

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
May 31, 2016

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
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

Absent:

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) members present and Jay Meyer present by telephone.

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 Tom Bandur and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the April 26, 2016 Minutes.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Paige Measner and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the April 2016 Financial Statement.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on towers and generators. She had received letter from the attorney of the landowner at the Ord tower site regarding original lease on the ground where the tower is standing. He had a question on the location of tower and wanted to negotiate a new lease. The board determined that this lease was in place since 1971 and did not need to be changed and Alma needed to reply back to the attorney that we did not feel there needed to be any negotiation to the original lease. Alma also discussed the generator for Sherman County EOC/shelter and Tom said it was being approved through the city and we needed to make contact with the Loup City Mayor.

Alma had the second meeting here this month for presentation on Solacom 911 telephone equipment and then had a follow-up online demonstration with the Viper system on a 911 demo call. She had also attended a meeting in North Platte with the Custer County Director and talked with Ogallala, North Platte and McCook centers to see what it would take to connect together for sharing equipment. Viper/Century Link gave the presentation there and were going to work on bids for us to be connected. Discussion was held by the board on the equipment and also the wireless funding from the Public Service Commission. It was suggested that we ask to see the formula again for calculating the PSAP funding.

Kevin Hood gave a report on the NRIN meeting that he attended as he and one Keith County Commissioner were the two representatives for the North Central Region. They held their first meeting in Grand Island on May 19th and were able to elect officers for the NRIN Board and also adopt by-laws. Kevin was concerned about the representatives on the board that they are not the ones able to make money decisions and the purpose of the board was determining how the NRIN project was going to be funded and maintained after the grant funding ceased. It is a very large microwave project of connecting the 911 centers together statewide and still had a couple years to go.

Alma went over the budget again that she had presented last month. She did not make any changes to what had been presented. She stated there would be some minor changes due to just receiving in the new GeoComm contract, NIRMA renewal and wireless funding award in comparison to what she had projected them to be. She also stated that the salary line item did include wage increases which was discussed. Jack Poulsen made a motion to approve the 2016-17 budget. Paige Measner seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks had discussion on the radio and paging static and said it had improved. Alma said there was still a problem with the paging bleeding over into the radios when they were on scan. We have not been able to track that down. Platte Valley had been out several times to try and find the source of the problem and cannot. We will keep working on it.

Communications Center Report: Alma passed out the stats she had received from dispatch for the last two months. For the month of March there was 13 Generator, 31 NAWAS, 47 Siren, 222 Alarm, 14 Office, 563 Page, 2114 Radio, 2063 Phone, 307 – 911 calls, 74 Administrative, 548 Ambulance, 8 Bus, 417 Public, 26 Department of Roads, 697 Fire, 6 Guest, 16 Hospital, 2860 Law Enforcement, 668 Tests and 54 Weather. There was a total of 10,748 contacts for March. For April there was 14 Generator, 29 NAWAS, 25 Siren, 248 Alarm, 15 Office, 621 Page, 1847 Radio, 1704 Phone, 289 – 911 Calls, 98 Administrative, 448 Ambulance, 7 Bus, 303 Public, 23 Department of Roads, 614 Fire, 7 Guest, 12 Hospital, 2515 Law Enforcement, 732 Test and 33 Weather. For the month of April there was 9,584 Contacts.

Alma said that due to the problems that had been happening with the static and not being able to hear the dispatchers all the time, Alma had discussed with Platte Valley to go ahead and move the new radio equipment to the workstations to use all the time instead of just backup. The change has been made and the old Gold Elite system was retired to being a backup system. It took a minimal amount of training to get all dispatchers up to speed on the new monitor.

No interviews have been done at this time to fill in the current part time vacancy.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the village board meetings she has attended in Greeley County to pass out the new LEOP's for their county. She had a chance to give talks on Region 26 to a Day Care Association, Senior Plaza and Rotary Club.

At the North Central Board meeting this month the NEMA Investment Justification (IJ) follow-up workshop was coming up and North Central had to further trim down what was requested in the 2016 grant since there was not enough funds. We had requested NEMA to allow us to use some of our 2014 training funds to finish out some of our credentialing equipment and supplies. This has been approved through NEMA. The North Central board had sent out request for quote on doing some training classes on Ag terrorism. The Central Nebraska Economic Development District received the bid. They will be conducting three one day classes for the North Central Region in Ord, Broken Bow and Ainsworth.

Alma said she had talked to Loup Basin Public Health about operating the credentialing/badging printer for them. We have been doing the data collection and then submitting to the health department to print badges. We had used our grant funds to help purchase the printer and now have the funding to get enough supplies to last a few years. Loup Basin did release the printer to us for managing the printing of badging and has been set up in the additional office space.

Alma discussed the upcoming Comstock Windmill Festival. There was discussion about the use of the Command Unit for this purpose and the board turned down using the Command Unit at the festival.

Other Business: Discuss was held on seeking a new attorney due to the death of Greg Jensen. The board suggested several area attorneys and asked Alma to reach out to one of them to see if they would work with us on an hourly as needed basis.

Next regular meeting date will be June 28, 2016.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator