

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
May 27, 2014

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:	Vonnie Dzingle		
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		
	Richard Anderson		

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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) 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 Jack Poulsen to approve the April 29, 2014 Minutes.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Jack Van Slyke arrived at 7:36 PM

Motion by Vonnie Dzingle and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the April 2014 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Building Committee Report: Alma said that most of the building was complete other than a few paint touchups and the vestibule to be painted. There are still some questions for contractor on the air flow in the building. The open house details were discussed for Friday.

Alma presented a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Discussion was held on budget. There was a question on the set aside funds and how they were handled for vehicle and equipment fund. The board asked Alma to talk to the accountant on how to list the set aside funds on the budget.

The Ord tower project was explained by Alma on the requests made by Verizon. She said the project negotiations were getting more detailed and difficult to deal with and was concerned that we would be overlooking something without help. Alma had been given the name of a consultant that Custer Public Power District uses for towers. Alma had talked with the consultant, Ed Cole, and determined there was a definite need for help in negotiating with Verizon. Mr. Cole would put up to ten hours of work into reviewing and communicating with Verizon on our behalf. Verizon was wanting something more immediate and she had discussed this with Kevin and received the permission to proceed. Alma

presented to the Board the rough draft that Mr. Cole had drawn up to send to Verizon and asked if this was what the Board wanted to proceed with. Alma stated that the intent was to draw up a contract that would not have any additional funds coming from Region 26 since we would be able to continue operations with the existing tower if Verizon was not present. The board was in agreement to continue to see if Verizon would accept this.

The Public Service Commission had sent out the notifications of the 911 wireless funding for the new fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Alma handed out the report showing that Region 26 will receive slightly less than last year at \$55,235.51 for the year.

Alma reported on a grant monitoring audit that will be next week by NEMA. There was approximately \$3000 left in the Emergency Management grant and the application was open to apply for additional left over funds that others had turned back. Alma said there was the need to upgrade the copier in the office to be able to handle a larger size paper other than letter size and also to be able to scan in color to submit damage photos etc. to the State. The existing copier was needed in dispatch and for the office to upgrade. Also, the bookkeeping desktop computer was in need of upgrade. Alma had prices for each and asked for permission to apply for additional Emergency Management grant funds to make these purchases with. Any additional funds would be awarded by the end of July according to NEMA. Jack Poulsen made the motion to purchase this equipment if the grant funds were received. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report. Has not been able to find a time to get the Law Enforcement together due to busy schedules.

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Supervisor gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 14 Generator, 36 NAWAS, 13 Siren, 155 Alarm, 17 Office, 604 Page, 2064 Radio, 2077 Phone, 417 – 911 Calls, 137 Administrative, 584 Ambulance, 5 Bus, 315 Public, 36 Department of Roads, 663 Fire, 5 Guest, 10 Hospital, 2844 Law Enforcement, 764 Tests, 34 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of April was 10,794. All was going well in their new location.

Director's Report: Nothing else to report

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be June 24, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator