

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 28, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Garfield Co:	Diana Hurlburt		
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede		
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel		
Thomas Co:	Gary Eng		
Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke		
Wheeler Co:	Jack Poulsen		
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 ten (10) 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 Jack Poulsen to approve the July 31, 2018 Minutes.  
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Alma explained an extra line item that was added to show the pass through of money for the Region 26 Law Enforcement for equipment installed. The purchase, installation and continued maintenance funds will be managed by the Region 26 office and needed to reflect on the budget report for accountability purposes. Alma asked for approval of this change to the report form.

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Gary Eng to approve the July 2018 Financial Statement and to include the change to add a line item to reflect the money pass through for the Justice Data Solutions server. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a tower update on the construction of the Ord tower. The surveyor came yesterday to do an updated survey of the site. The tower company was ready to come this past week but held up due to rain and muddy conditions. They returned today and prepared the anchor locations and tower base and had concrete poured. Anchors will be finished tomorrow with several weeks of cure time before the tower will be brought in. The road will be reworked some before the tower arrives to make passible for the crane and tower up the hill. The lease agreement will be completed with the surveyor map.

Alma had been in touch with the Verizon contact regarding the building. They were held up trying to get crew out to remove batteries inside the building. Alma had checked with Platte Valley to see if they could work around the batteries since they are setting at one end of the building only. They can and now waiting for Verizon approval to allow us into the building and have batteries removed at a later date.

One of the desk top computers in the administrative office is in need of replacement due to age and having a constant problem of shutting down. Alma had received a state bid from Dell for a desk top for replacement for \$1274.69 and asked for approval to purchase the computer.

Doug Reiter made a motion to purchase the computer with a second from Jack Van Slyke.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Justice Data Solutions has been set up for the Law Enforcement. Alma found that the Emergency Call Works CAD would not link to their system to do the work that was planned for. However, Alma and Virginia did go through a presentation from Justice Data Solutions on what it would take to use their CAD and had received a bid for the system. Alma felt there needed to be more research on what would work best to make the change from what we currently have to what we could make work. There has been some funding set aside to help with this. She said after research it may require the communications committee to meet and discuss best options.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks report was the update of the Justice Data Solutions and included what still had to be done at each department to be able to connect to server.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, handed out status reports for both June and July. For the first month 1,239 Status Checks, 231 Pager Tests, 154 Alarm Test, 121 Misc. Office Task, 117 Traffic Stop, 114 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 104 Citizen Call, 97 Weather, 85 Wants/Warrants, 72 Medical Call, 67 Animal Out, 58 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 42 Burn Permits, 31 Reminder Pages, 28 Auto Accident, 26 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 21 Gun Permits, 19 Motorist Assist, 17 Animal, 17 Theft, 15 Alarm – Security, 15 Stand By (Game/Rodeo), 13 Disturbance – Domestic, 13 Traffic hazard, 13 Utilities, 11 – 911 Hang-Up, 11 Missing Person, 11 Siren Test, 11 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 11 Welfare Check, 10 Fire – Other, 9 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 8 Stolen Vehicle, 8 Transport, 7 Traffic Control, 5 Radio Test, 4 Drugs, 4 DUI, 4 Suicidal, 3 – 911 Test, 3 Fire – Structure, 3 Training and 20 other various incidents. There was a total of 2,872 incidents for the month of June.

There were 1,074 Status Checks, 216 Traffic Stops, 162 Misc. Officer Tasks, 155 Alarm – Test, 131 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 128 Citizen Call, 119 Medical Call, 93 Pager Test, 90 Wants – Warrants, 53 Animal Out, 49 Animal, 45 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 45 Burn Permit, 44 Weather, 28 Reminder Page, 27 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 26 Auto Accident, 26 Gun Permits, 26 Standby (Game/Rodeo), 24 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 23 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 22 Motorist Assist, 19 Alarm – Security, 14 Fire – Other, 10 Traffic Hazard, 10 Transport, 10 Welfare Check, 9 Disturbance – Domestic, 9 Utilities, 8 – 911 Hang Up, 8 Siren Test, 7 DUI, 6 Funeral Escort, 6 Radio Test, 5 Fight – Assault, 5 Theft, 4 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 4 Assist Other Agency, 4 Fire – Vehicle, 4 Missing Person, 4 Stolen Vehicle, 4 Training, 3 Alarm – Fire, 3 DOR, 3 Drugs, 3 Fireworks and 22 Various other incidents for a total of 2,790 incidents for the month of July.

Virginia reported on the new hire in dispatch. Bailey Lurz started earlier this month and is currently in training.

There had been radio problems with the Bartlett frequency and also the Halsey paging recently. Platte Valley was able to correct both issues and had it back up and working.

Director's Report:

There were additional funds available from the Emergency Management Grant Program that Alma had applied for last month and was able to receive additional funding to assist with operating expenses.

Alma reported on the new School Superintendents in the Region and she and the Valley County Deputy Emergency Manager was able to meet with the Ord Superintendent this month and discuss Emergency contacts and plans.

The Public Service Commission had invited 911 Directors in to see a presentation from Rapid SOS on helping to gain more information for 911 cell phone call locates. Alma said she had signed up for the free

access to the web based program to gather addition location information and was waiting to get approved. Eventually it will be available on our 911 equipment to utilize their services.

A Disaster Declaration was approved by FEMA yesterday for storms/flooding in June which included Thomas County for washed out county roads. There will be an applicant briefing on September 11<sup>th</sup> in Stapleton for the counties in that area affected. Alma had notified the Thomas County Clerk and EM about attending.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be September 25, 2018.

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  
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)