

MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Members Present: Chairman Mike Chandler, Mike Burg, Ron Cooley, Daniel Schirding, Jason Huffman, Neal Starkey, Dave King, and 911 Coordinator John Balster.

Meeting was held at the Menard County Courthouse Board Room and was called to order by Chairman Chandler at 18:00.

Chairman Chandler presented the Consent Agenda, motion to accept by Huffman, second by Starkey, motion passed.

Chairman Chandler presented the meeting minutes from August 24, 2026, Cooley motioned to accept, Huffman seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes from August 24, 2026 with no changes.

Chairman Chandler presented the financial report and expenditures. Huffman motion to accept, Schirding seconded, motion approved.

911 Update: There was one change to the budget for the liability insurance. Dara Worthington stated that the carrier had increased rates and the ETSB Board new total was \$10,500. Cooley motioned to approve new budget numbers and Starkey seconded. Motion passed.

Balster stated that 2 CD's are up for renewal, \$100,000 (12 mo) and \$50,000 (12 mo). King motioned to renew at Petefish Skiles for 9 months at 4.01% since this is best rate. Schirding seconded, motion approved. There also was discussion on checking into the FDIC insurance coverage for all monies invested in CD's. Balster stated that the Board now has a FEIN number that was required by 911 to track investments.

Balster received an e-mail from Zoning director Joe Crowe about new owners of the trailer court on Mary Todd Lane and Lincolnberry and a request for new addresses there. The property is in the city of Petersburg. It was sent to Schneider for addresses.

County Board has authorized payment for volunteer boards of up to \$50 per meeting. After discussion and checking into the statutes, 911 boards are not eligible for pay.

Balster stated we are still waiting on equipment for Oakford radios and his laptop.

PSAP Update: Starkey stated that Johnson Controls and Hansen Information Systems were working at the jail/dispatch.

Hearing of citizens: None

New Business: None

Old Business: Still waiting for information back from Mission Critical in regards to RFP's.

Special Committees: Nothing to report.

No other 911 business noted and Cooley motioned for adjournment, Chandler seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 18:22. Next meeting October 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burg, Secretary