

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
September 29, 2015

Region 26 Council:

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

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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with six (6) 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 Doug Wrede to approve the August 25, 2015 Minutes.  
Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jay Meyer and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the August 2015 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (0). Alma stated that the financial statement was out of balance and was working at getting dates to correspond with the change of bi monthly payroll and was going to see that it corrected next month.

Tower updates report was on the court house filing for lease. Alma was going to attend zoning meeting for the western Loup County Viaero tower in regards to space for emergency equipment. Alma also said that the tower generator maintenance contract was to renew at the end of October. Discussion was held in regards to putting the contract out for bid. The board determined that it will be sent out for bid and it should be stipulated that whoever has the bid will provide a backup person to handle emergency breakdowns if they are out of the area.

Alma presented an Inter-Local Agreement for the NRIN (Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network) project explaining that it was for the counties to form a managing board for the NRIN project to make decisions about governance of the NRIN work. Discussion was held and Alma stated this did not lock the counties into the Network but would allow them to appoint someone to the board to help make decisions. Jack Poulsen made a motion to sign the Inter-local Agreement. Doug Reiter seconded the motion.  
Ayes (3) Nays (2) Abstain (0). Motion did not pass.

Criminal Justice Board Report: No Report

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 13 Generator, 55 NAWAS, 38 Siren, 217 Alarm, 18 Office, 619 Page, 2151 Radio, 1810 Phone, 254 – 911 Calls, 60 Administrative, 744 Ambulance, 6 Bus, 361 Public, 29 Department of

Roads, 366 Fire, 5 Guest, 7 Hospital, 2834 law Enforcement, 646 Tests, 117 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of August was 10,350.

Virginia reported that Jenny Eggert and Caitlyn Burkhardt had attended the NESCA (Nebraska Emergency Service Communication Association) training conference in Kearney last week. Caitlyn will be leaving this next week for her mandatory two weeks of dispatch training at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

Virginia also reported on the NCJIS (Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System) training that she and Donna attended and the meeting we had here for signing up and logging into the system.

#### Director's Report:

Alma reported on the awards that arrived for extending the 2014 Emergency Management grant and the 2015 grant. She had sent them to Chairman Hood for signature to start spending down the grants.

The September staff meeting was considered "Sherman County Day" and we had invited EMS, County Clerk and Sheriff's Office Secretary to attend to have work related networking.

Workers from the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey are coming to our next meeting and we will meet the District Ranger and others that are planning to come and be able to discuss new things they are doing there.

The North Central Region PET meeting was held here the second week of September 11<sup>th</sup> to go over the THIRA work that had recently been done and worked on the Law Enforcement training plans.

The FirstNet meeting for the North Central Region was held here last week by the State OCIO representative to determine plans for the beginning phases to the FirstNet project and determine the higher use areas for the counties.

Alma stated that she and Linda would be attending a Hastings Weather Service workshop in Hastings tomorrow.

The LEOP's (Local Emergency Operations Plans) were discussed and what progress had been done for the counties that were due in to NEMA in October.

Alma explained the plans that Linda and her were putting into place for the LEPC's (Local Emergency Planning Committees) for the counties and how that will also help in the future for the LEOP's.

Alma said that NIRMA was sending out someone to do an inspection of all towers and building locations. It had been postponed once and we are waiting to find a time suitable to travel to most of the locations.

**Other Business:** Alma had pointed out some of the issues she was having with the efficiency of the furnace and air conditioning and was working with Holcomb Mechanical to figure out changes that needed to be considered. She said they came over today to look over the situation and found one blockage in the heating duct. She is waiting to hear back from them on other ideas they discussed.

Next regular meeting date will be October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator