

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 27, 2017

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, Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

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

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 Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the May 30, 2017 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Jay Meyer and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the May 2017 Financial Statement.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Kevin Hood gave a report on the NRIN meeting last week in Kearney. They are working at getting the cost of repair of equipment with life expectancy of equipment at tower sites to help with an annual maintenance figure cost. Working at putting a list together of current users of the system and what to start charging for use and how to get more users on board. There is 24/7 monitoring by Solar Wind and want to have some dispatch centers to start doing some of the monitoring of system in their area with the aid of grant funds to supply the monitoring equipment. Platte Valley was at meeting to present what they would charge for maintenance on a couple of the regions. The North Central Region meeting will be nominating an NRIN representative for the North Central Region to replace Kevin as this was his last meeting.

Alma presented what Custer County proposed for shared use of our Region 26 tower at Ansley to allow them to get off of a Verizon tower that was going to have an increased lease this year. The equipment would allow Region 26 to have use of higher wattage repeater and allow both Custer County and Region 26 to have backup spare equipment and also Custer County was installing a generator to handle all of the equipment at the tower sight and they would maintain the generator. Jack Poulsen made a motion to accept the Custer County proposal. Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma handed out a revised budget for FY 2017-18 listed as Plan B. This would allow for a \$1.00 per hour increase in wages by increasing the base amount for each county to \$10,500 to spread the wage increase to all counties. After review of the budget in comparison to the first one submitted last month Paige Measner made a motion to accept the Plan B budget. Jack VanSlyke seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on the radios and mobile repeaters for the State Radio System on those that were going to have installed in their vehicles.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski gave a report on dispatch and the training they had for Protection Orders in Scottsbluff and that the next training would be here for Region 26 to host. Also they had all had their recertification on the teletype done here and Donna had the teletype audit the same day. The audit report came through okay.

Alma went over the stats that came out from the new 911 system. There were several additional reports that she went over with the board showing what is available to help with staffing but will not print them each month. There was a simplified report of calls received by both 911, radio and telephone which is summarized for May as 24 911-Hang Up calls, 166 Alarm Test, 62 Animal out, 27 Auto Accidents, 92 Burn Permits, 5 Bus Checks, 145 Citizen Calls, 3 Department of Roads, 30 Fire Calls, 258 Law Enforcement, 112 Medical Calls, 1331 Misc. Officer Tasks, 350 Pager/Siren Tests, 27 Reminder/Training Pages, 8 Unit Maintenance, 21 Utilities, 24 Weather calls.

Total number of stats for the Communications Center for the month of May was 2685.

Director's Report:

NEMA had contacted Alma regarding the North Central Region inventory list and to have it up to date. The last entries made were off the 2014 grant which she would be working on to be in compliance.

Alma reported that most of the other counties within the North Central Region had reported back to her that they were moving forward with payment of their portion of the CodeRED contract this year.

The LEPC this month was for Greeley/Wheeler held in Scotia last week. There is work toward preparedness flyers for the public including information for the public on siren protocol. The weather support was discussed as well as review of the maps and schedule for a bicycle tour coming through.

Alma stated that she received notice yesterday that FEMA had approved a Federal Disaster #FEMA-4321-DR on the snowstorm of May 30th causing power outages for 10 counties in Nebraska. The Region 26 counties were Blaine, Loup Garfield and Valley. NEMA requested that Alma schedule a meeting location for a FEMA to have an applicant kickoff meeting to be held in the area on July 13th.

Alma said the land at the Ord tower site had changed ownership to Schultz Farms and Ranch. She would be making contact with them regarding the tower site lease.

The construction of the SIM-NE Simulator training Vans has been completed. These vans will be able to come to the rural area EMTs and have training classes that simulate an ambulance and triage. Alma had found that Spalding and Mullen were each scheduling a van to come to their departments for training in the near future. Alma passed out a flyer on the program showing an open house to be held in Kearney at the Youness Center on July 14th.

Linda had left our battle book of badges for the board to review for all the departments, town and county employees that she had completed badging for at this point.

Alma said that the next Public Service Commission Advisory Board meeting was to be held on July 31st and Stacen Gross would be turning in our request for funding on Text-to-911 for Region 26.

Alma reported that a notice that came out on the FirstNet project for first responder high speed Wi-Fi showing the selection of AT&T for the build out of the system.

Election of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 was held.

Doug Reiter nominated Jay Meyer for Chairman. Tom Bandur seconded the motion for Jay Meyer.

Jack Poulsen made a motion to cease nominations. Tom Bandur seconded the motion.

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

There was a roll call vote on accepting the nomination of Jay Meyer for Chairman.

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

Kevin Hood made a motion to retain the Vice-Chairman, Jack Poulsen and Secretary, Alma Beland. Tom Bandur seconded the motion. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Other Business: A farewell was held for Kevin Hood

Next regular meeting date will be July 25, 2017.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

CAD - Computer Aided Dispatch

CC - Communications Center

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

DR – Disaster Recovery

E911 - Enhanced 911

ECW - Emergency Call Works (New 911 Equip Company)

EM - Emergency Manager

EOC- Emergency Operations Center

FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency

ICS – Incident Command System

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

NACO - Nebraska Association of County Officials

NEMA - Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

NESCA - Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association

NCR - North Central Region

NCTC - Nebraska Central Telephone Company

NIRMA- Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association

NRIN - Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network

NX-Gen - Next Generation 911

PET - Planning Exercise Training

PSAP - Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)

PSC - Public Service Commission

PVC - Platte Valley Communications