

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 26, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
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 and Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM 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 Jack Poulsen and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the May 29, 2018 Minutes.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Doug Wrede and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the May 2018 Financial Statement.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report on the Ord tower replacement. Only one bid was received for the tower from Platte Valley Communications for a 300' tower at \$122,638.15 with antennas at \$36,708.00. The tower and antennas have been placed on order.

On May 30th Loup Valley RPPD brought two 55' power poles out to temporarily install at the site to hold all of our antennas. Platte Valley was there to attach the antennas to the poles and Loup Valley set them in place and attached the coax cable to the poles.

This allowed the weather radio channel to be up and running for the Valley County area.

At the same time Trevor Kraus arrived to remove the old tower for salvage with the help of Loup Valley RPPD.

Platte Valley took the portable tower down to get travel ready to return to Wayne County.

Also on that day a Verizon employee let us enter the Verizon building to inspect for the purpose of keeping the building for Region 26. Alma stated she had notified Verizon that we do want to keep the thermos bond building in exchange for them having to remove it from the site.

Employees Linda and Ann spent one full day at the site last week to do tower clean up in the pasture which included all small pieces and parts that broke off the tower when it collapsed. They were able to transport over 500 lbs. of debris to the landfill.

The Wayne County and Cedar County Emergency Managers came last Wednesday to retrieve their portable tower.

Alma said she was going to send a payment to Marvin Hulinsky for the mileage in picking up the tower. She had not been able to get in touch with landowner to discuss land lease but would keep trying.

Alma presented the quotes she had received for employee health insurance from Benefit Management and also through NACO. After board discussion on what would work best cost wise it was decided to keep the insurance stipend and increase the amount. Gary Eng made the motion to increase the employee insurance stipend to \$600/month for full time and \$300/month part time. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Tom Bandur made an amendment to the motion that employees needed to show proof of insurance once a year at open enrollment time. Doug Reiter seconded the amended motion
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget was reviewed with changes that had an amount for employee insurance and to change the base amount for the members to include more of the base costs line items so that all members were helping to cover base costs. After discussion on the budget Jack Van Slyke made a motion to approve the budget with an \$18,000 base amount and changing the amount to reflect the insurance stipend in place of the health insurance. Jack Poulsen seconded the motion.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported on the meetings that had been held here at Region 26 with all the Region 26 law enforcement to determine the needs for the Justice Data Solutions and get all the details lined out of what each department needed and what their costs would be. The system should be in place in the middle of July here at Region 26 with all of them being able to use a temporary site with Justice Data Solutions until the server is set up and ready and Region 26.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1,357 Status, 322 Pager Test, 155 Alarm-Test, 132 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 122 Traffic Stop, 97 Medical Call, 95 Misc. Officer Task, 87 Citizen Call, 86 Burn Permit, 86 Wants/Warrants, 66 Animal Out, 32 Auto Accident, 28 - 911-No Contact - Accidental, 28 Reckless Driving-Speeding, 24 Gun Permits, 24 Weather, 20 Animal, 19 Motorist Assist, 18 Disturbance-Domestic, 17 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 13 Fire-Other, 11 Reminder page, 10 Traffic Hazard, 10 Welfare Check, 9 Alarm-Security, 9 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 8 - 911 Hang Up, 8 Transport, 8 Utilities, 7 Theft, 6 Missing Person, 6 siren Test, 6 Standby (Game/Rodeo), 6 Training, 5 Fire-Vehicle, 5 Funeral Escort, 4 Radio Test, 3 - 911 Test, 3 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 3 Bus Check, 3 DUI, 3 Fire-Grass, 3 Suicidal, 3 Unit Maintenance, 20 Various other incidents. Total number of incidents into the Communications Center for the month of May 2018 was 2987. Virginia reported that we had no prospects on employment at this time.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the grant monitoring visit by NEMA the end of last month. She met with NEMA in York with the tower owner of the local broadcast towers to be able to utilize space for the NRIN project. The kids Farm Safety Day was in Ord on June 5th that she and Linda had talked 911 with the kids. The Community Wildfire Plan committee met here earlier this month to start work on development of the plan that will be done by the Nebraska Forestry Service. Alma reported on a drain line leak in the building due to a bird nest build up and blocking flow of runoff. All the signatures had been collected for the amended Interlocal Agreement to include the City of Ord. The North Central Region PET meeting was held here Friday which included representatives from the Health Department, NEMA, UNL Public Policy Center, Region 24, Custer, Holt & Keith counties.

Jay asked for nominations for the election of board officers for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. Jack Poulsen nominated Jay Meyer for Chairman, seconded by Gary Eng. Gary Eng made a motion to cease nominations. Doug Reiter seconded. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Jack Van Slyke nominated Tom Bandur for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Doug Wrede. Doug Reiter made a motion to cease nominations with a second from Jack Poulsen.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

The 2018-19 officers are Jay Meyer/Chairman, Tom Bandur/Vice-Chairman and Alma Beland as acting secretary.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 31, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:01 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
FY – Fiscal Year
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)