

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
March 25, 2014

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	
Sherman Co:	Vonnie Dzingle	
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	
	Richard Anderson	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher, Linda Lewis/Deputy Emergency Manager

Visitors Present: Bob Wilhelm/Office of the Chief Information Officer, Scott Philbrick/Valley County Deputy Emergency Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Hood in the new facility at 402 4th Street in Taylor, NE.

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.

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Jack Poulsen to approve the February 25, 2014 Minutes. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Vonnie Dzingle to approve the February 2014 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Building Committee Report: Doug Wrede reported on the progress of the construction and the fact that even though it was not complete or moved in we were glad to have the first board meeting in the new facility. Alma reported that the flooring is complete except for the storage room and vestibule which will be painted floors. The bathrooms are finished. The ceiling tiles are to be finished next week. Alma had received bids for the appliances for the kitchens. Platte Valley has work to do next week and then will let us know when they are ready to move equipment over.

Bob Wilhelm with the office of the CIO gave a presentation on FirstNet, which is a wireless broadband that will be dedicated to Public Safety. He asked that the counties have a public safety outreach to get the county worksheets filled out on what they have right now and where service would be needed. Letters had been sent to the counties asking for a contact person for their county be designated.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks said there was nothing to report. No communications issues other than radio static during the windy days.

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 13 Generator, 30 NAWAS, 56 Siren, 166 Alarm, 28 Office, 555 Page, 1763 Radio, 1779 Phone, 232 – 911 Calls, 74 Administrative, 647 Ambulance, 15 Bus, 284 Public, 24 Department of Roads, 774 Fire, 7 Guest, 18 Hospital, 2210 Law Enforcement, 563 Test, 6 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of March was 9244.

Virginia stated that Lindsey Anderson was hired for the new dispatch position and the training was going well. Libby Burk went to a training at the State Patrol in North Platte to learn procedures of talking on the State Radio System.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the Storm Spotter meetings that have been held and the last two being done in Thedford and Dunning. The State tornado drill is tomorrow between 10am and 11am. We had contacted all schools and nursing homes in Region 26 to remind them to do drills during this event. Also all departments to see about setting off sirens and paging them for the drill.

Alma attended the Taylor fire meeting last night to play a video for them on a Utah fire department. She hoped to get it out to other departments for a safety video regarding a burn over.

Alma will be doing Code RED testing tomorrow in conjunction with the State tornado drill. There was some testing done with the Fire Departments today to test our call groups.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 29, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator