

**RICHLAND COUNTY 911 ETSB MEETING
AT THE OLNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/TRAINING ROOM
August 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

ETSB Members Present: Jessica Clark, Joe Greifzu, Daron Harmon, Andy Hires and Chris Waller

ETSB Members Absent: Cynthia Given and Kevin Parker

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

Andy Hires made motion to accept Order of Business with no changes. Joe Greifzu seconded motion. Ayes carried.

Joe Greifzu made motion to approve June 24, 2026 and July 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Jessica Clark seconded motion. Ayes carried.

At the State level, State TC's and Supervisor Training have gotten 15 models finalized. There is a leadership scholarship opportunity that was released for any TC planning on going to IPSTA Conference for a TC to register for a chance at free registration and housing. Ashley Mullins has applied; do not know when selection will be released. Mandy stated the APCO Conference was a great opportunity for her to get continued education hours to use for certification along with her ENP re-certification which expires in October. There were over 200 vendors on the floor with a lot of networking. The Alerting certification has been reissued by IPAWS, it has been uploaded in Code Red. Mandy has policy on her desk to give to Sheriff for his approval and get Alerting Project finished. Mandy has started on the 2027 budget, she plans to reach out to Kevin to go over, she hopes to have ready for approval at the next 911 meeting. CESSA update-had a call from Joey with Life Links, he is CESSA RAC 6 chairman at State level for our region. Our sub-committee meets every other month, but they are putting a bunch of new requirements on sub-committees that committee has to follow. They are giving sub committees the ability to disband, if want to. Mandy will send out requirements to sub-committee, and at their September meeting they can decide if they want to disband. JULIE (as in to dig) requested our GIS data. We signed an agreement with WTH in 2021 and it is an automatic renewal as long as we don't terminate WTH. So request for our GIS data can be submitted directly to WTH. Sheriff's Department is using Click-It software as their e-citation vendor. Click-It is also asking for GIS data access to the road names and intersections in Richland County. Daron and Mandy have discussed the many requests 911 is now getting for GIS data. Chairman Harmon asked board if they would approve he and Mandy make decisions on requests, sometimes they are time sensitive, then report to board in order to streamline request. There is no exchange of money, if money involved would bring to board.. Fire departments vendor, Omnigo, Arrow, basically all emergency services, JULIE, gas company, and water department have all been approved to get GIS raw data not data from internet. The raw data can not be altered or changed. Chris Waller made motion to allow 911 Board Chairman and System Manager to approve GIS data requests, then report request information to 911 board. Andy Hires seconded motion. Ayes carried. Mandy is trying to get Protocol 41 for EMD implemented by the end of the year to assist with mental health 1st party callers. It cost \$100.00 per TC. Mandy met with Nelson Systems representative while at APCO conference and discussed the recorder replacement. Nelson Systems has sent a quote and will be going over with them. The new data centers going in are driving up the cost of recorders.

Bills presented for July 2026:

INdigital	\$3,240.00	annual Mevo Anywhere Kit
Mandy Brown	108.30	

The July claims were paid, but not approved by board due to not having a quorum. Joe Greifzu made motion to approve July claims. Chris Waller seconded motion. Ayes carried

Bills presented for August 2026:

Visa Card Services	937.80	
Miller Office Equipment	254.85	
WTH Technology	4,428.00	annual consulting & support
Megan Steber	867.06	"Be the Difference" conference
Mandy Brown	394.80	

Mandy pointed out the claims for Megan Steber's meal expense to "Be the Difference" conference did not have itemized meal receipts for some of her meals. Board members discussed and decided to only pay meal expenses that had itemized receipts. Andy Hires made motion to pay claims presented except for Megan Steber's meals that did not have itemized receipts, but would amend once itemized receipts were presented. Joe Greifzu seconded motion. Ayes carried.

The Omnigo annual renewal quote was \$30,727.72. It was noted in the past 911 has paid biannually. There is no discount if pay in full. It is going up 10% unless sign a three or five year agreement. Joe Greifzu made motion to pay 1/2 of the \$30,727.72 annual renewal. Andy Hires seconded motion. Ayes carried.

Logan Muston of the Olney Fire Department found a 160 foot self supporting tower in Clark County, IL-free for the taking down. Sheriff Hires and tower guy went to Clark County to look at tower. Tower guy stated it was perfect. He gave an estimate of \$17,375.00 to tear down tower, and put up at Wakefield site on a 10 foot concrete base. Tower guy wanted 70% of estimated cost to get started. Sheriff Hires stated the \$12,000.00 plus had been paid. Tower guy was to have started but due to medical reason he will start September 3rd. Sheriff Hires said there was to be \$350,000.00 paid out of seizure money toward radio project, and \$338,000.00 has already been paid. He stated may just eat the 12 thousand plus to make \$350,000.00. Sheriff stated there would probably be 3 or 4 thousand due when get tower up and final bill, at that time probably ask 911 to cover balance. Daron emailed Darin Deters, Global project manager the last of August. Daron read an email he received back. Mr. Deters stated Global has everything needed from us. They have started licensing, finding clear path way with no obstructions at specific towers and find frequency at sites that nobody is on. Mr. Deters stated phase can be lengthy. He stated they do not usually give updates unless a problem. Daron asked him if project would be finished by Christmas, he would not give a completion date. Kevin McCormick, Noble fire chief, plans to put radio on Noble-Wakefield tower, he asked Daron if 911 had the ability to help with base radio cost, Board members discussed giving ownership of Wakefield tower to Noble-Wakefield fire. Board members stated might think about helping in some way if 911 is allowed to do so. Board members discussed looking in designated encrypted channel, cost and best channel to go with. It is believed Sheriff P25 or OPD channel might be best so dispatch could have switch to turn on and off. Board members believe it appropriate to do more looking into.

The work on the UPS replacement of the large batteries for the uninterrupted power source between power outage and when generator kicks on has been completed, and all entities have paid except 911. 911 was responsible for 40%-\$14,884.40, JED's 30%, public safety 20%, and sheriff 10% based on usage of UPS. It was pointed out the UPS was put in when jail was built and cost was included in cost of building jail; now it seems like every cost is split by percentages. Andy Hires made motion to pay 911's 40% of \$14,884.40. Chris Waller seconded

motion. Board members decided to take out of capital equipment budget line item. Roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting yes.

The 911 office printer is on the brink. Mandy stated she had replaced toners, and googled how to work on. IT Corey brought in a scanner for her to use. Board members discussed and they advised her to purchase printer that is needed for 911 office as long as it is within budget.

It was reported that JED's had discussed funding for dispatch at their meeting. There was a discussion about 911's budget for 2027 to match what ambulance pays. It is believed they pay amount of highest paid dispatcher plus benefits, which is around \$90,000.00. 911 is now paying \$65,000.00. Board members discussed that they believe a fair amount would be to use cost of all ten dispatchers salaries with benefits to arrive at average cost per dispatcher. 911 board will visit again when doing 911 budget for 2027.

Andy Hires made motion to adjourn. Joe Greifzu seconded. Ayes carried.

The next meeting will be September 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Olney Fire Department Meeting/Training room.