

**WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of March 3, 2026**

A properly advertised Washington Parish Communications District Board meeting was held on March 3, 2026 at 54100 Dollar Rd., Franklinton, LA at 6:00 PM.

Members present were:	Mr. James Coleman	Chairman
	Mr. Mike Stogner	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs. Cynthia August	Secretary
	Mr. Danny Harris	Treasurer

Members absent were:	Mr. Brent Jones
	Mr. Olander Smith
	Mrs. Sarah Burris

Others present were:	Joanna Thomas	Director
	Kyle Varnado	WPSO
	Lesa Henry	WPSO
	Jared Stubbs	WPSO

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at the appointed time of 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Thomas called the roll. The results of that roll call are recorded above.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February, 2026, meeting. The minutes were emailed out to each member prior to this meeting. Mr. Stogner made the motion to dispense with the reading of the February, 2026, meeting minutes. Mrs. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to approve the February, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Harris made the motion to approve the August, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Stogner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

This office has been active during the month of February with both the normal daily operational issues of the office plus supporting our special projects.

***Daily Operational Issues***

All 9-1 dispatch positions are up and running.

For the month of February we issued 28 new addresses:

Franklinton	19
Bogalusa	03
Pine	03
Total	25

Mrs. Moore and Ms. Jones continue to work on the mapping.

The accounting system is working well. Jim and I continue to input the monthly financial data...

Mrs. Moore continues to do the addressing and both Mrs. Moore and Ms. Jones continue to work on map updates daily.

### ***Special Projects***

Ms. Jones and Mrs. Moore continue to work on improving the accuracy of our structure GPS location data on our maps.

The latest updates to our 9-1-1 map which includes the fire department zones to help the Sheriff Office dispatchers identify which zone within a fire district should be dispatched has been completed.

This has been an interesting and productive month for our office. I would like to thank the board for their support and input.

Mr. Coleman called for any questions concerning the Director's Report. Hearing none, Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Director's report. Mr. Harris made the motion to accept and approve the Director's Report as given. Mrs. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **Public 911 Education**

The District's web site was visited by 293 users with 383 page hits in February, down from the previous month

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Entry Page</b>
wpcde-911.com/road-maps	98
wpcde-911.com/general info	66
wpcde-911.com/fire-district-boundaries	16
wpcde-911.com/photos	16

wpcde-911.com/personnel	8
wpcde-911.com/9-1-1-in-Louisiana	7
wpcde-911.com/jobs-at-9-1-1	5
wpcde-911.com/news-items	5
wpcde-911.com/9-1-1-in-washington-parish-2	3
Total	224

<b>Downloads From The Website</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Road-Index-2023.pdf</u></a>	<b>8</b>
<a href="#"><u>Map-Book-2003.pdf</u></a>	<b>7</b>
<a href="#"><u>Wall-Map-2023.pdf</u></a>	<b>7</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bogalusa-2023.pdf</u></a>	<b>7</b>
<a href="#"><u>Franklinton-2023.pdf</u></a>	<b>6</b>

There were two local usage of the Hyper-Reach Emergency Alert System during February related to the Washington Parish fire ban. There were two National Weather Service usages of the system during the same time period.

### Special Projects

- The chair rail and wall paneling project is on hold awaiting installer availability.
- The Bogalusa City Council ordinance renaming the 700 block of Marx St. to Valeira "Jack" Payton Hicks Street did not pass.
- The yearly Dispatch Map license and maintenance agreement is due for renewal as follows:
  - 2026 \$22,160
  - 2025 \$21,019
- The District has the opportunity on a trial basis to add Artificial Intelligence tools to current 9-1-1 supplied software being utilized by the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office dispatchers. These tools will:
  - Convert live call taker audio into searchable transcripts
  - Automatically detect non English language usage and automatically enable translations to and from the caller
  - Automatically alert supervisors of incidents if "key words" are detected (such as "gun", "fire", "kidnap", etc.
  - Allow supervisors to utilize a dashboard to:
    - Analyze parameters related to 9-1-1 calls
    - Generates concise summaries of call details

The District’s project related 2026 budget (capital and non-capital) is shown below:

**Capital 2026**

Replace 8 year old Audio Visual System		\$ 25,000
Install Updated Text to 911 Equipment		\$ 24,000
Replacement Tower, Communications, 911 Equipment		\$ 300,000

**Non Capital 2025**

Remove Microwave Dishes From Tower		\$ 5,000
Replace UPS Batteries in Main Building		\$ 15,000

**Future Capital Projects**

Building Expansion		\$ 1,500,000 (Grant)
Security Fencing		\$ 170,000
Replace 8 year old Audio Visual System		\$ 130,000 (\$25,000 in 2026)

Mr. Coleman called for any questions concerning the Chairman’s Report. Hearing none, Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Chairman’s Report including the revisions to the project related budget items.. Mr. Stogner made the motion to accept and approve the Chairman’s Report including the revisions to the project related budget items. Mrs. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mr. Harris reviewed the February, 2026, financial statements, the income and budget statements, the check register, the cash receipts, cash disbursements, the account reconciliation statement, the YTD spending compared to the 2026 budget, the 911 funds statement , and the need to move \$33,000 from the LAMP account into checking to enable a payment to Washington Parish Government for local match expenditures on the Franklinton Tower project.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer’s report, the February, 2026, financial statements, the income and budget statements, the check register, the cash receipts, cash disbursements, the account reconciliation statement, the YTD spending compared to the 2026 budget, the 911 funds statement , and the need to move \$33,000 from the LAMP account into checking to enable a payment to Washington Parish Government for local match expenditures on the Franklinton Tower project.

Mr. Harris made the motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's report, the February, 2026, financial statements, the income and budget statements, the check register, the cash receipts, cash disbursements, the account reconciliation statement, the YTD spending compared to the 2026 budget, the 911 funds statement, and the need to move \$33,000 from the LAMP account into checking to enable a payment to Washington Parish Government for local match expenditures on the Franklinton Tower project. Mrs. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Harris made the motion to renew the yearly Dispatch Map license and maintenance agreement with GeoComm for \$22,160. Mr. Stogner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Harris made the motion to enter into a one year agreement with Axon//Prepared 911 for \$2,500 for software to transcribe and translate (if needed) audio to and from the 9-1-1 caller. Mr. Stogner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

Mrs. August made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting of the Board adjourned at 6:30 PM.

As recorded by: Mrs. August.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Cynthia August, Secretary