

MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING-MEETING OF AUG. 17, 2026 CANCELLED

AUG 24, 2026

Members Present: Chairman Mike Chandler, Ben Hollis, Mike Burg, Ron Cooley, Dalton Whitley, 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 Vice-Chairman Cooley at 18:00.

Chairman Chandler presented the Consent Agenda, motion to accept by Cooley, second by King, motion passed.

Chairman Chandler presented the meeting minutes from June 15, 2026, Hollis motioned to accept, Huffman seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes from June 15, 2026 with no changes.

Chairman Chandler presented the financial report and expenditures. Whitley motion to accept, Starkey seconded, motion approved.

911 Update: East Bluff addressing issues. A residence in East Bluff subdivision had a Beacon address of 1506 E Bluff Circle. Most other residences are 2 digit in that subdivision due to addressing by City of Petersburg. Owner had been using 26 E Bluff Drive to receive mail. Due to residence facing E Bluff Circle, the easiest solution is to make address 26 E Bluff Circle. Balster will speak with Beacon about the change. Discussion on future changes in this subdivision and other along Curtis Blacktop to align with correct addressing for the City and County. Board may need to send letters about the upcoming changes to reflect correct 911 addresses.

Recording system needs to be upgraded. Hollis spoke of an interface with CAD that could provide the incident numbers for the call and possibly integrating the call number on other data related to the call. This would save time for dispatchers and make it easier to locate data for that particular incident. Cost of the interface is unknown at this time. Recorder replacement is around \$59,000 for 5 years of maintenance included. King motioned for approval of up to \$68,000 for recorder and possible interface. Huffman seconded, motion was approved. Hollis will check on cost of interface to possibly be included.

Sheriff's VHF channel in Oakford sustained storm damage in June and insurance provider sent check for \$18,060.01, which took into account a \$5000 deductible and depreciation. GTSI

provided bid of \$30,880.01 for repair and replacement of needed parts. All repairs will be compatible with future digital systems. Huffman motioned to accept bid and have GTSI do service, King seconded, motion passed. Note: GTSI is 45-60 days out on repair.

ATT is scheduled at Jail on September 8 for cut-in and testing. Need to make sure lines are being recorded. Hollis will contact Nelson to make sure they monitor and see if recording is being done correctly. Starkey and Huffman will also be there.

PSAP Update: Hollis is checking for vendors that do 911 policy and SOP's. This is important due to new mental health hotlines being mandated for 911. CassComm has put fiber optics in Jail and linked to Annex and Courthouse. Looking at them for possible land line phone backup to ATT due to numerous outages. Mission Critical wants to set up Zoom call about next project.

Hearing of citizens: None

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Special Committees: Nothing to report.

No other 911 business noted and Huffman motioned for adjournment, Starkey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 18:40. Next meeting September 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burg, Secretary