

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 2, 2016

Region 26 Council:

Present:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
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

Absent:
Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Tri-Co Municipalities:
(Valley, Greeley, Sherman)
Jay Meyer

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chairman Poulsen.

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) members present and Kevin Hood by phone.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Vice-Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion was made by Dave Weeks and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the amended agenda.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Doug Wrede and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the June 28, 2016 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the June 2016 Financial Statement.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented bids received from Solacom Technologies and Emergency Call Works for replacing the 911 telephone equipment. There was still a bid she was waiting on from CenturyLink. CenturyLink was doing several bids that would include Region 26 as a host/remote with Custer County, a Region 26 stand-alone system and then as a remote hooked into a larger group and including what the connection cost would be to another PSAP. Alma stated that upgrading the equipment had a lot of components and each of the companies were coming to a meeting to go over the bids face to face. Also the consideration of bringing the communications committee together. However, it was hard finding the time to bring everyone together. There is concern that we would know what our needs are to compare one company to another. She presented a bid from a consultant that was someone we had been working with in the past on our 911 equipment. After reviewing the bid from SCG Consulting and discussion, Jack Van Slyke made a motion to accept the bid from Stacen Gross at SCG Consulting with Alma to use discretion as to when the service would start. Tom Bandur seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

The NOAA Weather Radio contract was coming up for renewal. This is a no cost contract and we are to provide the space for the Weather Radio Station at the Ord tower site. This is a fifteen year contract that had no changes from the past contract. Tom Bandur made the motion to renew the contract. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma said that she was contacted by Platte Valley from Grand Island asking for a space at our tower site in Ord for the Ord Public Schools to attach an antenna and line kit with space for repeater inside the

building. Alma stated that she had contacted Platte Valley in Kearney to see if there was enough space and feeling that the tower was full now and there would be no additional space. She was waiting to hear back from Kearney. The board agreed that if there was not enough space then we would need to turn them down.

The NRIN (Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network) project was needing the counties to sign a resolution for the project that would allow us to have a voice on the governance board. Kevin Hood currently sits on the NRIN Board and would not be able to vote on any decisions without an Interlocal agreement being signed by Region 26. Doug Wrede made a motion to approve the resolution for the NRIN project Interlocal agreement and Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on the training coming up through Region 26. Discussion was held on not being able to hear Garfield Sheriff on his radio and what the problem was. Alma stated that she knew he had replaced alternator in his pickup thinking that was the problem and it seemed to make it worse. She was going to check with Platte Valley to see if there was anything that could be done.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch had left a statistics sheet for the board for last month communications traffic. They had 17 Generator, 58 NAWAS, 35 Siren, 220 Alarm, 15 Office, 668 Page, 2192 Radio, 2031 Phone, 320 – 911, 96 Administrative, 909 Ambulance, 409 Public, 29 Department of Roads, 449 Fire, 7 Guest, 32 Hospital, 2898 Law Enforcement, 612 Tests, 115 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of June was 11,112.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the generator progress. The generator has been installed at the Greeley Tower site and is up and working. The old generator was removed and is sitting at B.J. Harris location in Greeley. B.J. said it would need some wiring done if someone purchased it as the mice had chewed a lot of the wiring. He suggested a price of \$500 for the generator and would possibly be able to sell it for us. The board agreed that if he could do that to have him proceed.

The credentialing/badging equipment had been purchased from the grant for the North Central Region through Region 26 and Alma said they had training dates set up for August 23rd and 24th on using the equipment and software program.

The 2016 EMPG Grant award was announced this week and Region 26 received \$69,680.50. The 2015 grant finished out at the end of July and we had to sign over \$3663 that was over the amount we needed for wages and was not allowed to turn it into operating expense.

The Loup County LEOP had been approved and manuals received in for delivery. The Sherman-Valley LEPC meeting was held in Litchfield in July. The group toured the Trotter Greenhouse, Trotter Dry Fertilizer Plant and Trotter Fertilizer all in Litchfield.

Alma reported on Livestock Emergency Workshops and the one coming up on August 15th in Ord, the Active Shooter training for Law Enforcement in August, Hazardous Materials Exercise in Litchfield and the Fire Extinguisher training that was held for Region 26 employees on July 5th.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be August 30, 2016.

Vice-Chairman Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator