

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
February 24, 2015

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co:	Paige Measner
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede	Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co:	Kevin Hood, Chairman	Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur		
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 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.

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the January 27, 2015 Minutes.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Doug Reiter and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the January 2015 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma informed the board of what she had found on the SIMRA Medical Reimbursement plan from Attorney Greg Jensen. She again had discussed with the auditor to find more information on what could be accepted. After discussion of Health plans and Health Savings Accounts the board asked Alma to check into the group plans and to get information from the company that Sherman County was using for health plans.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks gave report on the recent Law Enforcement meeting held here at Region 26. They want to start doing some training with State Patrol doing a patch through Region 26. Alma was going to start some scheduled practice patches for Dispatch and Sheriffs. There was discussion on the continuing education hours needed and what Region 26 could help with. Alma was encouraging the Law Enforcement to attend the State Roads Department Safety meetings that Region 26 was scheduling for Law, Fire and EMS and they would get Continuing Education there. They discussed the upcoming meeting with First Net in Kearney and how the system could be used.

Communications Center Report: Donna and Virginia were unable to attend and had left the stats report for January for 6 Generator, 34 NAWAS, 29 Siren, 229 Alarm, 13 Office, 557 Page, 1880 Radio, 1523 Phone, 252 – 911 Calls, 70 Administrative, 630 Ambulance, 9 Bus, 237 Public, 19 Department of

Roads, 400 Fire, 3 Guest, 4 Hospital, 2465 Law Enforcement, 682 Test, 4 Weather. There was a total of 9046 calls for the month of January.

Alma reported on the new computer hardware that the State Patrol office brought in to switch out on the teletype equipment. Kristen Keys had completed and passed her two weeks of dispatch training at the Law Enforcement Academy this month. There has been numerous grass fires already in the Region 26 counties as well as mutual aid to other counties.

Director's Report:

Linda Lewis had attended a class by Homeland Security to help with some of our training needs.

The North Central PET Region meeting was held in Broken Bow and continued work was done on our North Central Homeland Security Grants. We will do a follow up meeting in March to work on projects for the next grant period.

NEMA had done a telephone audit with Alma during the first week of February on current grants and later will have an onsite visit. Contryman sent final bill on the single audit and all had been completed. The Contryman audit report was handed out.

Alma said that a NIRMA representative had come yesterday for an interview for their magazine.

Custer County supervisors were coming over on Friday for tour of our facility and discuss the equipment upgrades. Alma attended Sherman County's board meeting for approval of the County LEOP update. There had been sewer issues come up and Absolute Plumbing from Broken Bow was checking to find if there was an actual problem with the lines.

The weather spotter meetings had been scheduled and a list of the dates and locations was handed out.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be March 31st.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator