

MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2025

Members Present: Ben Hollis, Mike Burg, Ron Cooley, Dave King, Daniel Schirding, Chris Henderson, Mike Chandler and 911 Coordinator John Balster.

Meeting was held at the Menard County Courthouse Boardroom and was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ron Cooley at 18:04.

Vice-Chairman Cooley presented the Consent Agenda, motion to accept by Hollis, second by King, motion passed.

Vice-Chairman Cooley presented the meeting minutes from November 17, 2025, King motioned to accept, Hollis seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes from November 17, 2025 with no changes.

Vice-Chairman Cooley presented the financial report and expenditures for November. King motioned to accept report and Schirding seconded. Motion passed.

911 Update:

Need to follow up with the City of Athens regarding the addressing issue and MOU.

PSAP:

Hollis motioned to place the yearly dispatch fee at \$1000 per agency with a 5% increase per year. Schirding seconded and motion passed.

Hollis discussed purchasing a cell phone with Verizon service for the PSAP due to numerous outages with ATT and 911 service. This would be a safety net in case of outage and PSAP would be able to have communications. Henderson motioned and King seconded. Motion approved.

Discussion on new basic computer for PSAP to log into and review Pro QA calls. Henderson motioned to purchase, Schirding seconded, motion passed.

Hearing of citizens: No citizens present at meeting.

New Business: Discussion on producing an "equipment list" with dates of purchase to track the age of some of the equipment at PSAP.

Old Business: Held the meeting with Mission Critical and Balster took consultant to some of the agencies to look at their equipment and facilities. GTSI still needs to place 2 Starcom radios at PSAP for Menard EMS and Athens FD.

Special Committees: Nothing to report.

No other 911 business noted and King motioned for adjournment, Schirding seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:34. Next meeting January 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burg, Secretary