SOUTH DAKOTA 9-1-1 COORDINATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1ST, 2026 AT 11:00 AM IN PERSON

Board Members Present: Chase, DeNeui, Eich, Kabris, Leon, Olson, Serr, Sutton, Toomey, Turman, Wollmann.
Board Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Jason Husby, State 9-1-1 Coordinator, Dawn Hill (DPS)
Others Present: Laura Barton (911 Authority), Jim Lockard (911 Authority), Huron Police Capt. Jason Bechtold, Lisa McWethy (telecommunications supervisor – Huron PD), Mitch Miller (Winner), Andrea Ptacek (Winner Dispatch Supervisor), Kara Semmler (SD Telecommunications Association), Bob Mercer (Kelo), Megan O'Brien (SD Searchlight), Logan Roehr & Deb Skonberg (Dispatch Supervisor) from Marshall County, and Lawrence County Sheriff Brian Dean.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM Central Time by Serr. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by: DeNeui Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of July 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Motion to approve the July 16, 2026 meeting minutes as presented at the meeting.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: DeNeui
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 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 decline in pre-paid wireless revenues and the increase in interest income.

V. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Husby provided an overview regarding the non-deployment BEAD Funds. He explained South Dakota has done what was required with funding for broadband accessibility; however, states are now being asked to

reassess the current state of broadband accessibility. Husby has been monitoring these developments over time, along with BIT State Radio Engineering and the SD Telecommunications Association (SDTA).

Husby asked Kara Semmler (SDTA) to provide her organization's perspective on BEAD funding. Semmler feels 911 services in South Dakota would be a good fit for leftover BEAD funding; however, those dollars will need to be appropriated by the state legislature. Semmler felt the SDTA, DPS, and the 911 Coordination Board will need to work together to make this happen. Husby indicated he would like to see the funding go toward moving ESI-Net and NextGen 911 forward in South Dakota. Husby will keep the board posted on any developments with BEAD funding.

VI. 911 Coordination Board Annual Report

The 2026 annual report has been completed and disseminated. Husby noted he tried to focus on PSAP funding requests, consolidation efforts, and this board's endeavors to improve PSAP/dispatch centers and services in South Dakota.

A. **Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC) on October 13th, 2026**
Husby will appear before the Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC) at their afternoon session on October 13, 2026, to present the report and answer questions from legislators.

VII. Service Award

Husby recognized three board members for their years of service and advised there will be several openings on the Board within the next year or so:

- Kelli Wollmann will transition out of her county commissioner role. Her term will expire in 2028, but she plans to stay engaged with the board until July 2027;
- Tim Toomey plans to retire from the police department in 2027;
- And Kelly Serr will potentially retire from Perkins County in 2027.

Some of these folks will still be able to serve on the board in their current capacity. Husby wanted to thank them for their service and seek out other board members to serve in leadership roles.

VIII. Funding requests and current efficiency fund balance

Husby discussed current commitments and potential future grant requests. He reminded the board that all funding requests are first reviewed by the subcommittee and would appreciate any input from the subcommittee as these requests are considered during the meeting.

A. Lawrence County Sheriff 911 consolidation with Spearfish PD 911 (amended request)
Husby explained the Board had approved a funding request for Lawrence County in the amount of $327, 141.45 on July 16, 2026. However, they've discovered a larger server will be needed due to the consolidation and there will be an increase in maintenance costs. After identifying some cost savings in data migration, they are requesting to amend their request from $327,141.45 to $357,361.40 (an additional $30,239.95).

Lawrence County Sheriff Brian Dean was present to provide details about their amended request. Serr thanked him for finding the costs savings and for being diligent in their request.

Motion to approve the $357,361.40 amended request for Lawrence County.

Moved by: Toomey Seconded by: Kabris
Discussion: None
Vote: 10 yeas; 0 nays. DeNeui abstained. Motion carried.

B. Huron Police Department 911 Radio Interoperability Project

Husby provided an overview of their project and funding request. The project will utilize 7 radios provided by Department of Health and State Radio Engineering. Huron PD Capt. Jason Bechtold explained current capabilities and advised funding will be used for gateways and installation /programming. Serr advised the Administrative Subcommittee has reviewed the request thoroughly. Kabris asked if they would be able to shut down their analog system entirely. Bechtold advised they would still use analog for paging services.

Motion to approve the funding request in the amount of $46,131.51 for the Huron Police Department.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: Chase
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Winner Police Department 911 Radio Replacement Project

Husby explained Winner's current radio system is no longer supported. As Winner just added Buffalo County and continues to provide service for a number of smaller communities, their system has expanded. They evaluated multiple quotes and selected Zetron based on future maintenance and affordability. The project will include a complete rebuild of their radio system and will use 11 networked radios donated by SD Department of Health and State Radio Engineering. He noted their request includes $1,979 to improve RapidSOS connectivity with Crow Creek BIA Law Enforcement, which remains a secondary PSAP for Crow Creek and Lower Brule jurisdictions.

