

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 24, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Thomas Co:	Kevin Hood, Chairman
Garfield Co:	Paige Measner	Sherman Co:	Vonnie Dzingle
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede		
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel		
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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chairman, Jack Poulsen.

Roll Call was taken with nine (9) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Vice-Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion by Doug Wrede and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the May 27, 2014 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Alma stated there had been an error on the last couple of month's budget reports in that the amounts from November 2013 was missing in the totals. This was found and corrected on this month's budget report. Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the May 2014 Financial Statement.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented a FY2014-15 Budget for review. The changes from what was presented at the May meeting reflects the above correction on the budget. There were other changes made including cash on hand amount for end of year. After discussing with accountant on how to carry funds forward to the new year that were being collected for a budget line item, Alma stated that we could carry it on as we have in the past since we have no authority to set a tax levy. We are not obligated to spend what is listed in the budget for a particular line item and can be left to carry forward to build the fund. Alma stated that in the budget she had included a twenty-five cent an hour raise for those employed over a year. The insurance policies were discussed in how they could be changed as well as propane cost for towers and the building. Doug Wrede made a motion to approve the FY2014-15 Budget as presented and that Alma would continue to work toward lowering the budget. Dave Weeks seconded the motion.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma had a rough draft of what Ed Cole, Consultant completed to send to Verizon for review. Alma had asked for increased annual rent with a 5% increase every 5 years. There would be a \$4000 rent abatement for 26 years for cost of tower. Region 26 would not have a loss on annual rent with no cost for moving equipment and no additional cost if Verizon would terminate the contract. This would also allow space on the tower for our future needs. Alma has not had a response back from Verizon at time of meeting.

The Greeley generator was down at the current time. B.J. Harris had been working on it and said it was going to require a new carburetor and regulator. He was going to get an estimate for these cost. Alma had asked for him to hold off on repairs but to get prices for new generator and cost of parts as she was working toward grant funds to replace the generator. Doug Wrede said he had spoken with B.J. today on repairs and thought he had found the problem.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks said there was nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Alma passed out a printout on the statistics for communications. They had 14 Generator, 38 NAWAS, 35 Siren, 198 Alarm, 24 Office, 538 Pages, 2198 Radio, 2162 Phone, 412 – 911 Calls, 129 Administrative, 658 Ambulance, 8 Bus, 397 Public, 20 Department of Roads, 354 Fire, 13 Guest, 11 Hospital, 3260 Law Enforcement, 723 Test, 46 Weather. The total contacts for the month of May was 11,238.

Director's Report: Alma gave a report on final cost for the building and presented the change orders from Berggren Construction with their final bill. They still had to put an additional coat of paint on the vestibule floor. The invoices were starting to come in from Platte Valley for moving the equipment. Alma asked about the possibility of putting rock around the building. Mulch was placed in front of the building for temporary coverage for this summer. The sides and back of the building need to have something done. The board suggested getting prices for several different types of rock that would work.

Alma reported on the North Central Region board meeting that was held in our EOC on the 20th. The North Central Region was awarded \$262,165 in Homeland Security grant funds for the 2014 grant year. The meeting was regarding the funds and how they could be used in the Region and what would be eligible to apply for. Alma said that she had asked for a generator for the Greeley tower site since it was down and also for the Loup County Court House. The Court House water well supplies the Region 26 building and there is no back-up power for the well.

Alma gave a report on the storm damages from the June 3rd storms and Elyria tornado, and also the June 16th tornado at Burwell. She had maps of the tornado paths and also storm damage photos that helped the National Weather Service determine winds speeds.

The FY 2014-15 election of offices was held. Doug Reiter made a motion to retain the same officers for this next year. Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1). Officers are Kevin Hood, Chairman; Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair and Alma Beland, Secretary.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 29, 2014.

Vice-Chairman Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator