

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
January 31, 2017

Region 26 Council:

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

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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by Chairman Hood.

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.

Alma reported on the municipal elections and stated that Doug Reiter was reelected to the board by the Range-County Municipalities and Jay Meyer was reelected by the Tri-County Municipalities for another 2-year team.

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the November 29, 2016 Minutes. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the December 27, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Jack Poulsen to approve the November and December 2016 Financial Statements. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

NRIN Report: Alma gave a report on the December and January NRIN meetings that was held in Kearney. They are still reviewing the insurance situation on the current equipment installed on towers. The fiscal agent for NRIN will be NACO. They are determining who will be responsible to approve bills that come in before handing off to NACO to pay once the funding has been established. They are discussing how to contract maintenance of completed system or if will be paid on as needed basis with designated repair shops across the state. Educational video will be developed to bring out to County Boards and stakeholders so they will fully understand the use of NRIN.

911 Equipment Install Report: Alma reported on the kickoff meeting that was held here yesterday morning with Motorola/ECW, Platte Valley Communications from Kearney and Grand Island, Custer County Communications and Region 26. All technical information was gathered that ECW will need to configure system. An outlay of plans and schedule was presented and they assured us it would be a seamless roll over to the new system. Some minor details are yet to be worked out such as final training

with dispatchers so that both night and day shifts will be available for training. We were given a list of items to gather for them from our current system so that they configure into new system before it is shipped. Shipment will arrive on a Friday that we will have to manually unload. Team will arrive on the following Monday and Tuesday to install with training following.

Alma gave them what she found out on funding for the balance over and above the equipment fund. She had found that local banks were going to be the best option since we did not have bonding authority. Alma had approached a couple of the banks and they would be willing to do the financing. The board said if using local banks then need to send to all the banks in the Region 26 counties to give them all an opportunity to bid on this.

Custer County had contacted Alma regarding the Region 26 tower at Ansley and asked what we could work out with them to share the tower site. They did have a generator that they would be willing to install there since we are only on battery backup. They have equipment on the Verizon tower in Ansley and will need to remove that equipment in the next few months due to exorbitant amount they will be charged to remain on the tower. Custer County has a higher wattage paging station that they would move to the Region 26 tower for us to use as well and they could use our 100W Repeater. After discussion with the board they recommended that I meet with Custer County EM and work out an agreement and bring back to next board meeting. Also, they suggested setting up a future meeting between 911 committees to look at what the future looks like for both our centers.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks asked Alma if she had any training available for them for continuing education hours since they are now starting a new year. Alma would work on that.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the past two months. They had 13 Generator, 32 NAWAS, 32 Siren, 239 Alarm, 20 Office, 576 Page, 2005 Radio, 1919 Phone, 309 – 911, 46 Administrative, 897 Ambulance, 12 Bus, 200 Public, 33 Department or Roads, 380 Fire, 6 Guest, 4 Hospital, 2943 Law Enforcement, 621 Test, 3 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of November 2016 was 10,290.

For the month of December 2016 there were 12 Generator, 39 NAWAS, 42 Siren, 236 Alarm, 7 Office, 530 Page, 1961 Radio, 1724 Phone, 246 -911, 48 Administrative, 750 Ambulance, 7 Bus, 185 Public, 43 Department of Roads, 555 Fire, 3 Guest, 10 Hospital, 2559 Law Enforcement, 623 Test, 14 Weather. The total contacts for December were 9,594.

Virginia then reported on the employment applications that were received in that we are reviewing.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the NACO conference in Kearney and the breakout sessions she attended there.

The North Central PET Meeting was held here on January 13th with elections of new officers which officially changed Alma to Fiscal Agent for the North Central Region to handle the grant funds.

The Public Service Commission held their E911 Advisory Board Meeting here on Dec 5th when we submitted the project we were looking at for Region 26.

Alma reported on the LEPC meetings. The Sherman-Valley LEPC was held in Loup City on Jan 10th with discussion on developing a CERT Team that would train volunteers to help in a disaster. Alma has applied for grant funds to help with these classes. Also the fires in Valley and Sherman were discussed since a shelter was set up in Loup City.

Alma stated that the Loup County Table Top exercise on Severe Weather was being finalized and would be held February 22nd at the Loup County Event Center in Taylor and hosted by Region 26 and the Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC.

The Loup Valley Mutual Aid Meeting was January 23rd in Elba with a debriefing of the fires in Valley-Sherman. Alma, Virginia Michalski and Linda Lewis attended the meeting to help discussion on fires

and also discussed weather protocols on upcoming severe weather events.

Alma reported on the progress of the Weather Symposium on April 1st and what has been scheduled to this point. She was working on grant funds to help with this event through the NCR exercise funds.

Alma formed a committee with Virginia and Ann to keep up on what was in our future to prepare for Next Gen-911 and what it will bring to Region 26. They set in on a webinar directed by the Public Service Commission for the centers across Nebraska to understand what would need to happen on our GIS/Geo-Comm portion of our 911 system to be ready for Next-Gen 911.

Alma did report on the training class coming up in April with the BNSF Railroad in Litchfield that was in addition to our Exercise held there last August.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be February 28, 2017.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

BNSF	-	Burlington Northern Santa Fe
CERT	-	Community Emergency Response Team
E911	-	Enhanced 911
ECW	-	Emergency Call Works (New 911 Equip Company)
EM	-	Emergency Manager
GIS	-	Geological Information System
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
LEPC	-	Local Emergency Planning Committee
NACO	-	Nebraska Association of County Officials
NCR	-	North Central Region
NRIN	-	Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen	-	Next Generation 911
PET	-	Planning Exercise Training
PSAP	-	Public Safety Answering Point (911 Center)