

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 25, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
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 and Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

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

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) 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 Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Gary Eng to approve the May 28, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the May 2019 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

On the Disaster #DR4420 on flooding Alma reported that all applicants have turned in their request for assistance that had asked for it. Some of the towns are still waiting for meetings with FEMA. The board discussed what they were working with at a county level with the roads and with their FEMA Project Delivery Managers.

Alma presented the letter to the board from Schultz Farms Attorney regarding modifications to the Lease Agreement and the Stipulation that we had sent out in December. After discussion Tom Bandur made a motion to remain with the Agreement and Stipulation we had sent in December and that it would be good for two weeks or it would revert back to the original lease agreement. Alma is to send this information to Heather Sikyta to be sent out to Mr. Schultz's Attorney. The motion was seconded by Gary Eng.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported that she had been approached by Hooker and McPherson Counties on what it would take to come back to Region 26 for services and if we would entertain the idea or if it was feasible. They are currently being served by Ogallala with a large change that was going to occur. After discussion on what it would take and what Alma had researched to this point, it would take time for more research if we could manage that without taking away any service from our current Counties and how long it would take

to prepare for that kind of change. We would wait for any additional word from those counties if they have been able to reach any terms with Ogallala.

Alma presented the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. There was a copy of the preliminary budget presented from the May meeting along with a Plan B and Plan C that had lowered a couple of the line items that was requested from the last meeting. Alma also presented a Plan D that had the lowered line items and also had a sliding usage scale to take a 3-year average on usage. This would keep from one member causing a sharp percentage increase or decrease to the other members in a given year due to their change of circumstances. After discussion the board agreed to try this for five years. Gary Eng made a motion to approve the Plan D budget that was presented with using the sliding 3-year usage average. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Dave Weeks reported on the training that was at the last Region 26 Law Enforcement Meeting.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 848 Status Checks, 255 Alarm Test, 129 Traffic Stops, 110 Medical Calls, 93 Pager Test, 85 Burn Permits, 8 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 80 Wants - Warrants, 79 Animal Out, 77 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 73 Citizen Call, 55 Weather, 37 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 34 Animal, 30 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 28 Auto Accident, 28 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 24 Gun Permits, 23 Motorist Assist, 18 Alarm/Security, 16 Theft, 15 Disturbance - Domestic, 14 – 911 Hang Ups, 14 Reminder Pages, 13 Fire/Other, 13 Welfare Checks, 10 Alarm/Fire, 10 Utilities, 9 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 9 Training, 8 Traffic Hazard, 8 Vandalism, 7 Fire/Grass, 7 Siren Test, 7 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc.), 6 Fire/Structure, 5 Harassment, 5 Transport, 4 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 4 DUI, 4 Probation, 4 Radio Test, 3 – 911 or Phone Line Test, 3 Assist Other Agency, 3 Drugs, 3 Fraud, 3 Hunting/Fishing Violation, 3 Traffic Control, 3 Unit Maintenance and 16 various other incidents.

Virginia reported that they did not have many applicants for the dispatch position and would soon do interviews.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the Grant Monitoring phone contact with NEMA to review the grant paperwork. The North Central PET Meeting had been postponed. Alma reported on the NRIN meeting for this month that the first billing went out to the users of the NRIN Communication Network and starting to get the funding in to make the system sustainable.

The Greeley/Wheeler LEPC was held in Bartlett this month and had a presentation on the safety for the new wind farm that was going into Wheeler County and what they could expect if called out to help in an injury situation.

Region 26 hosted a TICP Workshop for the North Central Region that was facilitated by FEMA to educate everyone on our Communications Plan that had recently been updated for the whole North Central Region.

Alma reported that Ann Wurst, her Office Manager and Bookkeeper had turned in a resignation after ten years that she had been offered employment with a full health care plan.

Election of Officers: Chairman Meyer announced the time for election of officers for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Gary Eng made a motion to keep the officers the same as this year. Doug Reiter seconded the motion.

The officers will be Jay Meyer/Chairman, Tom Bandur/Vice-Chairman and Alma Beland as Secretary. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 30, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch
CC – Communications Center
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)
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
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FY – Fiscal Year
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program
IA – Individual Assistance
ICS – Incident Command System
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software 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 Equipment
PA – Public Assistance
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
PDMG – Program Delivery Manager (FEMA)
***PET** – Planning Exercise Training*
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)

PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
RPA – Request for Public Assistance (FEMA applicant request)
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
SO – Sheriff’s Office
SRS – State Radio System
TEPW – Training Exercise Planning Workshop
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
TICP – Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan

* **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)