

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
September 26, 2017

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
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, Chairman	

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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Meyer.

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 Roger Guggenmos and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the August 29, 2017 Minutes.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the August 2017 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented a budget sheet to be approved to include line item #26 to show spenddown on the bank loan proceeds for payment of the Emergency Call Works/Motorola 911 System. Tom Bandur made a motion to accept the change to include the line item. Jack Poulsen seconded the motion.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

NRIN Report – Alma gave a report on the September NRIN meeting. Alma’s nomination had been turned in for acceptance by the NRIN Board to be a Board member representing the North Central Region. The board is trying to determine a fee schedule for users of the system before we get any more users on the system and so that fees can help offset maintenance of the system. They are planning on using a consultant to help determine that fee schedule. NACO will be our fiscal agent for the NRIN system. Cost of replacement parts for the system was reviewed and finding a brand of equipment that was cost effective. Alma said they are still looking at different sites to utilize for Region 26 to be on the system that will make a tighter circle and what tower might require remediation to install equipment on. The system will work better and faster if using a smaller circle in the network that we are attached to. NEMA did send out a spreadsheet of the items stored in the Ericson storage facility with a list of what goes to each region and to look at moving that equipment to each of those locations.

Alma had received the draft of the financial audit done by Contryman and Associates. Everything was good in the audit. They asked that more things needed to be reviewed and signed by the director as well

as the bookkeeper for more security. The management representation letter and the approval of the audit draft needed to be signed and returned to Contryman. Doug Wrede made a motion to approve the audit and for Chairman Meyer to sign both forms. Doug Reiter seconded the motion.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the Emergency Management Program Grant. There was an additional funding available for the 2016 grant year that was applied for and Region 26 was awarded an additional \$47,659.87 to help with Emergency Management operating cost from 2016-17 Fiscal year. The 2017 Grant application was just approved and Region 26 was awarded \$73,574.00.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report other than Garfield and Sherman had State Radios installed in their vehicles to try out.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher/Virginia Michalski handed out the statistics for the previous month. They had 1,259 Status Checks, 301 Pager Tests, 167 Miscellaneous Officer Tasks, 133 Weather, 124 Citizen Call, 123 Alarm Test, 108 Traffic Stop, 95 Wants/Warrants, 93 Medical Call, 73 Animal Out, 70 Vehicle Inspection, 34 Burn permit, 33 Reckless Driving-Speeding, 32 Gun Permits, 29 Reminder Page, 27 Ambulance Standby (Game/Rodeo/etc.), 24 Auto Accident, 21 Transport, 18 Motorist Assist, 18 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Animal, 15 Alarm-Security, 15 Utilities, 14 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 14 Fire-Other, 9 Radio Test, 8 - 911 Test, 8 Welfare Check, 7 – 911 Hang Up, 7 Siren Test, 7 Theft, 6 Break & Enter, 6 Funeral Escort, 5 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 5 Suicidal, 5 Traffic Hazard, 4 Alarm-Fire, 4 Child Abuse, 4 Dead Body, 4 Disturbance-Domestic, 4 DOR, 4 DUI, 4 Training, 4 Fire-Grass, 3 Bus Check, 3 Fight/Assault, 3 Missing Person, 3 Reckless Driving, 3 Stolen Vehicle, 3 Unit Maintenance, 11 Various Other Incidents. The total number of incidents at the Communications Center for the month of July was 2,990.

Virginia reported on their training. Two of the dispatchers attended the NESCA training in Kearney, Virginia had attended a mental health/stress class in O'Neill. One of our new dispatchers would be attending the teletype training in Grand Island this month and EMD training in Kearney. She also reported that we were not able to move forward with the latest hire after the probation period as the employee and the Supervisors did not feel comfortable enough to have them dispatch on their own.

#### Director's Report:

Alma reported on the September North Central Board meeting in which NEMA reported that Governor Ricketts did opt into the FirstNet program which is the Broadband network for first responders. The North Central 5-year exercise/training calendar was reviewed and discussed what NEMA allowed us to use as approved exercises. Alma said she discussed the issues with CodeRED that she had been working with and also to keep the Region updated to utilize the system more. They also discussed the Orion software tool for Emergency Management doing damage assessments. Holt County has also reported on an EM101 class they had done for Elected Officials on knowing their role in a disaster. There was plans made to hold credentialing classes and emergency livestock training.

Alma reported on the NA911 meeting held to review the prepared plan from the Public Service Commission for the LB 938 and for the notes collected for the public hearing on this plan to be held in North Platte in October.

Alma stated that the Certificate of Deposit at the Henderson Bank was renewed at 1.75%

The September LEPC was held in Greeley for the Greeley/Wheeler LEPC.

Alma and Linda set up a Region 26 booth at the Valley County Health Fair at the Trotter Event Center this month and was hosted by Valley View Living Center. Alma said they were able to promote the CodeRED system to sign up more residents and also better explain the 911 system to Valley County residents.

The North Central Region THIRA meeting is to be held this Thursday here at the Region 26 EOC. Alma asked for any of the board that would like to help with the meeting. It is an annual meeting that is mandatory to identify Threats/Hazards for the region and identify our capabilities to deal with these threats locating our areas that need strengthened which will aide in the grant funding.

Alma had received an estimate for rebuilding the old dispatch into a garage. She would need to

go to zoning and then to the Village for approval. The board discussed the possibilities of the garage and also the prices Alma had come up with on vehicles. She would continue to research what would be the best route to go.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date was to be Halloween, October 31, 2017. The board asked to have this moved to the following evening. The next meeting will then be Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

**Acronyms:**

CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch

CC – Communications Center

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

DR – Disaster Recovery

E911 – Enhanced 911

ECW – Emergency Call Works (New 911 Equip Company)

EM – Emergency Manager

EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch

EOC – Emergency Operations Center

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

ICS – Incident Command System

LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee

LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Response System

NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers

NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials

NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

NESCA – Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association

NCR – North Central Region

NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company

NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association

NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network

NX-Gen – Next Generation 911

PET – Planning Exercise Training

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)

PSC – Public Service Commission

PVC – Platte Valley Communications

SRS – State Radio System

THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment