

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

January 28, 2020

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Thomas Co: Gary Eng
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Jay Meyer, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director and Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) members present.

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

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the December Minutes.

Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the November and December 2019 Financial Statements. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Going through the financial statements one of the Ericson State Bank CD's was up for renewal. Tom Bandur made a motion to cash in the CD that was to mature and check on other banks in the Region 26 counties to see if there is a better interest rate and get it moved. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0). The Board suggested several of the banks to check on.

Alma stated that she did not have the Attorney change the By-Laws for the term limits because checking into past By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement, the Term limits for the Municipalities has only been listed in the Interlocal Agreement. Alma asked that she could move forward to having the Interlocal changed because this happens to be the end of the 5-year term that is requiring a Interlocal renewal with new signatures by July 1st. It was determined this would be the best move to do it all at the same time. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to have Attorney Heather Sikyta rewrite the Interlocal Agreement to extend out the existing term limit to a 4-year term for the two board positions representing the Municipalities in the Region 26 Counties. Tom Bandur seconded the motion.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

PowerTech had sent a bid to Alma for an Annunciator to be installed on the generator transfer case in the equipment room that will give a reading on the generator. There was no indication there were problems with the generator when it would not start during the last storm. Jay Meyer had discussed this with our generator technician recently and he strongly encouraged us to get this installed. Alma asked if we could

wait until the next budget period to do this as tower and generator budget line was going to be tight this year. Tom Bandur made a motion to have it installed in the next budget period. Diana Hurlburt seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma had a request from Life-Vertical, the company installing the NRIN System to remediate the tower south of Taylor “Sargent Tower” to hold the equipment. They needed to check the anchors also to make sure they are the size required. The lower guy wires would be replaced with heavier wire. This would be no cost to Region 26 as it would be paid for by the NRIN funding. Alma presented the complete report from the Engineering Company that Life-Vertical used for the board to review. Also Alma had Platte Valley review the report and approve as well. Doug Reiter made a motion to approve the remediation and was seconded by Dave Weeks. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma passed out a list of all the properties on the NIRMA Insurance Policy that she was turning in for renewal. She explained to the board that it was hard to read the policy since the towers were listed in with the buildings and antennas. She had been reviewing the policy to make sure the towers were insured where they should be and had contacted NIRMA to go over the policy with Larry Pelan as well. Larry had felt the limits looked good.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that the Region 26 Law Enforcement quarterly meeting was coming up on February 7th and would be going over some things at that time. Alma handed out photos of the Interdiction Training held in Broken Bow with our Homeland Security funds. Alma reported that she had signed up 40 officers from 17 different counties. Seven of the eight Region 26 counties were represented. It was a good turnout with great feedback on the type of training and felt it was a good use of the grant funds.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics of managed incidents for both November and December. For November they had 1413 Status Checks, 339 Paging, 278 Alarms, 122 Minor Detail, 120 Traffic Violations, 112 Wants – Warrants – Registrations, 89 Rescue Calls, 79 Messages, 68 Animal Calls, 60 Accidents, 51 – 911 Calls Accidental – Disconnect, 39 Assist Other Agencies, 37 Citizen Assist, 30 paper Service, 27 Gun Permit, 25 Misc. Calls, 24 burn Permit, 22 Motorist Assist, 16 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 15 Fire Calls, 14 Check Welfare, 13 Reckless Driver, 12 Suspicious Events, 9 Direct Traffic, 8 Sire, 6 Criminal Activity, 6 Weather, 6 Theft, 5 Radio Test, 5 Abandoned Vehicle, 4 Civil Matters, 4 Burglary, 4 DUI, 3 Juvenile Activity, 3 Property Issues, 3 Stolen Vehicles, 3 Prisoner Transport, 3 Keys Locked in Vehicle and 14 Various other Incidents. Total number of Incidents for the Communications Center for the month of November was 3091 which included 372 – 911 Calls.

For December there was 1461 Status Checks, 337 Paging, 285 Alarms, 168 Traffic Violations, 122 Wants – Warrants – Registrations, 93 Burn Permits, 83 Minor Detail, 76 Rescue Calls, 67 Messages, 52 Gun Permit, 47 Animal Calls, 44 Accidents, 40 Citizen Assist, 35 Motorist Assist, 32 911 Accidental – Disconnect, 31 Miscellaneous Tasks, 29 Paper Service, 24 Assist Other Agencies, 14 Suspicious Events, 14 Weather, 9 Reckless Driver, 9 Theft, 8 Check Welfare, 8 Disturbance – Harassment – Assault, 6 Direct Traffic, 5 Criminal Activity, 5 Radio Test, 5 Traffic Hazard, 4 Arrest, 4 Fire Calls, 4 Siren, 3 Abandoned Vehicle, 3 Burglary, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Death – Death Investigation, 3 DUI and 14 various other Incidents. Total number of Incidents for the Communications Center for the month of December was 3150 which included 276 – 911 Calls.

Virginia reported on the training that has been going on with new dispatchers and how they were doing.

Director’s Report:

Alma reported on the North Central PET Meeting that have been held on the 2020 Grant Application and all gave the board a list of the projects that they were working on. At the meeting the Red Cross had attended to talk about some additional funding that might be possible for flood victims.

NEMA had talked on having someone coming out to talk on Long Term Recovery efforts.

The Valley-Sherman LEPC was held at the Valley County Hospital with an ERG training. Discussion on Drone activity and the mass dispensing/vaccination exercise.

Alma explained the Sherman County Radio situation and also the need for more connection in Valley Co. Alma attended the Sandhills Mutual Aid in Thedford and Loup Valley Mutual Aid in Bartlett the last couple of weeks and took them information on Page-My-Cell and where we were with that and also FirstNet information and how close it was to being here in our area.

For upcoming events, there will be an East 911 meeting that Alma is planning to attend to see what they are doing for connecting to a larger region for sharing equipment and how that is working. Alma also pasted out the schedule for each county's Severe Weather meeting for the next couple of months and encouraged the board members to attend their own County meeting. It is good information for them. The notices have been sent from NEMA that both Wheeler County and Thomas County LEOP manual are due for a 5-year update to be completed by July 1st this year.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be February 25, 2020.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials

CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch

CC – Communications Center

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)

DR – Disaster Recovery

DOR – Department of Roads

E911 – Enhanced 911

ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)

EM – Emergency Manager

EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch

EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant

EMS – Emergency Medical Services

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

EOC – Emergency Operations Center

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY – Fiscal Year

GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice

HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program

ICS – Incident Command System

J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)

JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)

LE – Law Enforcement

LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee

LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Response System

LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan

NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers

NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials

NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

NENA – National Emergency Number Association
NESCA – Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association
NCR – North Central Region
NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NIMS – National Incident Management System
NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
PET – Planning Exercise Training
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
SO – Sheriff's Office
SRS – State Radio System
TEPW – Training Exercise Planning Workshop
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

* **North Central PET Region Includes:** Keith, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Holt, Region 24 (Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd) and Region 26 (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley and Sherman)