

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
October 23, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	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 7:30 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 September 25, 2018 Minutes. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma asked for an approval of the September 2018 Budget with a correction to the budget spread sheet from August that has the 911 equipment loan payment entered on the incorrect line.

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Gary Eng to approve the September 2018 Financial Statement with the correct made to the 911 equipment line. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Ord Tower Update: Alma reported that the crane was to come in for setting up the tower on October 3rd and arrived the 4th during the rain. Crane was stuck at bottom of the hill for 24 hours before making it up the hill. First section of the tower was up on Friday, October 5th and the other two sections on Saturday. Tower structure was finished that day. Due to rain the following week, Platte Valley and crew was not able to start installing antennas on tower until yesterday. They thought they would have the equipment moved to the other building and antennas hung and wired in a week with good weather. Alma said there would be a considerable amount of repair work to do to the ground due to the rain and also presented the letter received from Mr. Schultz regarding the land lease stating he wanted to work this out when construction was finished.

NRIN Report: Alma reported on finishing up the fee schedule for use of the NRIN system and will start invoicing users on January 1st. They will be losing Caleb Johnson off the Keith County Board as representative for the North Central Region on the NRIN Board and will need to have a new representative. Alma handed out a printout of the Solar Winds monitoring tool on what it will look like when our dispatchers start monitoring the system.

Alma presented a contract from Power-Tech out of Grand Island who purchased B.J. Harris's business

which does our generator maintenance at the tower sites. The agreement was for the first year contract would match what B.J. Harris currently had with us. The Power-Tech lead generator technician, Tim Wood, had previously maintained our generators while working for B.J. Harris. Gary Eng made a motion to accept the generator maintenance contract from Power-Tech with a second from Diana Hurlburt. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the information received from Page My Cell and that they would be making contact with Platte Valley to see what it was going to take to connect into our console and gave pricing for Region 26 to host the equipment for the Departments. The connection with Justice Data Solutions is also being reviewed with them as to how that would work.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks gave report that he had received from other Sheriffs that the reports from Justice Data Solutions were all showing Valley County at the top of the report. Alma had heard this brought up before and would also reach out to Justice Data Solutions. Alma asked that a Sheriffs meeting be scheduled soon so that we can review any issues and how things are working through Region 26.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the stats for the Communications Center for September. They had 949 Status Checks, 167 Alarm-Test, 94 Pager Test, 91 Citizen Calls, 81 Medical Calls, 76 Miscellaneous Office Tasks, 74 Vehicle Inspection/registration, 69 Traffic Stop, 53 Animal Out, 43 Wants/Warrants, 37 Animal, 34 Burn Permits, 33 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc.), 32 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 29 Reminder Page, 25 Gun Permits, 19 Auto Accident, 19 Fire-Other, 16 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 15 Motorist Assist, 15 Reckless Driving-Speeding, 15 Theft, 14 Alarm-Security, 13 Welfare Check, 10 disturbance-Domestic, 10 Siren Test, 9 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 7 – 911 Test, 7 Utilities, 6 Harassment, 6 Transport, 5 Alarm-Fire, 5 Funeral Escort, 5 Missing Person, 5 Training, 4 – 911 Hang-Up, 4 Fire-Grass, 4 Suicidal, 4 Unit Maintenance, 4 Weather, 3 Assist Other Agency, 3 Bus Check, 3 Fire-Structure, 3 Mental Health, 3 Traffic Hazard, 3 Vandalism and 22 various other incidents for a total of 2,148 incidents for the month of September.

Bailey Lurz will soon have worked through her probation period and is ready to work on her own. Kristen and Linda was able to attend the Nebraska Pipeline training in Ord this month. Virginia and Kristen will be attending the APCO/NENA Conference with Alma this next week.

Director's Report: Alma gave an update on the Justice Data Solutions CAD and that they would possibly get training in by the first of the year. Alma was working with GeoComm to see what is was going to take to change the mapping for them. Currently there will be coordination with Justice Data Solutions, GeoComm, Platte Valley and Emergency Call Works to get CAD moved off their system.

Region 26 hosted a flu clinic for Loup Basin Public Health earlier this month for the employees and the public, and also hosted the Sherman/Valley LEPC here for tours of the of the facility and our operations.

Alma and Linda assisted at the Custer County mass shooting exercise in Broken Bow this month.

Alma attended the Loup Valley Mutual Aid at Primrose and Sandhills Mutual Aid at Thedford this last week to discuss the Page My Cell and also to discuss procedures for a mutual aid fire as well as notices for Red Flag.

Alma gave a report on the North Central PET Meeting that was held here last Friday. Alma had asked the PET Board to MOU our 2016 NRIN grant funds for NRIN maintenance back to NEMA for the NERN fiscal agent to manager. The board worked on the five year exercise calendar to turn in at the Exercise Planning Workshop in Lincoln next week. Jodie Fawl from NEMA was here to discuss more ideas on the use of Social Media for the Emergency Managers.

The use of the WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert) notice on October 3rd was discussed.

Report of the upcoming events at Region 26 include hosting the Nebraska Wildland Fire Council meeting next week.

Ann will be attending the Hazard Mitigation meeting next Tuesday in Thedford for Thomas and Blaine Counties.

Linda will be attending a PIO training class at Loup Basin Public Health in Burwell next week.

Alma will be attending the APCO/NENA training conference and THIRA/TEPW workshops all next week.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be November 27, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

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)