

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
March 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: None

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

Roll Call was taken with nine (9) 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 February 27, 2018 Minutes.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the February 2018 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Chief Jay Welch had contacted Alma that the Ord City Council would like to move forward with Region 26 to do their dispatching. After discussion of what would need to happen, Virginia and Alma would meet with Ord PD to see what they were wanting and then we could discuss if this would work. Alma would do more checking with Emergency Call Works to see if this will also do what Ord is requesting. The board will go through this at the next meeting.

Jack Poulsen had to leave the meeting at 8:04 PM

NRIN Report: Alma reported that NRIN will be meeting with NPPD to become a partner in helping us to determine ways of sustainability and what to charge users of the system. There was work on getting a point of contact for each tower site and what that will mean for that contact. There will be a training at the next meeting to show points of contact would be seeing at the tower site to know what is just needing a reboot or replace. Alma said that they are looking at a formula for cost sharing using the Region 26 formula based on population, usage and a base amount.

Alma stated that the garage construction had been turned down by another contractor due to not wanting to work with the concrete block. The board gave Alma another name to contact in Arcadia.

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 1,181 Status Checks, 277 Pager Test, 142 Burn Permit, 141 Alarm-Test, 98 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 92 Traffic Stop, 85 Citizen Call, 77 Medical Call, 73 Misc. Officer Task, 53 Wants/Warrants, 50 Gun Permits, 33 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 25 Reminder Page, 24 Auto Accident, 21 Alarm-Security, 16 Weather, 15 Animal, 11 – 911 Test, 11 Animal Out, 10 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 9 Motorist Assist, 8 Fire – Other, 8 Fire – Structure, 8 Suspicious Vehicle/person, 7 - 911 Hang-Up, 7 Siren Test, 6 Disturbance-Domestic, 6 Missing Person, 6 Traffic Hazard, 6 Welfare Check, 5 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 5 Fire – Vehicle, 5 Stolen Vehicle, 5 Transport, 5 Utilities, 4 DUI, 4 Radio Test, 4 Traffic Control, 3 Alarm – Fire, 3 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 3 Funeral Escort, 3 Theft, 18 Various other Incidents. Total number of incidents for the Communications Center for the month of March was 2,573.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET Region meeting here on March 7<sup>th</sup>. All of the Homeland Security grant projects had been turned in from each of the PET Regions in the State that we had to review and rate and then each of the Emergency Managers had to set in on one of the meetings for the State to go over those project to trim down the amount of funding being requested to fit the State Budget. Alma said she was appointed to the group working on exercise and training and met with the group in Lincoln on March 13<sup>th</sup> and was able to negotiate for the funds that the North Central Region was requesting of \$60,000 for training on Law Enforcement, Cyber Security and Credentialing.

The Greeley-Wheeler LEPC was held with review of our Tier 2 reports and a short training on the Hazmat Section of the LEOP manuals.

Alma gave a handout on when the Storm Spotter meetings were going to be held in the counties.

The Emergency Management Conference was last week in Grand Island with information on disaster recovery and protocol changes. Getting all applicants entered through a portal. There was information on Priority Communications Services for first responders, the weather service working on siren protocols that will be the same across the state. The last day ended with an exercise using our credentialing equipment in a disaster.

The weather Symposium had to be cancelled in Dunning due to ice and snow. Alma reported on the preparations for the one coming up in Loup City.

The State tornado drill is tomorrow around 10:15am. Alma said that Ann had contacted all Region 26 schools and critical facilities to let them know so that they could pre-plan a tornado exercise themselves. Alma will be doing a CodeRED call out to everyone to test the system.

Alma had a list of the tornado sirens that are currently not working in different Region 26 towns or ones we could not set off from dispatch so that the County representatives knew what they had in their county.

Alma and Virginia attended a meeting at Bartlett Schools for preparedness planning and procedures yesterday.

Alma presented information to the Valley County Board this morning regarding disasters and how they are managed at the county level.

Alma gave a list of upcoming events that she would be hosting or attending: the Wildland Fire Council Meeting here, Cedar Hills School/Scotia for field trip to out Dispatch, NEMA grant monitoring visit here, Thedford full scale exercise for EMS to include our Dispatch, West Central NACO meeting in North Platte, booth for Burwell Health Fair and Hazmat Awareness Class in Burwell.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 24, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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)