

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
April 25, 2017

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Greeley Co: Doug Wrede
Garfield Co: Paige Measner	
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	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Jay Meyer	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the March 28, 2017 Minutes.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Alma reported on the new 911 equipment install on at the end of March. All of the staff had online training to complete the first part of April to be familiar with the equipment then Emergency Call Works was here to train the dispatchers face to face on April 17th and 18th. They set up three workstations in the Emergency Operations Center and gave everyone a four hour training course over the two days. On Wednesday, April 19th Region 26 was cut over to the new Emergency Call Works system. They spent the morning doing 911 test calls and learning to do entries into the new CAD system. The board reviewed the reports from the CAD to see how reading the stats will change with the new system. The board suggested allowing the dispatchers time to get used to the new system before trying to look at accurate stats. Alma presented the board with the bids that came in from the banks in Region 26 for funding on the balance owing on the equipment. Jack Poulsen made a motion to accept the bid from Ashton State Bank at 2.75% with authorization for Alma to sign the papers with the bank. Jack Van Slyke seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Friday, May 26th for the Sheriffs in Region 26 to meet with Platte Valley and Mike Jeffres on the State Radio System regarding the use of the radios that were awarded to some of the Sheriffs.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the stats for last month. They had 8 Generator, 35 NAWAS, 71 Siren, 230 Alarm, 14 Office, 668 Pages, 1954 Radios, 1628 Phone, 294 – 911, 64 Administrative, 715 Ambulance, 7 Bus, 145 Public, 26 Department of Roads, 652 Fire, 5 Guest, 6 Hospital, 2436 Law Enforcement, 728 Tests, 118 Weather. There was a total of 9,804 contacts for the March.

Alma also reported for Communications that Craig Cirbo, their newest hire is soon to go out on his own for dispatching and that Virginia and Caitlyn were in Kearney this week for training at NESCA. Alma had communicated with another person that we interviewed before and would be a good candidate to see if she was still interested in dispatching due to there still being one employee short. Alma stated this would not happen until later into next month.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the tornado drill at the end of last month and doing the CodeRED all call to test the system. It appeared we had close to an additional 1000 telephone numbers that had been added since last year. CodeRED was going to check some of the numbers over the next couple of weeks to weed out any that were disconnected numbers so it would not keep trying to recall those numbers during an event. Alma did use the system to send out a message to the residents in part of Wheeler County this month when their telephone company had lost 911 service. She had a map showing where the calls went to.

The weather symposium was on April 1st, Alma gave a report on the turn out and response she had from the event and also had a slideshow for the board to view. There was a lot of favorable comments that came back from the symposium and she would like to have it again next year and work at getting the word out to more people.

The NAEM Conference was held the first week of April in Columbus that Alma attended.

The Sherman –Valley LEPC meeting was this month. Alma reported on a couple of the topics which was the bicycle tour going through Sherman, Valley and Greeley. There will be a meeting in Loup City next week for the Emergency Managers from Region 26, Howard and Custer to meet with the head of the Tour de Nebraska to look at emergency plans. Also at the LEPC meeting there were some that attended to discuss getting a CERT class done. Alma has the funds now to start a class and will try to get that organized with NEMA.

Alma reported on the grant meeting she attended in Lincoln this month and what it appears that the North Central Region will be getting this year in Homeland Security funding. While in Lincoln Alma went to the State and Federal Surplus yards to look for a vehicle. There currently nothing available.

She attended the NIRMA class on employment in Kearney and last week attended a fine fuels class in Burwell on grass fires.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be May 30, 2017.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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
NESCA - Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association
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