Cook County
Emergency Telephone System Board

October 2, 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
Mr. Arturo Robles
Mr. Kevin Sisk

Staff in attendance;
Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration
Mr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Support Services
Ms. Megan Kinsella, Director of Operations with K9 Joey

Guest in attendance virtually;
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Matthews made a motion, and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 21, 2026, 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

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The September 2026 Legislative Report, provided by John Kelly;

The Illinois Legislature is not in session and will not return to Springfield for the Veto Session until November. Most legislators are at home for the campaign and election. INENA and ILAPCO are continuing to contact legislators to solicit support for a surcharge increase when the Spring Session starts in January of 2027. Support from both Democrats and Republicans is crucial to moving the surcharge increase forward. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board has approved the Illinois 9-1-1 Strategic Plan and will formally adopt it at its September 28th meeting. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, October 21st during the Illinois Public Safety Telecommunicators Association Conference and will have copies of the plan available at that meeting. Importantly, the number one priority for 9-1-1 in the Strategic Plan is funding. Both the United States Senate and House of Representatives will be out of session after this week until after the midterm elections. No action has been taken on either Telecommunicator Reclassification or NG 9-1-1 funding.

Executive Director Bennett has had discussions with the Sheriff's Office's legislative affairs unit and local chiefs in order to gain support for the surcharge increase. Efforts will continue.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSOLIDATION UPDATE
Executive Director Bennett informed the Board that we are currently waiting on Comcast for networking at 130 E Thacker. Current ETA is early October. Ongoing training continues with fire operators and call takers.

ONGOING SOFTWARE PROJECTS
Executive Director Bennett advised the Board that ASAP implementation is currently in progress with Mission Critical Partners and Motorola.

Additionally, GovWorx's Assist implementation is waiting on Zetron integration while Discovery is waiting on the NICE recorder to sync with our central archiving server.

NICE RECORDER
Executive Director Bennett is researching options for system refresh. Additional information will be gathered during the upcoming IPSTA conference in October.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Lauterbach & Amen presented the September 2026 financial report.

FY2027 BUDGET DRAFT
Lauterbach & Amen presented the FY2027 operational and capital budgets.

Executive Director Bennett explained the pending items that will have a large impact on our overall budget. These items included reminding the Board that surcharge revenue is difficult to predict and there is no process to audit the data. There is potential to cut agencies over sooner than anticipated, which would allow us to realize their surcharge revenue earlier on in the year, increasing our revenue for several agencies. We do not budget for the NG911 special distribution since it is not guaranteed and the amount, if received, is unpredictable year to year. Moving 4 ETSB budgeted salaries over to another fund effective 12/1/2026 is under discussion, which would largely impact our second salary payment in FY2027. While it does not appear the surcharge increase will be approved in fall, it may go through in spring of 2027. The surcharge increase would raise our surcharge revenue a great deal. Lastly, we do not budget for grant funding in the grant revenue account due to State's fiscal year running July 1st through June 30th. The timing of finalizing our budget prior to the beginning of our fiscal year and State announcing grant awards do not align. A large amount was budgeted in Crestwood capital so that we are eligible to apply for grant funding.

BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

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

The significant items to report are;

- Cook County Sheriff for $886,603.64 – Pass through to the Sheriff for Dispatch Services
- Insight for $131,099.00 – Majority for MDT equipment to on-board agencies
- Motorola for $275,980.03 – Des Plaines Expansion, CenComm Radios, and IDOT Pass Through

Total Bills $ 1,383,685.17

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Robles made the second to approve the October 2026 Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of $1,383,685.17

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
K9 Joey and Director Kinsella were certified by the Illinois Training and Standards Board to join their CIT Crisis Response Therapy Canine deployment team.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
Mr. Sisk made a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 2, 2026, seconded by Mr. Matthews.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

The October 2, 2026 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting
November 10, 2026
10:30 a.m.
13820 S. Cicero Avenue
Crestwood, IL 60418

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Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration Date