

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 26, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle
Garfield Co: Paige Measner	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Law Enforce: Dave Weeks
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Richard Anderson	

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 eight (8) 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 Paige Measner to approve the July 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the July 2014 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Criminal Justice Board Report: There was no report.

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous two months. For the month of June they had 22 Generator, 101 NAWAS, 28 Siren, 240 Alarm 23 Office, 867 Page, 2372 Radio, 2172 Phone, 316 – 911 Calls, 164 Administrative, 595 Ambulance, 382 Public, 27 Department of Roads, 294 Fire, 11 Guest, 8 Hospital, 3212 Law Enforcement, 591 Tests, 857 Weather for a total of 12,282 contacts to the Communications Center for June.

In July there were 15 Generator, 77 NAWAS, 41 Siren, 224 Alarm, 20 Office, 600 Page, 2484 Radio, 2080, 327 – 911 Calls, 90 Administrative, 690 Ambulance, 443 Public, 33 Department of Roads, 390 Fire, 8 Guest, 17 Hospital, 3406 Law Enforcement, 630 Tests, 161 Weather. There were 11,736 contacts for the month July.

Virginia reported on the paging for Ord, North Loup and Scotia and increasing volume. Platte Valley came to test the system. Alma said they did find one antenna that was bad on the Sargent tower. Some of the volume loss was due to the narrow banding.

Broken Bow had lost their 911 lines part of Sunday evening and had their lines switched to us for a few hours. We had two on duty to handle any potential extra work that would be created. Communications to Dunning was down temporarily and found that the backup power supply at the tower needed rebooted.

Director's Report: Alma stated that the extra funds from the 2013 Emergency Management grant came through for \$11,500 that she applied for. The Grant award for both the 2013 extra funds and the 2014 Emergency Grant arrived for Chairman Hood to sign.

Discussions was held on the Ord tower and the Greeley tower. Alma stated that no further information had come back from Verizon for the Ord site and that B.J. Harris was still working on the Greeley generator.

Alma said she had received loss run reports from Mid-Alliance Insurance and had turned this over to NIRMA as well as the rest of the documentation they had requested for review. Mid-Alliance is also in the process of obtaining a new quote.

Alma reported on the School Safety and Security Conference in Broken Bow with 95 attendees. There were two days of lectures and vendors directed to school officials and law enforcement. The topics covered included school shootings, suicide prevention and bullying. The North Central Region hosted this conference with grant funds.

This month Linda worked with the Sherman County Sheriff's office in a tabletop exercise at Litchfield discussing the scenarios of school shootings and tornados. She had only Valley County employees to finish up for credentialing/badging, with cards in the process for the other counties. There were only several Fire/EMS Departments to finish up the badging for.

Alma reported on the storm damages this month with heavy rains and wind damages in Blaine, Loup and Garfield counties especially with uprooted trees, flooded basements, crop damage and some structure damage. There were numerous power poles down and reported winds at 80 mph in Burwell. She stated that flood watches were ongoing through tonight in Greeley, Valley and Sherman.

The Mobile Command unit was taken to Ord for service work and then on to Kearney where Platte Valley is installing the radio equipment for it.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be September 30, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator