

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
January 26, 2016

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Thomas Co:	Kevin Hood, Chairman
Garfield Co:	Paige Measner		
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede		
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel		
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur		
Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke		
Wheeler Co:	Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair		
Law Enforce:	Dave Weeks		
Range Co. Municipalities:			
	Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler		
	Doug Reiter		
Tri-Co Municipalities:			
	Valley, Greeley, Sherman		
	Jay Meyer		

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chairman, Jack Poulsen.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Vice-Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the November 24, 2015 Minutes. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the November 2015 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jay Meyer and seconded by Jack VanSlyke to approve the December 2015 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma distributed a draft of the Financial Audit received in from Contryman Associates. An approval was needed for the audit and that Region 26 had disclosed of all information needed for the audit to be completed. Paige Measner made a motion to approve the audit and for the approval forms to be signed for Contryman. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks stated that a meeting was scheduled for next week for the Region 26 Law Enforcement.

Communications Center Report: Donna and Virginia were unable to attend meeting. Alma passed out the copies of the stats from Dispatch for November and December. For the month of November they had 9,102 contacts with a breakdown of 22 Generator, 30 NAWAS, 27 Siren, 211 Alarm, 13 Office, 522 Page, 1762 Radio, 1705 Phone, 259 – 911 Calls, 65 Administrative, 704 Ambulance, 8 Bus, 351 Public, 17 Department of Roads, 271 Fire, 3 Guest, 13 Hospital, 2488 Law Enforcement, 624 Tests, and 7 Weather.

For December there was 11 Generator, 35 NAWAS, 23 Siren, 222 Alarm, 23 Office, 507 Page, 1835 Radio, 1960 Phone, 252 -911 Calls, 56 Administrative, 711 Ambulance, 5 Bus, 328 Public, 20 Department of Roads, 361 Fire, 10 Guest, 6 Hospital, 2746 Law Enforcement, 616 Tests, 9 Weather. Total number of contacts for month of December was 9,736.

Alma reported that Alyssa Goos would be attending her two weeks of training at the Law Enforcement Academy in Grand Island next month.

Alma informed the board of the different problems last month on recording equipment, radio noise that was traced back to interference with the Workstation one external microphone. Platte Valley is trying to trace down the problem and have done a temporary fix with using the internal microphone.

Director's Report:

The Interlocal Agreement Resolutions have been received from all Counties except for Wheeler. She had attended all meetings except for Thomas and Wheeler. Jack stated that Wheeler County's resolutions had been approved this morning and would be sent in.

Alma reported on the Emergency Management breakout sessions at the NACO Conference in December that she attended which included Cyber Security, Legal Aid of Nebraska for Disasters, and Department of Agriculture on last year's avian flu outbreak in NE Nebraska and the cleanup issues.

Donna, Virginia and Alma are going to Cherry and Brown Counties tomorrow with Custer County to visit Valentine and Ainsworth 911 Centers to see their 911 equipment sharing.

Alma reported on the 3.5 earthquake this month in Custer County and that it could be heard and felt in Region 26.

The LEPC meetings have been held and two of three have elected officers and all three have already scheduled quarterly meetings for 2016. Alma is still asking for Commissioners to be involved and would be sending out reminders of the next meetings. The Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC is February 16th, Greeley-Wheeler LEPC is on March 15th, and Sherman-Valley LEPC is set for April 12th.

North Central PET meeting was held here this month and Alma explained the grant process for this year that NEMA is sending out next month. NEMA is having a law enforcement committee review the grant applications this year and asked for representatives from our North Central Region. The Cherry County Deputy Sheriff and possibly Sherman County Sheriff Janulewicz will be our representatives. Alma has scheduled an all-day meeting for North Central on February 19th to have grant planning in the morning and then a Code-Red training in the afternoon.

Alma gave out information on the training classes/meetings set up in our Region along with a schedule of dates for the Board. There is an all-day class on February 24th for Community leaders, elected officials and businesses that is a Disaster 101 Seminar to be held in Atkinson by the Central Nebraska Economic Development and also hosted by the North Central Emergency Managers and NEMA. This is information on what happens after a disaster regarding assistance, clean-up, tracking costs. Alma also had flyers on the two day Law Enforcement Class coming up and Mass Fatality Classes.

The Severe Weather Poster Contest has been scheduled and submitted to the schools. Alma has also been talking with Custer County about scheduling a meeting with the area crop duster pilots and Fire Chiefs ahead of possible grass fire threats to meet and discuss what if any changes this year.

Alma said that she was following Legislative Bills LB 927 and LB 938 regarding 911 Service System Act.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be February 23, 2016.

Vice-Chairman Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator