

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
September 25, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 Diana Hurlburt to approve the August 28, 2018 Minutes.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the August 2018 Financial Statement.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Ord Tower Update: Alma reported on the arrival of the tower on September 12th and it was put together the following day in three sections with guy wires attached laying on the ground awaiting the crane arrival to raise it. The tower company said they would not be able to get crane up the hill or be able to work around power lines that were above ground due to the guy wires hanging down when raising the tower. Alma had been in touch with Loup Valley Public Power and they in turn had brought in electrician to get the last length of line from transformer pole to building underground. Longhorn Electric from Burwell was able to come immediately before the crane arrived.

The crane that was to arrive was involved in an accident and another crane would be coming instead in another week to two weeks. After tower is up, it will take a week for Platte Valley to install antennas on the tower providing good weather. Platte Valley had been working with Verizon to get into the building to move our equipment to the existing ThermoBond building that was left by Verizon.

Roads Department also brought in dirt to take out the steepness of the grade to get the crane up the hill. The landowner was in contact with the office that he was not pleased with the additional work done in the pasture and felt it did not fit in the easement that we had. He had asked for what we felt would be fairer for payment to him. He asked that the board reconsider what they were offering him and get back to him. Alma said that she had asked him to come to the site when everything was finished and see that it will all

be put back with ground reseeded where the soil was disturbed and clean up was done. He said he would not and expected to hear from us for an increased payment.

Alma had said nothing has yet been turned in to insurance but she has been in contact with them, giving them a log of what had been done so far.

Alma said she did meet with FEMA as she had turned in paperwork to become an applicant and now has withdrawn as an applicant to keep moving forward with getting the tower up as soon as possible.

After discussion the board felt the offer presented to the landowner is to stand as is and for Alma to get in touch with Heather Sikyta to relay that message. The ground that had been disturbed will be reseeded and cared for. The work done to the easement road was necessary to get to the site to replace the tower.

NRIN Report: At the September NRIN meeting Alma was presented with structural analysis on both the MJ Leasing tower and the Region 26 Sargent tower for the purpose of installing NRIN microwave dishes. There was remediation that would be necessary for both towers to handle the weight of additional equipment. Alma said she would be reviewing these reports with Platte Valley Communications. The fee schedule had been set for the use of the NRIN system and would be implemented on January 1st for existing users and for future use.

Contryman and Associates have completed our Financial Audit for Region 26 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Alma asked for approval of the audit and the audit representation letter for the Chairman's signature. Jack Poulsen made a motion for approval of the audit and required representation letter. Gary Eng seconded the motion.

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

Alma presented the information for the Justice Data Solutions CAD and after researching this out as to what would work for Region 26, she asked for approval of moving from the Emergency Call Works CAD to Justice Data Solutions CAD for the communications center. This would allow us to use the GeoComm mapping instead of the Emergency Call Works mapping and also connect to the Justice Data Solutions Records Management for Law Enforcement. The Page My Cell would also be able to connect to the JDS and send direct CAD alert messages. The funding was in the budget for the CAD system that was in place from the previous year. Doug Wrede made a motion to approve the Justice Data Solution CAD system with a second from Jack Poulsen.

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

The EMPG Grant award for 2018-19 fiscal year had been awarded and Alma stated she had received \$77,000 for this year's award. It is a 50% matching grant for emergency management expenses.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks and Alma updated everyone on the progress of the Justice Data Solutions Records Management for the law enforcement.

Communications Center Report: Alma presented the stats for the month of August. They had 980 Status Checks, 171 Alarm – Test, 112 Traffic Stops, 106 Misc. Officer Task, 106 Vehicle Inspection – Registration, 99 Citizen Call, 91 Pager Test, 85 Medical Call, 63 Animal Out, 49 Wants/Warrants, 44 Animal, 43 Burn Permits, 32 Gun Permits, 26 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 25 Auto Accident, 25 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 24 Reminder Page, 24 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc.), 23 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 22 Theft, 19 Motorist Assist, 16 Weather, 15 Alarm – Security, 15 Fire-Other, 11 Traffic Hazard, 11 Utilities, 11 Welfare Check, 9 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 8 – 911 Hang Ups, 8 Disturbance-Domestic, 8 Siren Test, 7 Training, 6 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 6 Fire-Vehicle, 6 Funeral Escort, 6 Missing Person, 5 Assist Other Agency, 5 Radio Test, 5 Stolen Vehicle, 4 Child Abuse, 4 Fire-Grass, 4 Suicidal, 4 Transport, 3 – 911 Test, 3 Alarm-Fire, 3 Dead Body, 3 Vandalism, 14 other various incidents. There was a total of 2,369 incidents for the month of August.

Alma reported that Co-Chief Dispatchers; Donna Steckel and Virginia Michalski were both at the NESCA Conference in Grand Island yesterday and today. The awards banquet was held last night with a number of people attending to support Donna in receiving her 40 year pin for emergency dispatch service.

Director's Report: Alma, Donna and Virginia traveled to Custer County Dispatch to view how they were managing their mapping.

Alma had met with Thomas County at Stapleton for meeting with NEMA/FEMA on their disaster on washed out roads.

Alma attended the Central District NACO in Kearney. Was able to discuss the Grant Management System working with NEMA on our grants and the FEMA Portal for disasters with the Emergency Management breakout group.

Region 26 hosted a TICP Communications workshop here yesterday for the North Central PET Region. Two were here from the Office of Emergency Communications to go over our Communications Plan to update and what needs to be inserted and how it will be used.

The Sherman County LEOP update is finished and turned in. A draft has been sent and will get approved at the next Sherman County Board meeting for it to go to print.

Due to other things going on, the LEPC meeting for Greeley/Wheeler was cancelled this month.

There is a HAZMAT conference in North Platte this Friday that Alma had encouraged the LEPC members to attend.

Bartlett will be having an exercise at the Wheeler Central Schools tomorrow night on Active Shooter and also an Active Shooter full scale exercise will be at the Valley County Hospital on October 11th.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be one week early due to Director gone for meeting the end of October.
Meeting Date: *Tuesday, October 23rd*.

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)