

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
July 30, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, 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 nine (9) 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the June 25, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The budget was reviewed for the end of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Alma explained that all but two of the line items that were over had been reimbursed with the emergency management grant funds. There was discussion on the reimbursed grant funds and how they were handled. Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the June 2019 Financial Statement.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Disaster DR #4420 Update: Alma said there was no further report from NEMA at this time on the information collected to extend the dates on the DR#4420 or start a new disaster. At this point information was turned in for Blaine, Loup, Garfield and Wheeler for additional damages. Discussion was held on where the counties were at with working with FEMA on the current Disaster.

Tower Report: Alma stated that there had been no response from the landowner on the Ord Tower site and his rent checks had not been cashed at this point. Alma reported on the generator for the Sargent site. The new generator that will be purchased with grant funds has been placed on order but they have not started work until they hear what we want done with the existing generator. Alma did not want it setting in the pasture until we knew where we were going with it. The board discussed the need for it to go on surplus. Jay Meyer said he would have room to house it until sold and they could pick it up in Ord. Tom Bandur made a motion to list the generator with Big Iron and when sold they could pick it up at Jay's location in Ord. Gary Eng seconded the motion.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks said that there was to be the quarterly Law Enforcement meeting this Friday here at Region 26. However, with so many County Fairs going on the decision was made to cancel this meeting.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 846 Status checks, 247 Alarm Test, 95 Medical Calls, 94 Wants/Warrants, 91 Pager Test, 84 Citizen Calls, 74 Burn Permit, 71 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 70 Vehicle Inspection – Registration, 53 Traffic Stops, 52 – 911 No Contact – Accidental, 52 Animal Out, 50 Weather, 39 Auto Accident, 34 Animal, 29 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 27 Reminder Page, 24 Gun Permits, 22 Motorist Assist, 22 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 20 Utilities, 19 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc.), 17 Security Alarms, 15 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 14 Assist Other Agency, 13 Disturbance – Domestic, 13 Traffic Hazard, 12 Traffic Control, 11 – 911 hang Up, 10 Fire – Other, 10 siren Test, 10 /theft, 9 Alarm – Fire, 9 Welfare Check, 8 Suicidal, 7 Drugs, 7 Fight or Assault, 7 Probation, 6 Dead Body, 6 DUI, 6 Fire – Grass, 6 Harassment, 6 Hit & Run, 6 Vandalism, 5 Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Violation, 5 Radio Test, 5 Training, 5 Trespassing, 4 Funeral Escort, 3 – 911 or Phone Line Test, 3 Fire – Structure, 3 Fire – Vehicle, 3 Missing Person, 3 Unit Maintenance and 13 various other incidents. Total number of incidents at the Communications Center for the month of June was 2375.

Virginia reported on the Radar monitor failing and we had it replaced this month. She reported on the new hire in dispatch that is in probation period at this time and going through training. She has done more monitoring than training to this point due to how busy they have been in dispatch.

These last couple of weeks they have been very busy with all the activities in the counties with the fairs and rodeos going on that has caused extra help to be on duty.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET meeting that was held here this month. They went over the CodeRED contract that is for the North Central Region and how we each will pay our portion of the contract direct to CodeRED. The grant status was reviewed and the amount of funds that had to be turned back before the grant period ran out this month on one of the grants. A large share was training funds that we were not able to work in due to time spent on the flooding disaster. The NEMA representative at the meeting stated that Region 26 was the first in the state for this year to get the required LEOPs that needed updated turned in successfully.

The Sherman/Valley LEPC was held this month at the Green Plains Ethanol plant in Valley County. The ethanol plant wanted to discuss with the LEPC the amount of trucks that were traveling from Atkinson through Burwell and Ord to transport Ethanol to be hauled out on Nebraska Central rail line.

Alma attended the Loup Valley Mutual Aid in North Loup and the Sandhills Mutual Aid in Thedford this month and had training lined up for them at the Broken Bow Airport with Arrow Aviation last week. There were over 50 firemen in attendance from 15 departments to learn how to fill his airplane with water and foam for fire suppression. For demonstration several loads of water were dumped on the runway and also allowed the pilot to test his new radio while in the air with those on the ground. Several of the mutual aid departments paid to have the radio installed in his plane to communicate during wildfires.

Alma handed out flyers that she had for the training she has lined up on Livestock Emergency Response when a loaded livestock trailer is involved in an accident. She asked for help in getting the word out to get individuals signed up for this training that will be Wednesday, August 21st, at the Valley County Fairgrounds in Ord. It is an all-day training that will also include hands on in a semi livestock trailer. The board offered suggestions on how to get this information out.

Alma stated that the sand bag supply has been depleted in the Region and she was working with the Burwell Fire Department to bring bags from Omaha from the Army Corps of Engineers that we could distribute to those departments asking for them.

Alma had the engagement letter from Contryman & Associates to start this year's audit to have Jay sign.

Other Business: Gary Eng said that he has Commissioner Mary Ridder lined up from the Public Service Commission Board to come to our next meeting but she would like to know what all our board wanted to discuss. The board expressed the need to know on the wireless funding why we are getting no additional funds when our landline surcharge is going down and also the comparison to the other counties' funding. Alma asked about having someone else also come from the public service commission to explain the direction of the commission on the 911 and the Next Generation 911. Alma would get in touch with them.

Next regular meeting date will be August 27th and Alma will set the time if it needs to be different to accommodate them.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting.

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

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
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)