

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
March 28, 2017

Region 26 Council:

Present:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks
Tri-Co Municipalities:
Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Jay Meyer

Absent:
Range Co. Municipalities:
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Doug Reiter

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director; Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatch Supervisor

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Hood.

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 Roger Guggenmos and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the February 28, 2017 Minutes. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Paige Measner to approve the February 2017 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report of the progress of the 911 Equipment Installation. The NCTC phone system had been installed throughout the building. All the additional monitors had been installed and the additional wiring pulled through from the equipment room to workstations. The 911 System had arrived on March 22nd by Fed Ex and Motorola, Platte Valley and NCTC was here yesterday and this morning and installed and hooked up the equipment. The hands on training for all dispatchers will be the third week of April with the actual cut over date to the new equipment will be on April 19th. Between now and then each of the dispatchers and admin will have to take training online to become familiar with the new system. Alma discussed the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System with the board and presented the pricing that she was able to get Motorola down to. The board asked that Alma check with Motorola on a few items to proceed with. Jay Myer made a motion to accept the CAD system with a second from Doug Wrede. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Wahltek – Eventide Recorder 5-year Maintenance contract was up for renewal for the logging recorder. After discussion the board suggested holding off on a renewal until we know what Motorola has and also what we can learn from other companies and Alma will check into this.

NRIN Meeting Report – Kevin Hood reported on his last meeting with NRIN in Kearney on March 24th. Continued discussion was held on the build out of the project and the funding. NACO will become the fiscal agent for the project once it is in place and there is a source for the maintenance funding.

The money from each Planning Exercise Training (PET) Region to fund a video to be made for the boards for explanation of the project is to be sent back to NEMA for the making of the video for the amount agreed on. Alma stated it was \$1000 from the North Central Region. Alma said that the North Central Region was asking for maintenance funding in this next grant for the equipment that is currently up and also for two additional towers to help build out the system in our area. One was to be located in southern Brown County and one in southern Holt County.

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

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski passed out the previous month's stats. They had 8 Generator, 29 NAWAS, 30 Siren, 221 Alarm, 10 Office, 492 Page, 1754 Radio, 1502 Phone, 222 – 911, 64 Administrative, 647 Ambulance, 8 Bus, 120 Public, 30 Department of Roads, 505 Fire, 6 Guest, 8 Hospital, 2310 Law Enforcement, 541 Test, 29 Weather. The total contacts for March was 8,356.

Virginia reported that the Public Service Commission was coming to the staff meeting next week to discuss the Next Generation 911 that is coming to dispatch and what that will mean for us. She also informed the board that dispatch Jenny Eggert had turned in resignation due to larger work load in her personal life.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the work in the North Central Region. Deuel County wanting to move to Panhandle and Perkins County wanting to join the North Central. Also the grant funding that the North Central PET Region was applying for and the meetings that was requiring.

The Wireless Funding Application was due and Alma was working on that to go to the Public Service Commission.

The statewide tornado drill is tomorrow and that we would be sounding the sirens in most of the towns. Alma said she would also be testing her CodeRED warning system by sending out a test message to all of Region 26.

Alma reported on the conference room tables and that Cornhusker Industries would be fixing the problem of hooking all the tables together electrically. They will come out to replace the electrical mechanism.

The Wildland Fire Council will be holding their meeting here in the EOC this Thursday, March 30th.

Alma had attended the ICS 300 and ICS 400 Class in O'Neill the end of last month. This was on managing a large incident using the Incident Command System.

The Greeley – Wheeler LEPC meeting was this month in Spalding.

The Burwell Rodeo tornado table top exercise was held on March 14th in Burwell. There was 49 attendees from numerous departments including the Garfield County Fair Board and the County Commissioners. There was good discussion on how we would proceed if an event would happen.

Alma gave an update on the Weather Symposium that was coming up this Saturday in Ord and asked all to attend if possible.

Other things that Alma reported on was the breakout session at the Central District NACO. And that she would be attending the Upcoming meetings for NAEM Conference, the Homeland Security grant meeting in Lincoln, the NIRMA meeting in Kearney on Employment.

There was severe weather poster winner from Region 26 from Greeley County that was able to go to the Capitol building this month. Linda Lewis was able to represent us at the severe weather proclamation day with the poster winner as well as the Greeley County Emergency Manager, Mark Bauer.

Alma reported on the Daily Watch Center that NEMA was now doing to send a daily report on incidents, weather, hazmat etc. on a daily basis to the Emergency Managers. Alma handed out one sheet of that report that showed all the fires this month in Region 26.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 25, 2017.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms

BNSF - Burlington Northern Santa Fe
CAD - Computer Aided Dispatch
CC - Communications Center
CERT - Community Emergency Response Team
E911 - Enhanced 911
ECW - Emergency Call Works (New 911 Equip Company)
EM - Emergency Manager
EOC - Emergency Operations Center
GIS - Geological Information System
GPS - Global Positioning System
ICS - Incident Command System
IJ - Investment Justification
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee
NACO - Nebraska Association of County Officials
NEMA - Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NCR - North Central Region
NCTC - Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NIRMA- Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN - Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen - Next Generation 911
PET - Planning Exercise Training
PSAP - Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC - Public Service Commission
PVC - Platte Valley Communications