

**RICHLAND COUNTY 911 ETSB MEETING
AT THE OLNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/TRAINING ROOM
JANUARY 28, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.**

ETSB Members Present: Cynthia Given, Joe Greifzu, Andrew Hires, Kevin Parker and Chris Waller
ETSB Members Absent: Jessica Clark and Daron Harmon

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and taking roll call with Vice-Chairman Joe Greifzu presiding.

Andy Hires made motion to accept Order of Business with no changes. Kevin Parker seconded motion.

Cynthia Given made motion to approve December 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Andy Hires seconded motion. Ayes carried.

The Admin rules are currently with legal, first edition to JCAR. Corey plans to finish dispatch CAD project tomorrow. The "Be The Difference" conference in Knoxville, TN Jan. 25-28 that Megan was going to attend was postponed to July 2026 due to weather. Waiting to find out if Megan can go then or see if registration can be held over to next year. The State 911 Administrator's Office recently sent out a 911 Statistic Plan survey to PSAP representatives. Mandy stated State is trying to get input for the strategic plan and what 911 looks like for the next three years. Mandy will see if Missy and Daron have interest in filling survey out. If anyone else is interested she will forward it.. It is due Feb. 3, 2026. CSI had a meeting Jan. 21st to get updated on data refresh project. They got three weeks slotted in March and hope to go live March 16th. The annual financial report to State by end of January has been completed and submitted. The CESSA subcommittee had a meeting earlier this month. Missy and Mandy will continue to meet with cohort group which meets twice a month. They continue to discuss CESSA. UIC and State Admn released an updated tool kit that reflects changes to responses. Still have concerns of response times for Mobile Crisis Unit and our concerns of needing resources in our area have been addressed. State 911 Bureau sent out an email stating to be eligible to receive surcharge money need to have own FEIN# that matches checking account. Mandy found the County FEIN# was used for grants. She will check everything out to avoid losing surcharge money.

Bills presented:

Visa Card Services	\$ 446.00	
Miller Office Equipment	244.85	
Omnigo	13,967.13	Bi-Annual CAD maintenance & ProQA interface
Mandy Brown	192.40	

Kevin Parker made motion to pay bills presented. Andy Hires seconded motion. Ayes carried. Mandy stated the interest on Illinois Funds of \$3,355.83 for November 2025 was not reflected on last months revenue sheet. The total interest income for November 2025 was \$3,471.95, and if any board member wants a new revenue sheet showing November interest she will make a copy.

Sheriff Hires reported that Ashley Mullins who used to be a dispatcher was going to come back as a part time dispatcher, but a full time dispatcher had to be released so Ashley is working on getting her initial EMD certification and will start as full time Feb. 4th. Dispatch now has 10 dispatchers including Logan Muston and Holly Hamilton, a soon to be retired OPD officer and used to be a dispatcher as part time.

As of January 2026, State 911 Administrator's Office requires WTH GIS data to be submitted to data hub monthly. WTH currently submits it annually. If we don't submit data monthly we will have a reduction on surcharge money. State Adm has scheduled our agency to submit every month. WTH got involved and they want \$500.00 a month to submit data monthly, if we don't have a submission in a month we will not be billed, so they would bill quarterly. WTH is going to send agreement for us to look over. Mandy thought maybe try for three months and maybe it would be something Corey could do. But WTH stated it takes 6 to 7 hours for each county and have to have ESRI license which cost money if do on own. State tabled until next State Advisory Board meeting Feb. 9th.

December 28, 2025 we had a power outage, dispatch center and computers went down. Corey had an electrician come in and look over UPS system. Believe it is a battery issue. Corey is recommending replacing UPS, it is 20 years old and no longer supported. The batteries were replaced in 2020, if just replace batteries for approximately 4 to 6 thousand, there would not be any warranty, Ninety-nine per cent is used for dispatch center. In 2020 cost was a four way split. The electrician gave two quotes one is for \$36,211.00 for a 20 kW UPS and \$42,211.00 for a 30 kW UPS. The large one had additional head room for growth and is thought to be compatible to what using now. The Richland County Board just received this information yesterday and it is believed they will discuss at their next board meeting. 911 Board members tabled until Richland County Board discusses, but may have to buy batteries if loose power and UPS goes down again.

Chris Waller left meeting at 9:25 a.m. There is a small generator in dispatch that does not work. Board members discussed and their opinion was to not fix it if get big one. Mandy gave Corey information on Mary Heath grant for up to \$20,000.00, but it is not due until around May.

Mandy stated the Eventide recorder is coming due for replacement. Board has discussed before and it was budgeted for an upgrade in this years budget. She asked State 911 Administrator about NG911 Expenses Grant, but we don't qualify because we got up grade in 2019 from legacy. Eventide no longer offers support for our system and parts are limited. Mandy stated if 911 board approves, she will start working on getting quotes, she is sure there are a ton of options out there such as video pictures, Rapid SOS and AI software.

Mandy said Dennis Kapper, 911 auditor stated he was starting to incorporate 911 audit with county audit. Board members discussed and decided it has always been done separately because 911 has it own board not under county board. Also 911 Administration could require us to provide an audit. Board members thinks it is alright if he wants to incorporate in county audit for them to have a copy, but 911 needs a separate audit.

Sheriff Hires stated have four confirmed contract sites for radio project-Claremont, Parkersburg, E J Water and Ginder Farms plus two sites in Olney. Trying to get information that is needed for tower foundation and cost of moving tower from Noble to Wakefield. There is a structural engineer that is working in Jasper County that charges \$2,000.00. Sheriff Hires stated that Chopper from Global is going to apply for FCC license, which could take a few weeks or up to six months.

Cynthia Given made motion to close meeting. Kevin Parker seconded motion.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Olney Fire Department meeting/training room.