SOUTH DAKOTA 9-1-1 COORDINATION BOARD

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 16TH 2026
3:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

Via Teams

Board Members Present: Chase, DeNeui, Kabris, Serr, Sutton, Toomey, Turman, Wollmann.
Board Members Absent: Eich, Leon, Olson
Staff Present: Jason Husby, State 9-1-1 Coordinator, Dawn Hill (DPS)
Others Present: Deb Skonsberg and Logan from Marshall County, Thomas Reese (Meade County 911 director), MaKenzie Huber (SD Searchlight), April Denholm (Lake County 911), Kara Semmler (SD Telecommunications Association), Bob Mercer (Keloland), Jamie Pesika-Olson (Lawrence County 911 director)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM Central Time by Serr. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Husby made a note that the reason for the Executive Session under Item 10 will fall under SDCL 1-24-2 subsection 1 for a personnel matter (not subsection 4 as shown on the printed agenda). The Executive Session will be used to discuss the proposal for a part-time 911 Coordination employee that was approved by the board in April 2026.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: DeNeui
Discussion: None
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of June 4th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

No changes were recommended to the minutes as presented at this meeting.

Husby wanted to note the original draft minutes were posted on the Boards and Commission website as required after our last meeting. However, after posting, he noticed an error in one of the vote counts. The posted meeting minutes indicated a board member had abstained from a vote under Item 9 "Consideration and potential award of contract for Request for Proposal 25RFP14230 Statewide Managed GIS Services." No members abstained from this vote, which was verified with Dawn Hill (DPS). Husby corrected the meeting minutes and re-posted the revised draft minutes. He just wanted to be transparent about the change to the minutes on the Boards and Commissions website.

Motion to approve the June 4, 2026 meeting minutes as presented at the meeting.

Moved by: Toomey Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: None
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Condition Statement and remitted summary

Husby provided board members with the current condition statement and annual remitted summary.

Husby noted the previous decline in pre-paid wireless revenues has gone back up to previous levels. He will continue to monitor this and will reach out to the Department of Revenue to see if there is any additional information that can be shared.

V. Funding requests and current efficiency fund balance

Husby provided a brief overview of projects for which the 911 Coordination Board is currently providing funding to assist local agencies. The balance of the efficiency fund is at about $640K as of July 2026. We will see a few requests today. Husby said he knows of others that may come in soon but wanted to keep the board updated on the fund balance. With the close of fiscal year 26 and working out the reimbursement process, Husby indicated the condition statement will be brought up to date in the efficiency grant summary at the October 1 board meeting.

A. Lawrence County Sheriff 911 Consolidation with Spearfish PD 911

Lawrence County 911 and Spearfish PD 911 are moving forward with a consolidation/merger of their 911 Centers.

- Husby noted we only have budgetary quotes at this time. Lawrence County Sheriff will have budget meetings this month and has put together an initial request so he can get the board's feedback on their proposal and provide it to his county commission.
- Husby advised the cost requests are primarily to combine their CAD systems.
- Some costs are associated with moving equipment and upfitting an additional position at Lawrence County.
- There has been significant local investment in constructing a new PSAP. This merger would not have been possible with their old facilities.
- Lawrence County's plan is to repurpose equipment from Spearfish, which will save most equipment costs.
- This funding request falls under multiple areas of the efficiency study. Jamie Pesicka-Olson, Lawrence Co 911 Director, will speak about their request today as well.
- This is a significant project and one we should expect to re-visit with the board, but the initial funding request gives both local governments an idea of the board's support.

Husby added the consolidation would result in the net reduction of 2 positions. Serr said the Admin Committee members looked at this last week. He indicated the investment would pay off in just 9 years and not having to do radio upgrades for both entities would also be a cost savings. DeNeui indicated she would abstain from any vote, as the project before us today will affect her employer. She added this consolidation has been discussed in the community for years. This time, local officials have put a serious effort together. Now is the time. Toomey congratulated the effort of both entities and agreed now is the time to do it. Husby indicated the entities would come back during the October board meeting to present their finalized proposal.

Serr asked if this is what the costs would be. Husby reiterated these are just budgetary quotes, but feels this is a close estimate. Kabris said the reduction of 2 seats and moving one to the other shop will help.

