

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

January 30, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Thomas Co: Gary Eng
Garfield Co: Scott Krause	
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
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, Chairman	

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

Visitors Present: None

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

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) members present.

Scott Krause has been appointed to the board by Garfield County, filling the vacancy of Paige Measner.

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 November 28, 2017 Minutes.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack VanSlyke and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the December 2017 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the November 2017 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

NRIN Report: Alma reported on last meeting held earlier this month in Kearney. The board is working at getting more detailed on phone line cost to each 911 center, working on monitoring for breakdowns on the system, who is currently paying repair bills on the portions up and running. The approval form for request to connect to the system is being refined to get the needed information of what can connect and what we will allow to connect. The approval from NIRMA was received that the board members to NRIN will have liability coverage. The board will be looking at storage facilities across the state to house additional equipment for replacement/repair so that it can be readily available in an emergency situation. The storage in Ericson was discussed as a possible location.

Alma stated that the NRIN board members terms were two years and our North Central Region representative, Caleb Johnson, Keith County Commissioner's term was ending. There would need to be a nomination from a County in the North Central Region to retain Caleb or nominate someone new. Alma would forward the nomination on to the NRIN Board. Doug Wrede made a motion to nominate Caleb

Johnson to remain as our North Central Region Representative on the NRIN Board. Jack Poulsen seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma discussed the issues that Dispatch was having with the Silent Night alarm system and wanted the board to think about possible decisions to make on future use of the system. Discussion was held on how the system is working and what costs are to replace or upgrade in comparison to monitoring revenue. Alma stressed the agitation it causes for dispatching when repeated alarms are going off during testing and while dealing with 911 calls. The board asked Alma to research more costs and what has happened with past users of the system on how their current system is working to detect if it is possible phone line problems that are causing additional alarms.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported on the Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting held here last Friday. They discussed the eCitations that will be mandatory for some to use in the near future. The State Radio System was discussed and how the radios are working for Sherman and Garfield. The recent patch with the System was discussed and why it failed and that more training was necessary and also to locate the dead spots with the system. Alma gave them updated reports on equipment at dispatch and what was next to come with 911, the NRIN Project and FirstNet.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the both November and December. They had 1,713 Status Checks, 296 Pager Test, 149 Alarm Test, 149 Misc. Officer Task, 135 Traffic Stop, 93 Vehicle Inspections, 87 Citizen Calls, 63 Medical Calls, 53 Wants/Warrants, 48 animal Out, 44 Gun Permits, 32 Auto Accidents, 26 – 911 No Contact, 22 Animal, 21 Disturbance/Domestic, 21 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 21 Reminder Pages, 19 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 16 Security Alarms, 15 Vehicle Inspection, 14 Traffic Hazard, 12 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 11 Motorist Assist, 11 Transport, 10 Theft, 9 Siren Test, 8 – 911 Hang Ups, 8 Grass Fires, 8 Other Fires, 7 Burn Permits, 7 Radio Tests, 6 Suicidal, 6 Utilities, 5 Fire Alarms, 5 DUI, 5 Funeral Escort, 5 Missing Person, 5 Training, 5 Welfare Check, 4 – 911 Test, 4 Bus Checks, 4 DOR, 4 Traffic Control, 3 Break & Enter, 3 Dead Body, 3 Structure Fires, 3 Hit & Run, 3 Shots Fired, 3 Standby/Game, 3 Unit Maintenance, 3 Weather, 10 various other calls. Total contacts for the month of November was 3,220.

For December there was a total of 3,521 contacts for the month with a breakdown of 1,939 Status Checks, 305 Pager Test, 167 Alarm Test, 148 Misc. Officer Task, 126 Traffic Stops, 121 Vehicle Inspections, 119 Burn Permits, 77 Citizen Calls, 64 Medical Calls, 52 Gun Permits, 51 Reminder Page, 39 Auto Accident, 36 Wants/Warrants, 22 Animal Out, 22 Transport, 20 Security Alarms, 15 Animal, 14 Disturbance/Noise, 13 – 911 No Contact, 12 Traffic Hazard, 11 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 10 motorist Assist, 9 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 9 Utilities, 9 Weather, 8 Other Fire, 8 Radio Test, 7 Vandalism, 6 911 Test, 6 Domestic Disturbance, 6 Siren Test, 6 Theft, 5 – 911 Hang Up, 5 Grass Fire, 5 Suicidal, 4 Bus Checks, 4 Missing Person, 4 Welfare Check, 3 DOR, 3 Structure Fire, 3 Vehicle Fire, 3 Stolen Vehicle, 3 Traffic Control, 3 Training, 3 Unit Maintenance, 16 Various other calls.

Alma reported on equipment that was down over Christmas with the microwave/canopy hop from Taylor to the Sargent tower. Platte Valley was able to get everything up on telephone loops until they could come back and replace microwaves after Christmas. Also they have been checking into the problems with the Ord paging and why it has so much noise in the mornings only.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the North Central PET Region Meetings which there will be one here tomorrow for the purpose of working on the Investment Justifications for the next round of Homeland Security Grants. NEMA will be here to help with what equipment is still needed for the build out of the NRIN System in the North Central Region.

Our North Central Region has scheduled a training day for here on February 16th for use of the credentialing system we are using for badges. There will be two trainers here from UNL to give us hands on training that they use during game day for accountability that would be for the same purpose of a disaster situation.

Alma had given a report to the North Central Board on the changes in CodeRED that will be showing a five digit number of 76993 that will come in with a severe weather message to the public and how we will need to educate the public on this change.

Alma reported on the NACO Conference and the breakout classes there with the Commissioners on NRIN and also on Disaster Declarations for counties and towns.

The Loup Valley Mutual Aid was held in Greeley on January 15th. Alma had lined up the Nebraska Forest Service to demonstrate their simulation table and how we could use that for training on fires for any particular area.

The Sandhills Mutual Aid meeting in Thedford on January 17th was with Casey Williams from Arrow Aviation who came out to meet with the fire chiefs and discuss use of his airplane for grassland fire suppression and refilling at the Thedford Airport and how Region 26 would call him out.

The Sherman/Valley LEPC was held at Loup City Community Center with the Lutheran Church Ministries from Grand Island giving a presentation with Eddie the Comfort Dog for use in disasters.

For exercises Alma reported that she and Virginia went to Thedford Fire Hall to give a training on radio use and Region 26 communications information on January 18th.

The Bureau of Reclamation from McCook held our Calamus Lake table top exercise here at Region 26 on January 24th. Last night on January 29th Alma and Linda held a table top exercise for Greeley Fire & Rescue on a School Bus/Truck accident involving hazardous materials and mass casualty at the Greeley Fire Hall.

Alma gave report on the upcoming two Region 26 Weather Symposiums to be held in Dunning on March 16th and Loup City on April 7th.

The new Region 26 pickup is being held up for topper and is setting in Loup City, Alma should be able to get it within days. The grille guard is already here in Taylor to be installed. The garage work should be started soon on the old dispatch building. While that is being worked on, all storage items will have to be moved here to the EOC during construction. Alma stated that the contractor did not know if he could do the automatic garage door opener due to low ceiling. He was doing more measurements and as of now had not reported back on what he has found.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be February 27, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials

CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch

CC – Communications Center

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

DR – Disaster Recovery

DOR – Department of Roads

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

GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice

ICS – Incident Command System
LE – Law Enforcement
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEDRRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System
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
NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
PD – Police Department
PET – Planning Exercise Training
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
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)