

**RICHLAND COUNTY 911 ETSB MEETING
AT THE OLNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/TRAINING ROOM
FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and taking roll call with Chairman Daron Harmon presiding.

Cynthia Given made motion to accept Order of Business with no changes. Jessica Clark seconded motion. Ayes carried.

Cynthia Given made motion to approve January 28, 2026 meeting minutes and February 9, 2026 Special meeting minutes. Jessica Clark seconded motion. Ayes carried.

The CAD Station Project has been completed. Still trouble shooting some internet and modem issues. Mandy stated the 911 Statistic Plan survey that was due 2-3-26 only had a 21% response. The draft was reviewed by the State Advisory Board members and a few concerns with data were clarified. It is believed they collected feed back that will be used to help find the direction of 911 in the next three years. The draft for the annual report to General Assembly was presented. Comments and concerns are due back by March 2nd for approval by State Advisory Board on March 9th. There was a "911 Goes to Springfield" meeting yesterday and they are still pushing surcharge increase.

Bills presented:

Visa Card Services	\$ 554.00	
Saline-Gallatin 911	327.73	CSI Equip. Ins.
Richland County Treasurer	15,500.00	FY 26 1st quarter
Kapper & Company Ltd.	2,200.00	
Mandy Brown	178.40	

Andy Hires made motion to pay bills presented. Chris Waller seconded motion. Ayes carried.

The State 911 Administrator sent email to all 911 ETSB agencies in order to receive surcharge money agencies had to have own FEIN# checking account. Mandy has found that county has FEIN# that has been used for grants. 911 has a FEIN#, but she is not sure it is active. State first required information 2-27-26, but Monday the State Advisory Board extended to July 2026. Mandy is checking to make sure surcharge money is not being deposited in County FEIN# account. If so will probably have to close account and open new account under 911 ETSB FEIN#. May also have to have a more extensive audit; file separately. She is working on finding out if 911 FEIN# is active and current in order to qualify for grants and be able to continue receiving surcharge money.

Arrow Ambulance supervisor has requested we share our GIS data fire district layer and base layer. They are building out a new CAD. WTH stated they can work up a limited use data agreement. It is believed there would not be a cost, but if so 911 Board agrees Arrow Ambulance would be responsible. Andy Hires made motion 911 will share their GIS data fire district layer and base layer with Arrow Ambulance but at their expense. Jessica Clark seconded motion. Ayes carried.

Sheriff Hires stated Radio Project has got all sites identified and four sites are contracted. Working on getting price for erecting tower at Wakefield. It will probably be 10-15 thousand to erect tower. FCC licenses on secure sites have been applied for and that could be a few weeks or up to 6 months. It is believed it will be by end of summer before get FCC license and get tower constructed. Global says their program shows we will have 95% coverage on mobile portables inside single wall residence, but not sure until project is completed. The tower at Noble was too short; so looking at buying a used or new tower at least 100 ft. tall.

The State 911 Administrator put out a new schedule for updating GIS data from one or two times a year to monthly for counties our size. WTH stated it is willing to present an agreement but it would cost \$500.00 for each month we have data to upload. Mandy stated there usually is at least one address change monthly. State Administrator revisited schedule but it did not help county our size. WTH stated could bill at end of each year and there would be no charge if have 2 or 3 months with no data change. Mandy has ask WTH to send a copy of agreement to see what it looks like. Right now everything is in holding, eventually have to decide.

On February 9, 2026, 911 held a special meeting to discuss the UPS at Richland County Sheriff Office. It is an uninterrupted power source between power outage and when generator kicks on. In December 2025, during a storm lost power and UPS did not kick on. The UPS is 15-17 years old and is obsolete and the batteries were replaced 5-6 years ago. 911 Board voted at special meeting to pay up to \$2,500.00 of the \$36,200.00 cost out of 911 contingency line in budget for new UPS. The Richland County Board approved purchase of UPS. Cynthia Given stated needed to get clarification on if county board plans to pay for or ask other agencies to help pay. IT Corey has put temporary UPS's on workstations and UPS closet. Sheriff Hires stated did a generator check every six months and last time checked everything was fine.

Mandy stated the 911 audit has been completed and she emailed it to 911 board members.

Chairman Harmon stated he has had a lot of conversation in the last month with Missy about dispatch training. It is believed JCAR is going to be sending some stuff out. It was pointed out there is not a lot of in person training close to Olney which creates a problem of dispatcher being gone more hours and overtime pay. Board members discussed the overtime cost for training and if 911 could figure out a way to help with training cost in order to better our 911 dispatch. It was also discussed there is not a lot of fire and police training out there. There seems to be more online training offered but a lot of it is medical. Board members agreed training has to be the right training. Now with rotating shifts may start seeing where training is needed. EMD training is required and there is step by step training for the medical side. At this point there is no protocol in place for fire and police training. Board members discussed if there was training available for in class training or if there were simulating tools available rather than on line training. Board members believe there is a need for monthly training but most training is online; need to make sure training topics are correct. There might need to be a training officer in dispatch.

Cynthia Given made motion to adjourn. Jessica Clark seconded motion.

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