

**SALINE COUNTY 911 BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

November 30, 2023

The Saline County 911 Board met at the OEM Building on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Saline County Judge Matt Brumley
Benton Mayor Tom Farmer
Benton Fire Chief Russ Evans
Bryant Police Chief Carl Minden
Bryant Interim Mayor Rhonda Sanders
Saline County Sheriff Rodney Wright
Saline County OEM Director Jerry Cohen
Benton Police Chief Scotty Hodges
Saline County OEM Fire Service Coordinator Stuart Duke
Pafford Ambulance Operations Manager David Chreene

Board Member Absent:

Bryant Fire Chief JP Jordan

Others attending meeting:

Communications Manager Staci Winberry, Assistant Communications Manager Deanne Owen, Saline County Comptroller Angie Drummond, Saline County Attorney Kolton Jones, Bryant Police Asst Chief JW Plouch, Bryant Fire Asst Chief Brandon Futch

The Saline County 911 Board meeting was called to order by Saline County Judge Matt Brumley at 1:02 pm.

Saline County Judge Matt Brumley presented the minutes to the board from last meeting on October 10, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Saline County Sheriff Rodney Wright and 2nd by Benton Mayor Tom Farmer. Minutes approved.

Equature Recording Upgrade: Equature is the recording system for all the radios located in the 911 dispatch center. The upgrade will be for the additional 8 - Bryant radios with a cost of \$9,620.00. Equature is needing a contract signed 33 days in advance to ensure they will have it in place by January 1, 2024. The warranty is for one year and there would be an annual contract with Equature.

Combiner Update: Saline County OEM Director Jerry Cohen gave an update on the combiner. He advised that Motorola emailed him that the combiner would not be shipped until February 2024. They are hoping this date can be moved up but not guaranteed. You cannot put the 8 Bryant radios in until the combiner is in place. According to the information provided about the combiner, the contract for Equature would not need to be started until the end of January. This would be an expense that will be coming up that the board needs to be aware of. Saline County Judge Matt Brumley asked 911 Director Staci Winberry to find out from Equature, if we could get a pro-rated contract from the time we start

recording the 8 additional radios to the expiration / renewal date of our old contract, then combine the 2 contracts into one. County Judge Matt Brumley asked if anyone had any other anticipated cost that the board needs to be aware of? 911 Director Staci Winberry stated, that she thinks this will be the last one. There was discussion that the board go ahead and make a motion to approve the amount up to \$9620.00 for the contract instead of tabling it until a later time. This amount will need to be added to the budget for year 2024. This expense will be a general operating expense and be split 3 ways according to the percentages previously voted. Saline County Comptroller Angie Drummond stated the percentages would be 33% Benton, 19% Bryant and 48% Saline County. A motion was made by Bryant Mayor Rhonda Sanders to add the \$9620.00 to the budget for year 2024 and 2nd by Benton Fire Chief Russ Evans. Motion approved.

Consolidation Update CAD2CAD Interface: Saline County OEM Director Jerry Cohen stated that they met with the Motorola project manager and discovered that what we (911) and Bryant thought was CAD2CAD – Southern CAD going straight to units on the street in Bryant is not correct. What the vendors Southern and Spillman are saying that CAD2CAD is, it would go from Southern CAD to Spillman CAD and then somebody would have to put the call out on Spillman and pushed out to the mobile units (it would have to be assigned on the Spillman CAD). We have 2 options: (1) Everyone go to Southern (2) We have the CAD2CAD written and the dispatcher for Bryant PD is on the Spillman CAD putting out the Spillman calls in our communications center (all dispatchers would have to learn both systems). Director Cohen says his personal opinion would be put Spillman on all computers at no cost. Initially, all calls for Bryant PD will be entered into Spillman, and dispatched off of Spillman. Once the CAD2CAD is completed in 12-14 months, all calls for Bryant PD will be entered into Southern, pushed to Spillman and dispatched off of Spillman. A motion by was made Benton Mayor Tom Farmer and 2nd by Bryant Police Chief Carl Minden to move forward with training of all dispatchers on both CAD systems as soon as possible, putting CAD's on consoles, sign contract to have CAD2CAD interface built within 12 – 14 months, coming up with a plan to have Bryant Police Department in the Saline County Emergency Communications Center as soon as possible. Motion approved.

County Judge Matt Brumley give a copy of the draft 911 budget for 2024 to the 911 board members. Full time salaries - \$20,000.00 more than in year 2023. Original 2023 budget 2.656 and draft budget 2024 without the \$10,000.00 addition is 2.559 on expenses. There have been cuts put in place due to volume and staffing. Part was due to salaries for OEM, telephone lines, one-time expenses for consolidation & reducing salary positions – there are no frozen positions for year 2024. Quorum Court has entertained a possibility of a COLA for 2024 – budget does not included Cola of \$125,000. If COLA is approved the amount will be added to the budget for Year 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bryant Mayor Rhonda Sanders by 2nd by Benton Mayor Tom Farmer. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.