

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
July 31, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:  
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos  
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt  
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede  
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel  
Thomas Co: Gary Eng  
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair  
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen  
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks  
Tri-Co Municipalities:  
Valley, Greeley, Sherman  
Jay Meyer, Chairman

Absent:  
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke  
Range Co. Municipalities:  
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler  
Doug Reiter

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

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 26, 2018 Minutes.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the April 2018 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tower Update: Alma gave a report on the Ord tower status that the Geo Technical survey had been done on the ground and they will be ready for concrete as soon as next week. Alma did get in touch with the landowner and made the offer from the last board meeting. He turned down the offer and asked for \$1200/annual lease and he would allow us to move forward with what we needed to get the tower up which included some improvements to the road to get a concrete truck up the hill.

There is a meeting scheduled this Thursday to meet with Platte Valley, Sabre Tower the Landowner and Chairman Jay Meyer at the tower site to look at any changes that need done ahead of tower. The landowner had turned down the need to come out if we approved the \$1200/annual lease.

Dave Weeks made a motion to approve the landowner request with Diana Hurlburt seconding the motion.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma said she was trying to get back in touch with Verizon regarding the building that was vacated. The Blizzard Disaster #4375 briefing was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Alma discussed with NEMA as for entering the disaster as an applicant due to the loss being covered by insurance. NEMA advised to go ahead in case there was anything down the road that needed turned in.

Citizen band radio to be replaced on the tower site was discussed for the Extension Agent office and Sherman County said it would not be going back up according to Sherman Extension Agent.

Having a surveyor was discussed for the new tower. Jay was going to check with the Valley County Surveyor and Alma said she had already talked to MeAnder Nebraska about using GPS and locating for the guy wires and tower. Alma will discuss with the Attorney to see if this could be done so surveying

would not hold up the build process. There was also discussion on what it would take to install cameras at the Ord site once the tower was up.

Alma said that she had been approached by the Technology Center in Albion on use of space on the Greeley tower. They would provide Wi-Fi for the Greeley County area. The board suggested that Alma proceed with research for space on the tower.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks and Alma gave an update on the installation of the server at Region 26 for the Justice Data Solutions by Platte Valley.

Communications Center Report: Alma said there would be breakdown of stats at the next meeting. There were problems with the logging recorder backup system. Also the security cameras were currently down due to the work that was going on with the network for the Justice Data Solutions. There was one applicant for dispatch that had come in but have not had a chance for interview yet.

Director's Report: Alma reported on meeting she had with Sherman County EM to start work on the Sherman County LEOP. Linda Lewis attended a workshop at NEMA with the Sherman County EM for LEOP training.

The Sherman/Valley LEPC was held this month in Loup City at the Bowman Park. Matt Brandt with Game & Parks gave a talk on the hazardous materials that can show up in the reservoir and rivers from boats or vehicles in the water.

The Loup Valley Mutual aid meeting was held at Region 26 this month for the departments to have a chance to see the Region 26 operations.

Meetings were being held for the June storms for potential applicants for disaster recovery. Thomas County had meeting lined up with NEMA/FEMA for washed out roads.

Alma reported on the events that her office was currently helping with weather support for the event including the ending of Thomas Co. Fair and Burwell Rodeo. This week was Blaine Co. Fair, Wheeler Co. Fair and Monday starts the Greeley Co. Fair.

Alma had received notice that there would be additional funding that would be allowed on her Emergency Management Grant. Others around the state had returned funds from the 2017 grant and she was in hopes to get additional funding from that and had applied for more funds for operating expense.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be August 28, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

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  
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program  
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)