

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
February 26, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Range Co. Municipalities:
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	Doug Reiter
Valley Co: Pat Waldmann (Alternate)	
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	
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 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the January 29, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the January 2019 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Ord Tower Update: Alma reported on what she had found for the equipment in the building and would need to follow the proper guidelines for disposing of the batteries and was getting assistance from Platte Valley Communications on proper disposal. When weather is better Scott Philbrick from Valley County had made contact that he could possibly assist in removing equipment. Alma also stated that nothing had been received from the landowner regarding the land lease at this time.

Alma explained to the board that the nomination was open for the position she held as the North Central PET Region representative on the NRIN Governance Board. Gary Eng made a motion to nominate Alma to remain on the NRIN Board. Diana Hurlburt seconded the motion. Alma would have the nomination form for Chairman Myer's signature to submit.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma explained to the board about the expired certifications for the dispatchers for emergency medical dispatch. NESCA is no longer offering the training or standing behind the emergency medical dispatch cards. After discussion the board suggested for Alma to get in touch with NIRMA to ask questions on what they have to offer and to ask about liability and having an assessment done.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on the Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting that was held on February 1st. The Justice Data Solutions was reviewed. Donna, Virginia and Alma all had discussion with the Law Enforcement on things that were getting lax on radio

communication and also asked for feedback from the law enforcement for dispatchers. Other procedures and polices were discussed as well.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 773 Status Checks, 170 Alarm Test, 98 Medical Calls, 95 Pager Test, 88 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 76 Traffic Stops, 67 Burn Permits, 63 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 61 Citizen Calls, 53 Gun Permits, 43 Wants/Warrants, 29 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 25 Animal, 25 Auto Accidents, 23 Animal Out, 17 Security Alarms, 17 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Reminder Page, 12 – 911 Hang Ups, 11 Disturbance-Domestic, 9 Motorist Assist, 8 Theft, 8 Training, 8 Welfare Check, 7 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 6 Fire – Other, 6 Traffic Hazard, 6 Weather, 5 – 911 Tests, 5 Bus Checks, 5 Harassment, 5 Traffic Control, 4 Fire Alarm, 4 Funeral Escort, 4 Missing Person, 4 Transport, 4 Utilities, 3 Abandoned Vehicle/parking Violation, 3 Assist Other Agency, 3 Grass Fires, 3 Radio Test, 3 Siren Test, 3 Stand By/Game, 3 Suicidal, 3 Unit Maintenance and 23 Various other incidents for a total of 1907 incidents for January which included 201 – 911 Calls and 1303 Administrative calls.

The Litchfield paging was brought up and what we can check into to help resolve any problems. Emergency Call Works has scheduled a major update to the 911 system that will cause us to shut down for about an hour. We will need to roll our 911 lines to Broken Bow to allow system to shut down during the update. This has already been scheduled with Broken Bow. Their update was done recently and had the Custer County lines rolled over to Region 26 for the same purpose. All dispatchers and administration will have to do an online training individually before the scheduled update.

Alma filled in the board on the status of the CAD and GeoComm connection which Platte Valley was at dispatch this week to find what changes were needed to add in the system.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the Thomas-Loup-Blaine-Garfield LEPC for this month. The committee had asked for brochures to be made up on Fire Wise information to help people understand what needed to be done around the outside of homes to protect them on wildfires.

The severe weather poster contest was finished with the judging done here at Region 26 and schools from all eight counties participated this year.

Yesterday was the Cyber Security training that Region 26 held at the Trotter Event Center in Ord. There was a good turn out from the area from Law Enforcement to businesses and county/village government employees.

Alma had a schedule for board members on the Storm Spotter trainings in each of the counties with notice on Blaine County being the actual Weather Symposium at the Sandhills high school in Dunning. Alma gave an update on booths that she had lined up for the event on March 15th.

The Calamus and Davis Creek Orientation with the Bureau of Reclamations was held here on February 6th. The Greeley EM was able to come to the office to work on the Greeley LEOP update and was able to stay for the Orientation since a part of Greeley County could be affected by the Calamus Reservoir.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be March 26, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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)