

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
May 29, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	
Garfield Co:	Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede	
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co:	Gary Eng	
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, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) 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 April 24, 2018 Minutes.
Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the April 2018 Financial Statement.
Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave an update on for the replacement tower at the Ord site. The bid request had been advertised with sealed bids to be turned in by June 4th. The temporary tower will not hold all the antennas. Loup Valley Rural Public Power District is going to meet Platte Valley Communications in the morning at the site to put up two 55' power poles to hold the antennas we need up and will be more secure in the wind. The NOAA Weather Radio antenna was one important one that needed up and will go on one of the poles and we will have the weather station back on air by tomorrow.

Alma said Attorney, Heather Sikyta reviewed our land lease at the site and a copy of the lease was also sent to the landowner, Terry Schultz's Attorney, at his request.

Alma had talked to Mr. Schultz and he had approved the installation of the power poles to get us going but would like to discuss the land lease before permanent equipment was replaced. He asked that the board make an offer for renewal of the land lease rental amount. Alma said she had reached out to Custer County to see what they were paying for rent for emergency communications towers.

Alma had talked to zoning in Valley County and a permit was all that was needed for them.

The EHP Survey (Environmental and Historical Preservation) was discussed and that it was only needed if Federal Funds were used.

The Verizon structure that had been vacated was still at the site and Alma had found a Verizon contact person to allow us to inspect the building with the possibility of keeping it. Verizon was willing to turn it over to us once we had the chance to inspect it tomorrow and it met with Platte Valley approval too.

Verizon would make out a bill of sale and decommission the building to remove equipment that was left inside once we give them the okay.

Alma said there was still the salvage work to do on the old tower and cleanup on the site. Trevor Kraus from Taylor was willing to pick up the tower for salvage and that was approved by NIRMA.

After discussion on the tower report and what Alma had for report on the difference of going from a 280' tower to 300' tower that would hold the NRIN microwave dishes, the board decided to go up to the 300' tower. Discussion was held on NEMA helping to pay for difference of the 280' to 300' but would require an EHP survey and could hold up the project for several months. It was determined that Region 26 would move forward with the tower since it was for emergency use and not to delay the process. Jack Poulsen made a motion for Alma to open the bids on June 4th and if only one bid of what we were discussing for a 300' tower came in at the price discussed that Alma could approve it. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Doug Wrede made a motion to give Chairman, Jay Meyer and Vice-Chairman, Jack Poulsen the authority to review and approve a bid if anything comes in that is different than expected. Gary Eng seconded the motion.

Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tom Bandur made a motion for Alma to call the landowner, Terry Schultz, with an offer of \$400 for land lease, the same as what Custer County is paying. Jack VanSlyke seconded the motion.

Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma had received notice from B.J. Harris that he had sold his business to Power Tech from Grand Island. He would do our tower generator maintenance until our contract with him ran out in October.

Alma reported on the meeting with City of Ord and that they signed the Interlocal Agreement which we had amended to include the City of Ord to become a member of Region 26 with effective date of July 1, 2018. At that time we will take over the radio communications for the Ord Police Department. Alma explained what all was discussed and the changes it could make for our dispatchers. Alma stated there would be some transition changes that will take some time to work out and felt it will go smooth. Alma had been to the County Board Meeting to have the amended Interlocal Agreement signed with only Thomas and Loup Counties left to attend.

The Region 26 Law Enforcement agencies held a meeting here at Region 26 on May 9th to discuss what they need to do for a system to replace their Sleuth System that was going away and to have something for them to do the e-citation's and record management. Justice Data Solutions was at the meeting to present what they would do. The Sheriffs and Police Departments wanted to go with Justice Data Solutions and have a server for all of them to use that would be housed at Region 26 and see if Region 26 would be willing to take on the billing to all of the agencies. Bids were being submitted by Justice Data Solutions for the System and Platte Valley for the server. Alma had already had a meeting with Emergency Call Works/Motorola to determine that the Region 26 CAD system would connect to Justice Data Solutions for the Law Enforcement record keeping. A motion was made by Tom Bandur to approve having the server for Justice Data Solutions to be housed and maintained at Region 26. Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Alma gave an update on what she had found for Page-My-Cell and what it would take to get equipment housed at Region 26 for Fire and EMS. The cost was quoted at \$7650 per year for 16 department that are currently using Page-My-Cell. This would create a clearer paged message for the responders. Alma still wanted to do more checking into what it would take to bring it in and if the departments would approve of it. The cost would go back to the departments using the system.

Alma handed out a preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year for review. The board discussed the budget and also what it would take to get health insurance for the employees and the importance of having this benefit to retain employees. Alma would check into it and bring quotes back.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that the Law Enforcement would be meeting back here at 10 AM this Friday, June 1st to look over the quotes received for Justice Data Solutions and how the cost would be divided up and billed out.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1,300 Status Checks, 254 Pager Test, 186 Burn Permit, 168 Alarm-Test, 112 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 98 Misc. Officer Task, 95 Traffic Stop, 73 Medical Call, 64 Wants/Warrants, 61 Citizen Call, 47 animal Out, 47 Gun Permits, 42 Weather, 27 Fire-Other, 27 Reminder Page, 24 Utilities, 21 911 No Contact/Accidental, 19 Animal, 19 Auto Accident, 16 Fire-Grass, 16 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 14 Radio Test, 13 Theft, 12 Motorist Assist, 12 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 10 Alarm-Security, 9 - 911 Test, 7 – 911 Hang Up, 7 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 7 Siren Test, 7 Stolen Vehicle, 6 Alarm-Fire, 6 Disturbance-Domestic, 6 Traffic Hazard, 6 nit Maintenance, 5 Training, 5 Welfare Check, 4 Fire – Structure, 3 Bus Check, 3 Funeral Escort, 3 Missing Person, 3 Suicidal, 3 Transport, 21 Various other incidents. Total number of incidents for the Communications Center for the month of April was 2,888.

Alma reported on events from Dispatch and that we hosted the Protection Order Class here for the State Patrol on April 30th for dispatchers and law enforcement. Dispatch participated in Thedford's full scale exercise on April 28th. There had been several applications that came in for employment in dispatch but had not been able to find anyone yet.

Director's Report: Alma gave an update on the Disaster Declaration of the blizzard. There were 31 counties that were eligible but nothing has come through yet.

Alma and Virginia had attended the Sandhills Sheriff's Association meeting and dinner in Thedford on May 10th.

Alma reported on the school tour for Cedar Hills School from Scotia that was here on May 4th. They were given a tour of dispatch and a talk on preparedness and practice on making a 911 call.

NEMA will be here tomorrow for a grant monitoring visit to review paperwork.

Alma will go to York with NEMA on Thursday to meet with the owner of the MJ Leasing tower north of Burwell to negotiate getting a spot on their tower for NRIN equipment that would connect to our Ord site.

Alma said they were working on the 402 area code residents in Wheeler County for 911.

There had been one more carpenter that had looked over the old dispatch building and was going to give a bid for rebuilding to a garage.

Alma reported on all the equipment breakdowns that has happened at the Sargent tower site since the blizzard that appears to be a direct result from the storm due to power going on and off. The air conditioner/heater had blown a transformer, the phone line for the door alarm and generator alarm was down, the school bus radio was down and several antennas had to be replaced because they had been bent in the ice and wind.

Alma told of the meeting she was hosting here on June 7th for the Nebraska Forestry Service to have a steering committee to build a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the central Sandhill counties.

The 2018-19 wireless fund report from the Public Service Commission was received and Alma handed out a copy to the board.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be June 26, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch
CC – Communications Center
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
DR – Disaster Recovery
DOR – Department of Roads
E911 – Enhanced 911
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)
EM – Emergency Manager
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice
ICS – Incident Command System
LE – Law Enforcement
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Response System
LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan
NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials
NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NENA – National Emergency Number Association
NESCA – Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association
NCR – North Central Region
NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NIMS – National Incident Management System
NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
PET – Planning Exercise Training
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
SO – Sheriff's Office
SRS – State Radio System
TEPW – Training Exercise Planning Workshop
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

*** North Central PET Region Includes:** Keith, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Holt, Region 24 (Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd) and Region 26 (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley and Sherman)