Jamie Pesika-Olson (Lawrence County 911 director) spoke about the proposal. She indicated their goal is to make sure there is adequate coverage for both entities and provide the best service for their citizens. Husby said they have good call answer times.

Motion to approve Lawrence County Sheriff's 911 funding request of $327,121.45 based on the recommendation of the Administrative Subcommittee.

Moved by: Toomey Seconded by: Kabris
Discussion: None
Vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays. DeNeui abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Meade County Sheriff 911 amended request**

Meade County is requesting to amend their request for funding, which was approved at the June 4, 2026 board meeting, by $1,092.92.

- Meade Co was previously awarded $23,887 in funding.
- They are equipping 4 radios, which were donated to them by the SD Department of Health and State Radio. Not having to purchase these radio is saving them a significant amount of money.
- However, we learned these radios need to go back to Motorola to accomplish the programming.
- Meade County is request an additional $1,092.92 to have the radios factory programmed
- This would bring their total request to $24,979.92.

Thomas Reese (Meade County 911 director) spoke in support of their amendment. He indicated they would also be seeking a consolidation in the future and this project will help with those efforts.

Motion to amend Meade County's grant application to $24,979.92.

Moved by: DeNeui Seconded by: Sutton
Discussion: None
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Prior funding requests update

Husby advised the Spink County radio project has been brought to a successful close. Sanborn County has completely transitioned to Mitchell PD 911 and the reimbursement has been processed. Husby has been in communication with the Sanborn County Sheriff's Office, Mitchell PD, and others involved. The transition was smooth due to the GIS work that had already been performed and being able to complete the needed PSAP radio work thanks to the board's support.

VII. Incentive Funding Distribution (SDCL 34-45-8.6 and SDCL 34-45-8.7)

Husby advised the census bureau report has been delayed this year. While he doesn't see this causing any drastic changes, he felt the board may need some visibility on this. He asked if there were any questions or feedback from board members. None noted.

VIII. NG911 update(s)

A. GeoMSAG

Husby provided an update on the current transition to a GeoMSAG. Most of the state has transitioned and he continues to target end of 2026 for all PSAPs and counties to complete the transition. Husby provided a slide to illustrate all of the counties and the progress that has been made so far.

B. PSAP equipment upgrade

Husby advised all PSAPs have had their 911 equipment upgraded per the contract. Charles Mix County upgrades will occur next week, and they are the final site. South Dakota is on the leading edge of industry standards with this. Husby reported that our NG 911 Lumen techs have visited every site to complete these upgrades with help from Intrado.

C. Buffalo County/Crow Creek Tribe 911 service

Husby advised he recently attended the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Tribal Council and Buffalo County Commission meetings. Both entities want Winner PD to answer their 911 calls, with specific communication set up for continuity of service to Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and tribal response agencies. The Tribal Council had previously issued a resolution for this. Husby advised the Buffalo County Commission recently passed a motion as well. With that, he will begin the technology portion to re-route calls to Winner PD. Husby indicated Winner still uses old radio equipment and is in dire need of an upgrade. He anticipates a grant request will be coming from Winner PD. This is a project he's been working on for about 2 years and will keep the board appraised of the progress being made.

IX. Contract discussions with Smart Software Solutions

Smart Software provides the electronic system in which cities and counties report required financial information regarding 911 surcharge. Husby noted this contract discussion was covered in April, but he wanted to provide a status update. The process was taking longer than expected due to some clause approvals by South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT). Husby reported there were no changes made to what the board authorized. The contract has been signed and routed.

X. Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1)

Motion to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1)

Moved by: DeNeui Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: None
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

The board left the public meeting and joined executive session at 3:48PM Central Time. The board rejoined the public meeting at 3:56PM Central Time.

XI. Public Comment

There was no public comment to record.

XII. Next Meeting(s)

- October 1st, 2026

Husby indicated it is a busy time of year, and he would like to avoid scheduling additional meetings until the regular in-person board meeting scheduled for October 1, 2026. With that said, he is working on a few priority items and will address those if needed.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: None
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM Central Time.