

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
February 27, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Scott Krause
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
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, Chairman	

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

Visitors Present: Ord Police Chief Jay Welch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) 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 Dave Weeks to approve the Revised Agenda presented with addition of City of Ord Communications.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the January 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack VanSlyke and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the January Financial Statement.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma stated that Ord Police Chief, Jay Welch had been in touch with her to discuss the City of Ord having all of their radio traffic for Police Department to be managed by Region 26. Currently they pay Valley County Sheriff's Office to handle their radio traffic and at their last City Council meeting stated their desire to change to Region 26 and asked Police Chief Welch to get in contact with Region 26. Alma had asked Chief Welch to attend the Region 26 meeting to discuss what they would want and expect from Region 26. Alma presented an estimated assessment sheet of what Region 26 would require from the City of Ord at the current assessment formula for all members to Region 26 and the changes that would create for the other members. Questions were asked of Chief Welch and discussion was held on what it would mean to Region 26 dispatch to take on the added duties as well. There was also discussion of possibilities that Region 26 needs to look at for future needs of all Law Enforcement. Gary Eng made a motion to table any decisions by the Region 26 board until Chief Welch had a chance to go back to the Ord City Council with what we were proposing and Alma to look into what other departments are doing

for handling Law Enforcement calls and also if our current Emergency Call Works CAD system could be upgraded to handle more of the Law Enforcement needs. Doug Reiter seconded the motion.  
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

NRIN Report: Alma gave a report on the last meeting held this month in Kearney and the continuation of the work on sustainment of the system. Alma did have the cost amounts of the equipment for Region 26 that was in storage in Ericson so that she could place the equipment on the Region 26 insurance policy.

The question had come up about possibly changing the day of the week for the Region 26 meeting since it was causing issues for some of the board members to meet on Tuesday nights. After discussion it was determined there was not another day that would not still cause conflict. The decision was to leave the last Tuesday night of the month with no change for meeting night.

Alma reported that the new Region 26 pickup was here but that she did not have the garage construction done due to the carpenter moving out of town and stated he would not be able to do the work requested. Alma asked the board what they wanted and the decision was for Alma to find someone and proceed with the work as planned. Suggestions were given by the board on possibilities of who Alma might contact.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher/Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 2,056 Misc. Officer Tasks, 319 Pager Tests, 306 Burn Permits, 151 Alarm-Test, 136 Status Checks, 132 Traffic Stops, 117 Vehicle Inspections/Registration, 99 Citizen Calls, 80 Medical Calls, 52 Gun Permits, 44 Wants/Warrants, 40 Reminder Page, 37 – 911 No Contact/Accidental Calls, 29 Weather, 25 Auto Accidents, 19 Animal, 16 Motorist Assist, 14 Alarm-Security, 14 fire – Other, 13 Reckless Driving-Speeding, 12 Animal Out, 12 Traffic Hazard, 11 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 10 – 911 Test, 10 Radio Test, 10 Transport, 10 Utilities, 10 Welfare Check, 8 Disturbance/Domestic, 7 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 7 Theft, 7 Vandalism, 6 Break & Enter, 6 Siren Test, 6 Training, 5 Stolen Vehicle, 5 traffic Control, 4 – 911 Hang Ups, 4 Alarm-Fire, 4 DOR, 4 Fight/Assault, 4 Fire-Vehicle, 3 Fire-Structure, 3 Hit & Run, 3 Missing Person, 3 Standby for Game, 17 Various other incidents with total number of incidents for the Communications Center for the month of January was 3,754.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the North Central PET Region meetings for this month. They have had two meetings, one a regular meeting and the other was a workshop on filling out the paperwork for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant and what the requests would be. NEMA was in attendance to help plan for the tower that we were requesting for southern Holt County to help with the build out of the NRIN project.

The Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC was held this month and Alma gave a training on the Hazmat Emergency Response Guide. More discussion was done on what the LEPC could do to get information out to those building new homes on how to keep fire fuel loads down for safety.

Alma stated the LEOP manuals that were going to need updated this year was Valley and Sherman. She said that she had been in contact with the Sherman EM and Valley Deputy EM to discuss having a meeting to go over some changes. Valley's had been less than the five year update but Alma was needing to get the manuals back onto track to be manageable and not have all eight of the Region 26 counties come due together.

Alma reported on the credentialing training that the North Central PET Region had here last week for a day long course on managing the badging and the equipment.

The last report was on the progress of the planning for both the Dunning and Loup City Severe Weather Symposiums and discussion was held on what was scheduled for vendor booths at this point. Alma also handed out a schedule of all the training dates for weather in all the counties. No regular training was set up for Blaine or Sherman as the Symposiums will take the place of their regular weather training.

Other Business: Jack Poulsen asked if Alma had a chance to check into the Alarm systems that others were using after our discussions from the last board meeting and expressed what he had found. Alma had not had the chance to check any further.

Next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

**Acronyms:**

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials  
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch  
CC – Communications Center  
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team  
DR – Disaster Recovery  
DOR – Department of Roads  
E911 – Enhanced 911  
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Make of 911 Equipment at Region 26)  
EM – Emergency Manager  
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch  
EOC – Emergency Operations Center  
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice  
ICS – Incident Command System  
LE – Law Enforcement  
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee  
LEDRRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid 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  
PD – Police Department  
**\*PET** – Planning Exercise Training\*  
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)  
PSC – Public Service Commission  
PVC – Platte Valley Communications  
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)