinois State Police's 9-1-1 Communications to utilize their CAD system. This was the catalyst for what Executive Director Bennett has been able to achieve.

Mr. Jackson said he applauds the Board for all that they have done and continues to do for the center and the citizens of Cook County. He is truly impressed and happy that his dreams for the consolidation of services have come to fruition.

Executive Director Bennett thanked Mr. Jackson and replied that he had Mr. Jackson's old office where he and Ms. Shereen Gamble would conduct their meetings. They went over a lot of historical documents, one of which was the CAD agreement with the State. There has been a lot of growth and expansion since then. Executive Director Bennett said he has gone to conferences in the past where they talked about Next Generation 9-1-1 being the future and now that is the 9-1-1 system we use today. We have found that all the resources Cook County has to offer, along with large cost-savings and cutting-edge technology, have been game changers in consolidating services.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 15, 2026, seconded by Mr. Cornier.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

The May 15, 2026 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

### ***Next Meeting***

***June 12, 2026***

***10:30 a.m.***

***9511 W. Harrison St***

***Des Plaines, IL 60016***

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Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration

Date

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