

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 27, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
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, Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher, Linda Lewis/Deputy EM

Visitors Present: Mary Ridder/Public Service Commission, Dave Sankey/State 911 Director, James Almond/State 911 Field Coordinator, Mark Rempe/Custer County EM-911 Director

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Meyer.

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.

Doug Pokorny arrived at 7:05 PM.

Alma introduced Mary Ridder, Dave Sankey and James Almond from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. They were invited to the meeting to explain the current funding formula for the Wireless 911 funding that Region 26 receives and also the implementation of Next Generation 911.

Dave Sankey said that the funding model that we are currently receiving our amount from will be revamped after it is determined what will be needed for implementing the Next Generation 911 in the State. The Next Generation 911 is updating the system in how 911 calls will be delivered into each 911 answering point. The process now is still through wireline which includes the cell phone delivery. The new system will allow more information to be delivered and will be a wireless delivery. He also discussed the regionalization that 911 Centers are doing to share backroom equipment. Alma explained to the board the work and progression that she and Mark had been doing with Region 26 and Custer County to be able to make those connections for the future to be a part of a region for sharing equipment and allowing us to economically maintain our respective dispatch centers.

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the July 30, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the July 2019 Financial Statement.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the Disaster DR#4420 Extension to July 14th. And now the new disaster declaration

that NEMA is applying for to carry on damages from July 14th to present. There were damages turned in for Loup, Garfield, Greeley, Valley and Sherman. There had been no reports from Thomas, Blaine or Wheeler at this time. They will be needing estimated damages that would be over the county threshold immediately and will be calling to set up preliminary damage assessment meetings.

Alma reported on the generator replacement at the Sargent tower site. The old generator will be delivered to the Valley County Roads department and listed on Big Iron Equipment auction for surplus equipment.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that there will be a Law Enforcement meeting this Friday here at Region to work on the Justice Data Solutions with Dispatch.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 929 Status checks, 245 Alarm Test, 203 Traffic Stop, 125 Medical Calls, 112 Wants/Warrants, 101 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 100 Citizen Call, 91 Pager Test, 74 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 70 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 65 Weather, 40 Auto Accident, 36 Animal Out, 36 Reminder Page, 35 Animal Out, 27 Burn Permit, 26 Gun Permits, 23 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 22 Security Alarms, 22 Motorist Assist, 22 Standby (Game/Rodeo/etc.), 21 – 911 Hang Up, 18 Fire/Other, 17 Disturbance/Domestic, 16 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Traffic Hazard, 16 Welfare Check, 15 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 11 Theft, 10 Utilities, 9 Fire Alarm, 9 Vehicle Fire, 9 Missing Person, 8 Traffic Control, 6 Radio Test, 6 Training, 6 Unit Maintenance, 5 DUI, 5 Siren Test, 4 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 4 Assist other Agency, 4 Break & Enter, 4 Drugs, 4 Grass Fire, 4 Harassment, 4 Hit and Run, 4 Suicidal, 4 Transport, 4 Vandalism, 3 Drunk & Disorderly, 3 Fight or Assault, 3 Kidnapping, 3 Probation, 3 Railroad, and 16 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of July was 2678.

Virginia reported that all of the dispatchers have now been trained on the Justice Data Solutions program and are ready to go live. The plan is going live September 1st after the meeting with Law Enforcement to know that we are all working together and understand how the system will work between us.

The radios had been down after a storm in August that caused outage in Thedford, Ord and then bad communications on Sherman south tower. The Ord tower had possible lightning strike as other equipment was damaged too. The Thedford location was a telephone line issue and the Sherman south was needing a change done for the repeater. Alma had Platte Valley find a repeater replacement that took care of the current need there.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the North Central PET meeting here where we had demonstration of the Orion product that is an assessment tool. Alma explained how the program would work for all the counties to use for assessing damages after a storm. It can be entered on cell phones or tablets to assess each location after a disaster as in each home with picture, GPS, and information in FEMA terms. Each roads department could use the same program to take before and after pictures of roads with GPS, and fill in a FEMA damage inventory sheet. All information could then be uploaded to FEMA direct. The program for Region 26 to include all counties that could be used by all the County Emergency Managers, or whoever would help to assess, Roads Departments and Alma's office was quoted at \$7000. Alma said that the North Central Region was looking at this and that Orion was willing to work on a new price to reflect all North Central Region that would maybe allow the costs to come down.

The Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC held meeting this month here at Region with discussion on the recent August flooding and the effect to the diversion dams. Discussion on how and when to get public safety info out to schools on the risk around diversion dams for kayakers. There was discussion on chemicals at the Diversion dams for moss removal, and the amount of fuel trucks in route from Atkinson Ethanol to Green Plains Ethanol in Ord on Hwy 11. Also, this LEPC had won a State award for work done for a small LEPC committee in the state.

Alma reported on the Livestock Trailer training she had in Ord at the Fairgrounds last week by the State Ag Department. A hands on training went well for Law Enforcement and first responders in dealing with a loaded livestock trailer involved in an accident and how to work with the livestock.

Alma reported on the amount of flooding that did happen in August with town flooding and the many washed out roads on top of previous washed out locations.

Other Business: Chairman Meyer asked if the earlier time of 7 PM would be better. After some discussion it was decided to leave as is and maybe revisit the issue later into the fall/winter.

Next regular meeting date will be September 24, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

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)