Andrea Ptacek (Winner 911 Supervisor) was present and spoke about the challenges they're facing, how the current system is placing unnecessary load on infrastructure, causing PSAP communication issues (busy signals), and impacting responder agencies. She indicated the Zetron solution will cost significantly less than other options and they have full confidence it will perform as needed and resolve the issues they are having. Serr noted the substantial cost savings. DeNeui thanked Winner for taking on services for communities with a smaller tax base and providing vital services to those citizens.

Motion to approve the funding request in the amount of $528,008.93 for Winner Police Department 911.

Moved by: Wollmann Seconded by: DeNeui
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Marshall County 911 Project (amended request)

Husby provided a brief overview of the project. Marshall County received approval for their original request in April 2026, but they have not submitted any payment requests yet. Deb Skonberg and Logan Roehr (Marshall County) explained the amended request is to cover additional costs ($4,928.38) related to recording capability for new radio channels and a necessary network connection between Roberts and Marshall Counties. The amended request would be for a total of $94,441.24.

Motion to approve the amended funding request for Marshall County for the amount of $94,441.24.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: Turman
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. PSAP Consolidation update

Husby provided an update on the following consolidation efforts.

A. Miner County 911 to Lake County 911 cutover scheduled for early November 2026
B. Spearfish PD to Lawrence County 911 was originally scheduled for December but was accelerated due to staffing concerns in Spearfish. Spearfish is still providing staff, but Lawrence County is now taking calls.
C. Douglas County to Mitchell PD 911 will be handled on a local level but Husby is helping where he can (finding radios, etc.). Estimated date is December 8, 2026.
D. Charles Mix County to City of Yankton 911 will be targeting a July 2027 cutover. The Board may see a funding request in the future from Yankton to help with this consolidation effort.
E. Crow Creek and Buffalo County cutover was completed in September. Husby noted there are some items/issues to clean up due to the transition from basic 911 to NG911 system.

X. Letter encouraging local agreements for 911 services

Husby advised board members discussed this issue during a board meeting some time ago. There was discussion about the proper way to engage in this. After discussing with 911 Authority and Paul Bachand, Husby drafted a letter to address the concerns and offer assistance to local governments (draft letter was included as part of posted meeting materials). Husby is willing to engage with entities that currently do not have some form of agreement in place. Husby would disseminate this publicly, and also share it with the South Dakota Municipal League, South Dakota Association of County Officials, and all PSAP managers.

Serr asked what direction Husby was looking for from the board. Husby indicated he would ask for approval to proceed, send out the letter, engage with entities who would like help with this process, etc.

Motion to authorize Husby to send the drafted letter, discuss this recommendation with PSAPs, and engage entities who request assistance with setting up local agreements for 911 services.

Moved by: Toomey Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Election of Officers

There was discussion about the possibility of three board members leaving the board due to retirements, etc. and who would fill those roles. Aimee Chase expressed her desire to be considered for a leadership position. And, while Chairperson Kelly Serr will retire from his role as Perkins County Sheriff, he has decided to remain on the board and serve as the member representing the SD Sheriff's Association.

At this point, Husby turned the meeting over to Kabris, who chairs the nominating committee.

Kabris opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate Aimee Chase for Vice Chair.

Moved by: Toomey Seconded by: Sutton
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Kabris asked if there were any further nominations.

Motion to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Aimee Chase for Vice Chair.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: DeNeui
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Kabris opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Motion to nominate Kelly Serr for Chair.

Moved by: Sutton Seconded by: Wollmann
Discussion: Kabris called twice more for nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations.
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Contract discussions for County GIS Maintenance

Husby indicated there are contract items that must be discussed in executive session in regard to County GIS maintenance.

Motion to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) and allow representatives from 911 Authority as our operational and technical support vendor and DPS staff Husby and Hill to attend.

Moved by: DeNeui Seconded by: Toomey
Discussion: None
Vote: 11 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session began at 12:13PM and ended at 1:36PM. Leon had to leave the meeting at the beginning of the executive session.

Upon rejoining the public meeting, Husby indicated the need to engage with District III and 1st District to complete GIS maintenance tasks.

Motion to authorize Husby to enter into contract negotiations with District III and 1st District for county GIS maintenance.
Moved by: DeNeui Seconded by: Sutton
Discussion: None

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

XIII. NG 911 updates

Husby provided an update on the status of NextGen 911 efforts in South Dakota.

XIV. Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3)

See above under Section XII.

XV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

XVI. Next Meeting(s)

Husby noted the following meeting dates are still tentative but wanted to see if board members knew of any existing conflicts. There was no further discussion.

A. December 3rd or 10th, 2026
B. January 7th, 2027
C. May 6th, 2027
D. July 15th, 2027
E. October 7th, 2027 (in-person meeting)

XVII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Wollmann Seconded by: Toomey
Discussion: None
Vote: 10 yeas; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM Central Time.