

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
May 26, 2015

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: Tom Bandur
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
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 7:39 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 Doug Wrede to approve the April 28, 2015 Minutes.
Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Jay Meyer to approve the April 2015 Financial Statement.
Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma passed out a budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year considered as Plan B in comparison to Plan A that was presented at the April meeting. There were a few changes made to this Plan that included removing the group health and the changes to the employment bonus and a 30 cent per hour increase for the employees. There were also changes to the projected revenue including the new amount for wireless funding. After discussion of the budget and if anything needed to change before the next meeting, Jack Poulsen made a motion to accept the Plan B Budget that was presented. Jay Meyer seconded the motion. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma asked the board to consider going to a direct deposit on payroll for the employees. Discussion was held on possible costs verses saving of time and also going to a bi-monthly payroll instead of monthly. Alma said she would check with bank to see if there was a large cost and what it would take for direct deposit. Alma had concerns in the past of payment going direct to bank before board approved and had held off on the decision in the past. After discussion Doug Wrede made a motion to go to direct deposit for payroll and a bi-monthly payment after Alma checks with bank on costs and what it would take for bi-monthly payments. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the statistic report from dispatch for the previous month. They had 42 Generator, 34 NAWAS, 71 Siren, 251 Alarm, 14 Office, 504 Page, 2121 Radio, 1749 Phone, 253 – 911 Calls, 99 Administrative, 447 Ambulance, 7 Bus, 278 Public, 20 Department of Roads, 611 Fire, 1 Guest, 4 Hospital, 2799 Law Enforcement, 739 Tests, 34 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of April was 10,078.

Alma stated that they held interviews the last couple of weeks and did hire Alyssa Goos from Taylor for full time and Caitlyn Burkhardt from Brewster for part time. They will both start their training the second week of June. Donna and Virginia will be doing their training and will each be training one on separate days. At the May staff meeting the dispatchers went through CPR recertification. This Friday they will be doing their teletype recertification. Alma told about the paging and radios being down in Burwell a couple weeks ago and that it was due to wind damage to electric lines at the tower site.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the Transportation Incident Management Classes that had been held in the counties from the State Roads Department. Also one was held here at Region 26 last week for dispatchers and law enforcement and State Roads Department.

The TICP (Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan) for the North Central Region is due to be renewed. Alma had attended a workshop in Lincoln that was given by FEMA to have our plan complete by the first week in June. Alma stated that she was having the other counties and Regions with in the North Central region send their updates to her office and Linda was collating the information together for FEMA. This includes all department contact information and frequencies and shared channel information for the 22 counties that make up the North Central Region.

Alma stated the Emergency Management Performance Grant application was sent in last week for the 2015 funding. Alma had received the notice of the allocations for wireless funding from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Region 26 will receive an amount of \$54,951.85 for the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be June 30, 2015.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator