



**SOUTH DAKOTA 9-1-1 COORDINATION BOARD**

**(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME**

**Via Teams**

**Board Members Present:** Chase, DeNeui, Eich, Kabris, Leon, Serr, Sutton, Toomey, Turman, Wollmann.

**Board Members Absent:** Olson

**Staff Present:** Jason Husby, State 9-1-1 Coordinator, Dawn Hill (DPS), Scott Rechtenbaugh (DPS),

**Others Present:** Deb Skonberg (Marshal County 911), Logan Roehr (Marshall County 911), Thomas Reese (Meade County 911), Eddy Rose (Digital Twin Imaging or DTI), Elliott Barnes (DTI), Oliver Barnes (DTI), Konrad Schmidt-Grimminger (DTI), April Denholm (Lake County 911), Julia Day (Butte County 911), Troy VanDusen, Anthony Buss (Metro Communications), Sam Stanforth (Metro Communications), Cindy Gross (Central South Dakota Dispatch), Kara Semmler (SD Telecommunications Association), Maria Bell,

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01PM Central Time by Serr. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Husby noted there needs to be a correction to item 5 – the Senate Bills listed should be 46, 47, 48 (instead of 67, 68, 69).

Motion to adopt the agenda as corrected.

Moved by: Toomey      Seconded by: Wollmann

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

DeNeui noted the vote count in Item 3 (Approval of October 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes) is shown as 01 yeas, and it should be changed to 9 yeas.

Motion to approve the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes as amended.

Moved by: Kabris      Seconded by: Chase

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Condition report and remitted summary**

Husby provided board members with the current condition report and remitted summary. Of note, FY25 expenditures were lower than previous years even with the expenditures for GIS clean-up. The GIS clean-up project is wrapping up and Husby will provide additional details on that topic when we get to it on the agenda.

Husby expects the expenditure amount to increase next year to account for the PSAP grant program. DPS Finance staff added the Efficiency Grant Summary category to the bottom of the condition statement at the board's request. Once the grant is awarded, DPS Finance staff will enter the totals so the board can see the grant balance. The \$257,00 commitment is the amount awarded for the Spink County radio project. Husby plans to present any future grant requests to help with efficiency/consolidation to the Admin Subcommittee and further consideration by the board.

Husby noted some contractual costs are higher due to the efficiency study last year and the system testing that is being completed.

\$13.4M was distributed to counties and another almost \$1.5M was distributed per statute as an incentive to eligible PSAPs. Total distribution to local governments was \$14.9M. This amount will also increase this year due to grant fund distributions.

Pre-paid wireless remittances for the last two months were lower than normal. There has been a steady decline in this area, which is consistent with what's happening nationally. Husby has reached out to the SD Department of Revenue and will review submissions for the later part of 2025.

#### **V. Current Legislation Regarding Update of Open Meeting Laws (Senate Bills 46, 47, and 48)**

Husby advised the board about Senate Bills 46, 47, and 48. These bills primarily deal with posting of an agenda and insuring there is proper notice to the public. One bill would require all agenda items to be finalized 72 hours prior to a regular or special meeting. Husby said the 911 Coordination Board has always operated in this manner. He received detailed instructions from Maria King (former SD 911 Coordinator) about agenda posting and she followed the process as well.

Senate Bill 47 updates some areas regarding executive session. The potential legislation would change verbiage from "Cyber security plans, computer, communications" to "Communications network schema, computer systems, cyber security plans." Husby will continue to monitor the bills as they work their way through legislative session.

Leon asked about the legislative requirement to cover open meeting laws annually during a board meeting. Husby indicated we did that during the October meeting, so we are in compliance.

#### **VI. City of Sioux Falls Metro Communications Grant Requests**

- A. Grant Modification Request - Husby advised Sioux Falls Metro was awarded \$1,017,904.54 in grant funds from the 911 Coordination Board's lawsuit with ComTech. He provided a copy of the letter for the initial grant award, which also included the amounts they have already spent. Since the initial award, there was an approved reallocation to help fund Automatic Call Distribution and costs to move to the new 911 Center. There have been some delays in spending the grant since March 2021, as Metro has experienced significant changes (they built a completely new PSAP, were moved under the City of Sioux Falls as an agency, and experienced a change in finance management with the City of Sioux Falls).

Husby has been working with Metro Communications and the City of Sioux Falls to finalize their grant balance. Sam Stanforth is the finance officer who manages Sioux Falls Metro. He and Husby have worked to ensure prior expenditures were accounted for and Sam has submitted a letter to

utilize the final balance of \$569,653.31. Husby feels all the requests are well within the core responsibilities of the PSAP. He also feels Metro is looking to use the money towards technology and programs that will increase efficiency.

Husby noted Metro wanting to become Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) would place them in elite company. For perspective, in August 2025, Pennington County 911 received their Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) Accreditation. They were only the 81<sup>st</sup> EFD accredited agency in the world. There are over 5,700 PSAPs in the US.

Metro's grant was previously approved by the board. This is not a new funding request. Their remaining balance has essentially been sitting in the Coordination Fund since it was awarded.

Sam Stanforth, Business Analyst for the City of Sioux Falls finance office reviewed the request to reallocate \$263,144.38 for purchase and implementation of the Fire Priority Dispatch System and reallocate \$31,860 for implementation and first year license of the Rapid SOS communicator module. They would then request to revert \$25,200 back to the 911 Coordination Board to cover a portion of the costs associated with the addition of two 911 phone positions. The remaining \$249,448.93 would be reallocated to replace/upgrade recorders, which are getting old. Stanforth thanked the board for their time and consideration.

Serr asked if there were any questions from the board. There were none.

- B. Add Two Positions at Metro Communications - Husby then discussed Metro's request to add additional 911 positions at their main center. He looked at position counts statewide and, even with the number of positions Metro currently has, they have the highest number of calls answered per position. Typically, the highest call volumes in the state are Metro, Pennington, Mitchell, and Watertown. Husby has a working document that details this information if the board would like to see it.

Tony Buss, IT Systems Analyst for Sioux Falls Metro Communications, explained the reason for their request for two additional positions. They currently have 22 positions and would like to expand to 24 positions. He explained the additional positions would provide increased capacity during critical events in the area, helping with training of new staff, would allow for smoother shift transitions and provide operational flexibility during periods of equipment maintenance or upgrades.

Kabris asked if we know the number of calls that overflow or fail at Metro. Husby indicated with the automatic call distribution, they run 100%. If all dispatchers are on calls, they go on hold (ACD backlog), then their wait times increase. Kabris indicated he was just making sure two positions were needed.

Turman asked if this is the additional cost to the Board per month for these positions or if they pay part and we pay part. Husby answered the PSAP pays non-recurring expenses, and the Board typically covers recurring costs.

Serr thanked Metro for coming forward and working on a proposal to close out their old grant balance.

Motion to approve City of Sioux Falls Metro communications request for reallocation of their grant balance and add two 911 call taking positions at their main center.

Moved by: DeNeui      Seconded by: Turman

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. GeoComm and Digital Twin Imaging quote for integration of indoor mapping**

Husby became aware of a technology that develops high-definition indoor mapping of buildings. When telecommunicators receive a 911 call from a large structure, their current view is the roof. Husby wants high-definition indoor maps available to telecommunicators as quickly as possible. He has been working with Digital Twin Imaging from Sioux Falls, as they are mapping schools and other buildings in South Dakota. The challenge is taking a large amount of data and making it accessible in a program telecommunicators are already using. Husby thought someone else was probably already doing this, but that is not the case.

He has shared a pilot program proposal with board subcommittees. Right now, all Brown County schools have been mapped by DTI. The DTI maps would need to be ingested by GeoComm, then GeoComm would put the data into a format that works with Rapid SOS. DTI has an excellent portal responders can use to view incredible amounts of data, but it could take telecommunicators time to navigate the portal while answering a 911 call and directing responders. Husby feels putting the data into a program they're already using would significantly expedite response times. Responders on-scene could access maps via the portal for prolonged events. Husby indicated Elliott from DTI could provide a demonstration for board members, if they'd like.

Husby worked with a few companies on this. GeoComm provided the lowest cost quote and has the existing relationships to make it happen. Having the data with GeoComm would also potentially allow sharing of the DTI data to other programs, such as CAD vendors, that our dispatch centers are using.

Husby doesn't know that the board would fund this for all schools, but he felt we need a proof of concept. Future requests for schools and buildings could have these costs built in or be noted in future homeland security grants applications, as an example.

Serr asked which subcommittees saw the proposal. Husby replied the Technology Subcommittee saw it first, then the Admin Subcommittee. Husby learned late last week that mapping of the Midco Arena had been completed. He revised the pilot proposal to include Brown County (schools) and SF Metro (Midco Arena). The quote provided by GeoComm has been updated to reflect the addition of SF Metro.

Serr indicated he felt the additional cost to have both was fair. Toomey said he saw two demonstrations from this company and this technology is a game changer. He thinks the pilot project is the way to go and is 100% in support of this.

Serr asked if board members had any questions. Eich felt we absolutely need to look into this technology and starting with a pilot project is the way to go.

DeNeui asked about the process to format the data. Husby indicated the data would need to be normalized into a format our existing systems can recognize.

The quote provided shows \$25,383 which would normalize all the Brown County schools and Midco Arena data and store it for access at GeoComm. There is a cost of \$1,741 to maintain the data for the amount of time the board feels is appropriate.

Motion to approve moving forward with the indoor mapping pilot project.

Moved by: DeNeui      Seconded by: Turman

Discussion: Sutton will abstain as he is also a member of the Brown County Commission.

Vote: 9 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion carried unanimously.

### **VIII. Part time employee for 911 Coordination Board**

Husby would like to explore the possibility of hiring a part-time employee. He feels a part-time employee could benefit PSAPs. One area where they could provide assistance is with compliance reviews. Husby feels compliance review are designed to ensure compliance but also help PSAPs implement better policies, training procedures, and provide ongoing coaching. Due to significant changes regarding FCC orders and technology implementation, Husby is looking for board approval to explore the possibility of hiring a part-time employee to help with the compliance reviews, policy, training and coaching aspects. Husby would also need to work with DPS on this to make sure it aligns properly.

Serr indicated this possibility has been talked about during recent Admin Subcommittee meetings. Historically, there has been an additional FTE in DPS associated with the 911 Coordination Board. Serr asked if the employee would be a state employee or contractual. Husby was thinking it would be a state employee.

Kabris asked if the employee would be permanent part-time or seasonal. Husby thought it would be a seasonal hourly employee (not benefited). He thought it could turn into a situation where he might possibly return to the board to ask to make it a full-time position.

Serr asked Husby what he needed from the board today. Husby said he'd like a motion to approve exploring a proposal to add a part-time employee. He would present a final plan to the board at a future meeting.

Motion to direct/allow 911 Coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety to draft a proposal for a part-time seasonal employee to assist with compliance reviews and other technical duties as needed.

Moved by: Turman      Seconded by: Sutton

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

### **IX. Pennington County Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) charges**

In March 2023, the board approved Automatic Call Distribution monthly recurring expenditures for Metro Communications and Pennington County. We just found out the monthly recurring expenses for Pennington were never added to the state's bill when Pennington County received a bill. The cost is \$1,348.58 per month. Husby has discussed this with some board members for historical perspective and with former 911 Coordinator Maria King. Husby found the board meeting minutes where this agreement was reached. Because it was a contractual matter, it was discussed in executive session during that board meeting, so Husby does not have specific notes, but the motion does show approval of \$21,067.49. The cost to add

additional positions to the new Metro Communications was \$18,070.33. The Metro ACD is \$1,648.58 per month, which leaves \$1,348.58 per month for the Pennington County ACD, for which the board was never billed. The expenditure was originally approved in March 2023. Husby wanted the board to be aware that we'll need to back pay the billing.

#### **X. Next Gen 911 Update**

- A. Marshall County
  - i. New PSAP: Marshall County has moved into their new PSAP in Britton. The board had provided temporary network to their temporary offsite location. Husby will be cancelling those costs with Lumen. Their new 911 equipment was installed with the move by our NG911 technicians.
  - ii. Brown County assistance/MECH capability: During the move, Brown County housed Marshall County telecommunicators. Marshall County was able to answer their 911 calls from Aberdeen, and they did additional work for radio interoperability. This highlights the ability of PSAPs to remotely answer calls in South Dakota. There was great teamwork between Brown County and Marshall County. Clay County PSAP also moved this fall. In that case, Yankton 911 took Clay County calls and then worked with them to dispatch. Recently, a Yankton 911 telecommunicator was honored with a life-saving award for her efforts in saving a Vermillion woman during this time. Husby said this is why we do what we do to promote and help with interoperability.
- B. National Next Gen 911 NASNA Map: Husby showed the current NextGen 911 map and how NG911 is being deployed nationally, and where South Dakota is at with their deployment.
- C. GIS
  - i. GIS Clean-Up Status: Husby provided the current status of GIS clean-up and said GIS clean-up is essential for location-based routing and generally moving our state forward with mapping, caller locations, and providing telecommunicators with the best information possible during calls. The board has spent or reimbursed \$174,500 in GIS clean-up costs. Husby reviewed a map showing the current status of South Dakota counties and PSAPs. Kabris asked what the light blue color on the map indicated. Husby said it means that county has some errors to clean up. Husby assured Kabris that Brookings County is working to clean up the errors.
  - ii. I3 Routing PSAPs: Husby provided a current status of PSAPs who use geospatial call routing and who will be moving to this next.

#### **XI. PSAP Consolidation Update**

- A. Miner County: Husby advised the Miner County Commission is moving forward with a contract with Lake County 911 to consolidate services. Husby has been communicating with the Lake County 911 Director and Miner County 911 Director. He believes they may have finalized all the quotes needed to ensure communications and dispatching of calls are handled. He expects a grant application from the entities in the future.
- B. Sanborn County: Husby advised Sanborn County is completing the contract process with the City of Mitchell 911. Sanborn County will apply for grant funding for communications equipment needed at Mitchell 911. We need to finalize some items, and Husby anticipates they will submit their grant request by our next board meeting.
- C. Crow Creek/Buffalo County: Crow Creek Tribal Council and Buffalo County are working to complete the contract with Winner PD. Husby is working with BIA Law Enforcement to ensure they have good communication and dispatch capabilities. Winner PD is exploring different options for radio needs that will be required because of their service area and adding an additional county.

Kabris asked if there will be costs that go away with these consolidations. Husby said typically yes. There was discussion about return on investment (ROI). Husby said the grant program is there to try to help with upfront costs. Some costs will be transferred to the PSAP, some will go away, but there is definitely an ROI for the Board and the Counties.

**XII. Executive Session**

There was nothing to discuss in Executive Session, so this was not needed.

**XIII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**XIV. Next Meeting dates**

- A. April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Husby will send out meeting invitation after this meeting. Serr recommended a 2PM Central (1PM Mountain) start time. It seems to be working well for everyone.
- B. July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- C. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**XV. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Wollmann Seconded by: Chase

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29PM Central Time.