New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority

Board Meeting

June 2nd, 2026

Montgomery County Public Safety Building – 4th Floor Training Room

Minutes

Attendees:

Members: Marc Verniel, Chair, *Town Manager, Town of Blacksburg*; Angela Hill, *County Administrator, Montgomery County;* Amy Orders, *Associate Vice President for Public Safety, Virginia Tech*; Kevin Foust, *Joint Member;* Kim Eagle, *Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg*

Staff: Jason Milburn, *Executive Director;* Derek Rogers, *Communications Systems Manager;* Deborah O'Brien, *Operations Manager;* Amber Pratt, *Executive Assistant*

Guests:

Recorder: Amber Pratt, *Executive Assistant*

1. **Call to Order**

   The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

   The Chair presented the agenda for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Hill to approve the agenda and seconded by Mr. Foust. All were in favor.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

   The Chair presented the minutes from the April 28th, 2026 Board Meeting *(attachment a)* for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Hill to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Eagle. All were in favor.

4. **Secretary/Treasurer's Budget Report**

   Updated summaries of the revenues and expenditures for April were provided at the start of the meeting *(attachment b).* Mrs. Hill reviewed the reports and noted no items of concern.

5. **Executive Director's Report**

   Mr. Milburn presented the Executive Director's report *(attachment c).*

6. **Review of NRV 911 Performance Statistics for April 2026** ***(attachment d)***

   Mrs. O'Brien presented the statistics to the Board.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

   a. **Fire/Rescue Alerting Applications**

Mr. Milburn advised the Board of increased concerns regarding the amount of information being shared through Fire/Rescue alerting applications, including Active911. He presented a possible solution of reducing the character limit in order to limit the amount of information shared through the applications.

There was general agreement that limiting the amount of information shared would be an appropriate path moving forward. Additional discussion included looking into the possible implementation of non-disclosure agreements for application users.

   b. **VDEM PSAP Resiliency Grant**

Mr. Milburn advised that funding previously expected from VDEM through the PSAP Resiliency Grant has been reallocated at the state level. These funds were originally anticipated to assist with costs related to AT&T ESInet. The reallocation will be revisited after July 1st to determine how carryover funds may be allocated to offset the impact on the budget.

Mr. Milburn advised that Blacksburg Rescue is has requested obtaining a different station alerting system. He advised that NRV 911 would prefer for one system to be selected and implemented county-wide. The anticipated one-time upfront cost of approximately $70,000, as well as the effort that would be required to integrate the system with CAD.

Mr. Milburn noted that previous efforts by NRV 911 to pursue integration and dispatch workflow improvements have not always been facilitated or supported. It was further discussed that, due to timing and current project demands, implementation may be better considered after completion of the Radio System Project.

   c. **June/July Board Meeting Scheduling**

The Board agreed on cancelling the meeting scheduled for June 23rd and resuming with the regularly scheduled meeting on July 28th.

9. **Comments from Public**

None

10. **Board Member Comments**

None

11. Closed Session

i. Motion for Closed Meeting 4:51pm

Motion by Mrs. Hill:

"I move that the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority Board convenes in Closed Meeting, pursuant to 2.2-3711, Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of discussing:

1. Executive Performance

The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust and passed unanimously.

Pursuant to the subpart of 2.2-3711, Code of Virginia, as amended, A.1

ii. Board came out of Closed Session 5:33pm.

Mrs. Hill made the motion to return to open session and Dr. Orders provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Hill moved to certify that only such business matters allowed under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a)(1) were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board, and Dr. Orders seconded the motion. Mr. Verniel conducted roll call:

Dr. Order
Mrs. Hill
Mr. Verniel
Mr. Foust
Dr. Eagle

12. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35pm.