

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
March 31, 2015

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
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks
Tri-Co Municipalities:
(Valley, Greeley, Sherman)
Jay Meyer

Absent:
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Range Co. Municipalities:
(Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler)
Doug Reiter

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

Visitors Present: Clint Ruether/Federated Insurance, Kurt Kremke/Town & Country Insurance

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Hood.

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 Jack Poulsen and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the February 24, 2015 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Paige Measner and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the February 2015 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Clint Ruether with Federated Insurance presented a several plans for Region 26 employees on group health insurance. Kurt Kremke with Town and Country Insurance also presented different options for health insurance. After much discussion from the board regarding benefits for the employees and how to proceed forward with any changes, the board asked that Alma meet with Town and Country Insurance and have him discuss the plans face to face and discuss with employees what they currently have and explain the differences of options.

Communications Committee Report was tabled to next meeting due to time constriction.

Alma had a (RFP) request for proposal for bids on a Law Enforcement training plan that was in their North Central PET Region grant funds that has been prepared to be published. In the past Keith County had done all the RFP's for the North Central PET region and has asked that Region 26 manage this one to get published and open the sealed bids. Tom Bandur made the motion to approve the RFP to be submitted to our newspaper and manage the sealed bids at the next board meeting. Jack Poulsen seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks said there was nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 10 Generator, 26 NAWAS, 23 Siren, 198 Alarm, 24 Office, 469 Page, 1873 Radio, 1460 Phone, 169 – 911 Calls, 78 Administrative, 497 Ambulance, 13 Bus, 252 Public, 17 Department of Roads, 435 Fire, 16 Guest, 2 Hospital, 2358 law Enforcement, 579 Tests, 5 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of February was 8,504. Alma reported on the paging that was down yesterday and was due to a bad power supply that was being replaced at the Sargent tower site.

Director's Report:

The Public Service Commission had meeting on the spending procedures of the wireless funds that Ann had attended through video conference in Ainsworth.

Alma reported on the First Net consultation meeting in Kearney for the emergency responder broad band network that is coming through Federal Government.

The sewer lines were still causing issues and Absolute Plumbing from Broken Bow was scheduling running a camera down the lines. There is the possibility that the new low volume stools may be the issue and they are going to bring us some options on what might correct this.

Alma reported on the CodeRED testing that she done along with the annual state tornado drill.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 28, 2015.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator