

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 30, 2016

Region 26 Council:

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

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director and Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Hood.

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 Jack Poulsen and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the August 2, 2016 Minutes.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the July 2016 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report on the two generators that were installed. Both the generators at Loup City Community Center and the Greeley tower site have been installed and submitted for payment under the grant.

NRIN Report – Kevin Hood gave report that he had not be able to attend the meeting in person. He did say the group was working on a formula for the maintenance of the NRIN system. There would be a teleconference coming up but Kevin thought they would need costs of NRIN system maintenance before they could continue.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported on the Law Enforcement meeting they had here at Region 26 with the people from the OCIO explaining the State Radio System and what it would cost for the local law enforcement to get on the system. There would be radios available at no cost other than installation and antenna for them to try the System. Alma explained that these were used radios that the State Patrol was upgrading from but still had a couple years use yet. There would be an \$11 charge per radio per month to use the System, which was greatly reduced from when they first discussed this for Sheriffs to come on board with the System. The locals would be able to form talk groups including the State Patrol and be able to talk across the region or back to Region 26 while transporting a prisoner to Lincoln. The trunked system would allow them to communicate where ever they were without having to change channels because the system would change them automatically to the next tower similarly to how a cell phone works. They would have to keep their existing radios to communicate with local Fire and

EMS. They could communicate back to Region 26 only if Region 26 purchased the console that allows this communication. Alma stated that this purchase was being offered at 40% discount and she had received cost estimates from Platte Valley for \$6000 for complete install. After discussion with the board the determination was that we already have a system in place and do not need to add the additional cost or take them away from the system that would allow them to communicate directly to Fire and EMS.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski handed out the breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 18 Generator, 66 NAWAS, 49 Siren, 241 Alarm, 22 Office, 607 Page, 2378 Radio, 2075 Phone, 292 – 911, 57 Administrative, 671 Ambulance, 357 Public, 48 Department of Roads, 409 Fire, 10 guest, 21 Hospital, 3425 Law Enforcement, 634 Tests, 116 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of July was 11,496.

Virginia stated that Libby Burk and Caitlyn Burkhardt would be going to the 2-day NESCA (Nebraska Emergency Service Communications Association) Conference and Training in September.

Director's Report: Alma gave a review on the past trainings they had through the North Central Region with the Livestock Bio-Terrorism days, Active Shooter training for Law Enforcement and the Credentialing/Badging training. All classes were completed with a good attendance record from each class.

This month's LEPC meeting here was the Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC. The meeting was based on safety for those attending the County fairs and rodeos when a weather event should happen. A tabletop exercise for this type of event was then scheduled for Loup and Garfield counties respectively in February and March.

The Sherman-Valley LEPC tabletop exercise was held last Monday night in Litchfield. The scenario was a truck-train accident including a hazardous materials spill that involved evacuating Litchfield.

Alma said that some of the 911 Equipment vendors had come back in the last two weeks to review their bids in person. Custer County had been here to meet with them also to compare plans and the systems.

Alma reported on the North Central PET Region grant and said that she was asked to be the acting Fiscal Agent due to illness that our current Fiscal Agent is going through. She wanted the board to know that there was a lot of paperwork involved with this in getting all of the invoices, bids and various documents gathered and submitted before the deadline of the grant. There was nearly \$50,000 left on the grant that needed purchase orders and invoices submitted and the deadline for orders was tomorrow afternoon with purchases that still needed completion.

There was a request that came in for a bid on 911 and paging. Alma asked for the board to determine how they wanted her to proceed. The board said to present the minimum amount for a county that we had now along with any cost that would be required to connect them to our dispatch. Then after a year's use it would be reviewed.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be September 27, 2016.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator