

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
September 27, 2016

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Loup County: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the August 30, 2016 Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Jack Poulsen joined the meeting at 7:34 PM

Motion by Jay Meyer and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the August 2016 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report on the 911 equipment vendors and the meetings she had with them to compare systems and pricing. The consultant that was discussed at a prior meeting had sent in a revised price to allow us to pick and choose what we would want his services for. Alma stated this was a greatly reduced cost to be able to just use his services to compare the systems and determine what most fit our needs.

Kevin Hood gave a report on the NRIN meeting he attended on September 15th in Kearney. NEMA is finalizing the routes to reach Region 26 to connect to the system. Kevin brought the maps that showed where they would need to install equipment to create a loop for Region 26. The towns that would require equipment to be installed to make the connection if using this last determined route would be Loup City, Arcadia, Comstock and then our Sargent tower to connect to Taylor then to an Anselmo tower to make the loop. They were also discussing at NRIN the need for insurance on this equipment as it gets installed on local towers or water towers. There will be a need for more money to finish the project and were looking at the Homeland Security grants for that possible funding source to finish the build out.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the last month's communications stats from dispatch. They had 21 Generator, 43 NAWAS, 57 Siren, 258 Alarm, 19 Office, 561 Page, 2164 Radio, 1830 Phone, 302 – 911, 76 Administrative, 756 Ambulance, 330 Public, 10 Department of Roads, 397 fire, 7 Guest, 4 Hospital, 2941 Law Enforcement, 681 Tests, 53 Weather. There was a total of 10,510 contacts for the month of August.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET meeting held here and the plan for another

meeting next week to work on the North Central THIRA (Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment) for the next round of Homeland Security grants. This information will be taken on to Lincoln to the State THIRA meeting at the end of October. Alma will not be able to attend due to APCO/NENA 911 Conference/Training at same time in Lincoln, however there will be another representative from the North Central Region attending.

Alma had requested from NEMA to temporarily change the North Central fiscal agent position to her since she has been working on it this past month and have all North Central PET grant funding to come to Region 26 so that we can manage until the current fiscal agent can return from leave of absence. She had received an okay from the Keith County commissioner as well as Chairman Hood to proceed.

A grant monitoring visit for these grants has already been scheduled from NEMA to come here on October 4th to review the managing of the grants.

The Region 26 financial auditor has also schedule this year's audit to begin later in October.

Alma reported on this month's LEPC meeting which was for Greeley-Wheeler and was held in Greeley last week on the 20th. Linda had put together a mini table top that involved both counties and had a hazardous materials incident on the highway. The group worked through the tabletop as part of the meeting and how each county would respond.

Alma told the board that she had discussed with a couple of the LEPC's the possibility of doing a one-day weather seminar just ahead of next year storm season. This would be an event for the public and if no problem with the board she would proceed looking into dates, vendors and grant funding to hold this as a Region 26 "Weather Fair" with the aid of the LEPC groups.

Alma reported that the tower lights at both the Merna and Ord towers had went out. She had notified the FAA of lights out and has Platte Valley scheduling to come out for repair. Jay Meyer stated that the Ord lights were on now.

Alma said that she was having the AFLAC representative come to next week's staff meeting to discuss vision coverage for the employees. This was a new service through AFLAC.

Other events going on that Alma listed was the final mitigation planning meeting at Ord on October 5th, a meeting with the public at the Loup City Community Building to talk on preparedness and seeking shelter on October 5th. The NIRMA Conference was next week in Kearney. The elections for the Region 26 board members representing the municipalities was in December with nominations to be done in November. Alma stated that she was submitting a payment to B.J. Harris for the Greeley generator because the grant funding was going to be slow in coming. She also reported that she attended the Sandhills Sheriffs Association meeting in Thedford this month regarding questions on the State Radio System.

Other Business: Jay Meyer had question on the Fire Department Equipment Resource Books that the fire departments had in the past for mutual aid purposes. Kevin Hood and Doug Reiter both stated that they came through the State Fire Marshalls office and they were no longer reprinting them. After discussion, Alma asked if that was something that could be done through Region 26 if the information was sent in. The Region 26 Task Force was discussed and then determined that we would talk about the mutual aid books at upcoming Mutual Aid Meetings.

Next regular meeting date will be Thursday, November 3rd. This is not a normal meeting night due to Alma being gone on October 25th for training.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator