

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
January 29, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	
Garfield Co: Larry Donner (Alternate)	
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
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 7:30 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) 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.

Chairman Meyer asked for introductions for the new board members; Greeley/Jordan Foltz and Wheeler/Doug Pokorny.

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Gary Eng to approve the November 27, 2018 Minutes. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Dave Weeks to affirm the special meeting by conference call on December 19, 2018. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (4).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the December 19, 2018 special meeting minutes. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve both the November and December 2018 Financial Statements. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the past NRIN Board meeting and that she had attended the Custer County Supervisors meeting this morning to help present NRIN for them to approve the Interlocal Agreement with NRIN. Also it would allow them a vote on who the representatives were on the NRIN Governance Board.

For the Ord tower update, Alma handed out the spreadsheet on the tower replacement costs that had been paid last month by NIRMA less the \$1000 deductible. She had not heard anything back from the land

owner or their attorney regarding the land lease. Alma did have a bill of sale from Verizon on the building which was for \$10 and making us responsible for disposal of any personal property they left in the building. Alma had a picture of the bank of batteries that they had left that had been discussed at previous meetings. Verizon was going to return for the batteries and now have left them for us to dispose of if we agree with the bill of sale. The board determined that our Attorney review the Bill of Sale before signing and if okay with Attorney then Alma was to proceed with it and we should be able to find an outlet for the batteries and other equipment left behind.

**Criminal Justice Board Report:** Sheriff Dave Weeks reported that a Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting was scheduled for this Friday here at Region 26.

**Communications Center Report:** Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous two months. They had for the month of November 817 Status Checks, 166 Alarm Tests, 104 Miscellaneous Officer Tasks, 89 Pager Test, 86 Traffic Stops, 84 Citizen Calls, 83 Medical Calls, 82 Vehicle Inspection/registration, 55 Auto Accidents, 48 Animal Out, 42 Burn Permit, 40 Gun Permits, 34 Motorist Assist, 25 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 24 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 24 Animal, 23 Wants/Warrants, 22 Alarm/Security, 20 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Reminder Page, 10 Traffic Hazard, 9 Disturbance/Domestic, 7 Fire/Grass, 7 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc), 7 Theft, 7 Welfare Checks, 6 – 911 Hang Ups, 6 Siren Test, 6 Transports, 6 Weather, 5 Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Violation, 5 Alarm/Fire, 5 Assist Other Agencies, 5 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 5 Fire/Other, 5 Training, 4 Fire/Vehicle, 4 Funeral Escort, 4 Hunting/Fishing Violation, 4 Suicidal, 4 Utilities, 3 DOR, 3 Missing Person, 3 Trespassing and 22 various other incidents for a total of 2036 incidents for November.

For the month of December they had 815 Status Checks, 171 Alarm Tests, 94 Burn Permits, 92 Pager Test, 89 Citizen Calls, 76 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 72 Medical Calls, 54 Miscellaneous Officer Tasks, 42 Traffic Stops, 40 Wants/Warrants, 30 Gun Permits, 29 Auto Accidents, 28 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 28 Motorist Assist, 23 Reminder Page, 22 Alarm/Security, 20 Animal, 20 Animal Out, 19 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 14 Disturbance/Domestic, 14 Welfare Check, 12 Traffic Hazard, 10 Alarm/Fire, 9 Harassment, 9 Theft, 7 – 911 Hang Ups , 7 DUI, 7 Utilities, 6 Assist Other Agencies, 6 Fire/Other, 6 Transport, 6 Weather, 5 – 911 Test, 5 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 5 Siren Test, 3 Fraud, and 35 various other incidents for a total of 1948 incidents for December.

Virginia reported on the issues they were having with the call forwarding from the Ord Police Department. At first the full telephone number was not showing complete on the screen, which has been repaired. Now the call forwarding is not working from Ord Police Department. Frontier Telephone Company has worked on it numerous times and still not repaired.

#### **Director's Report:**

Alma reported on the Weather Seminar held at Hastings in December with the weather forecasters to see any changes of reporting. One topic was on hot spot notification for fire departments where they can have early detection with the new NOAA satellites and how they can send a text to fire departments on what they see.

The NACO Conference in December had several sessions for Emergency Management with good information.

The North Central PET meeting was held here a couple of weeks ago with the all of the North Central Region Emergency Managers working on the Investment Justifications or projects for the 2019 round of Homeland Security grants. We have eight projects that we will need filled out and submitted by next week which will start the negotiation process with the rest of the Emergency Managers in the State of Nebraska with numerous meeting throughout February.

Alma had attended both the Sandhills Mutual Aid at Thedford this month and Loup Valley Mutual Aid at Arcadia last night.

The Greeley/Wheeler LEPC was cancelled last month due to weather and no extra dates.

The Sherman/Valley LEPC was held this month with a tour of the Ord High School and discussion on

their safety plans.

Upcoming events were listed with the Cyber Security training class that Region 26 is hosting using Homeland Security funds on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Trotter Event Center in Ord. This year's Region 26 Weather Symposium will be at Sandhills Dunning Schools on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather storm spotter meetings have been scheduled and Alma will bring those dates to the next meeting.

Alma did report on training that she and Linda attended at Sandhills Dunning Schools the first week of January for their school preparedness. The Valley County LEOP is ready in draft form to be approved by the Valley County Supervisors for print. The Blaine and Greeley County LEOP manuals are due for an update this year and will need to be complete by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be February 26, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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)