

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

October 27, 2015

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman
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

Absent:

Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke

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 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 Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the September 29, 2015 Minutes.
Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Doug Wrede and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the September 2015 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report on the Ord tower site that Ed Cole the Consultant was trying to find information from Verizon for us. There were three bids that came in for the tower generator maintenance agreement. After reviewing the bids from Nebraska Machinery, Power Solutions and B.J. Harris, the board discussed what was needed for additional information on the B.J. Harris bid if we would choose to stay with him. The request had been made for the bids to list a backup contact for emergency repair if they were not in the area to come. The board wanted to know if the backup contact would abide by the bid amount that was sent to us by the bidder. Jay Meyer made a motion to approve the B.J. Harris bid with the stipulation that the agreement was more defined with what he considers his regular hours, what us his standard labor rate, his after hour rate and what the mileage would be. Doug Reiter seconded the motion.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Custer County EM had contacted Alma regarding the 911 equipment to see if we had done any more toward looking at equipment as they were wanting to get some costs together. Alma said that her plans for November were for her and Custer County and dispatchers to visit the surrounding 911 centers to see the equipment they have installed. Four different vendors have been used around us and we would be able to see the equipment running and compare the differences. The board was in agreement and Alma is to advise of the dates when set so that any of the Communications Committee that would be available could also attend.

Alma said that the Interlocal Agreement was needing resigned by the counties for the 5-year Agreement.

She had questions on the Agreement in regards to the Municipalities on the need for them to sign the agreement since they were receiving services with all costs being handled through the counties. The 911 agreements had all been signed by the villages and continue on. The wording in the Interlocal had needed clarification on the finance that had been brought out before as well as the update of the State Statute numbers. The board determined it was not necessary for the municipalities to sign the Interlocal since everything was handled at the County level. Alma said she would get out to the County meetings as soon as possible to have them sign the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement.

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

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher/Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 13 Generator, 45 NAWAS, 25 siren, 215 Alarm, 17 Office, 583 page, 2234 Radio, 1957 Phone, 279 – 911 Calls, 78 Administrative, 771 Ambulance, 9 Bus, 298 Public, 36 Department of Roads, 287 Fire, 11 Guest, 8 Hospital, 3128 Law Enforcement, 633 Tests, 109 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of September was 10,736.

Virginia reported on the staff meeting with the Halsey Forest personnel to meet the new District Ranger and discuss protocol with all of them. Caitlyn Burkhardt had finished her two weeks at Dispatch training and received excellent scores there.

Virginia said that Donna and her would be attending a May Day safety meeting at Loup Valley RPPD on November 10th in Ord the same that they done for Custer Public Power in Broken Bow.

Director's Report:

The Hastings Weather Service had a day long workshop that Alma and Linda had attended along with news media forecasters and other Emergency Managers.

Alma told about the NIRMA Conference she attended and then NIRMA Staff and Board President stopped at office to take a tour. There will be a contractor to come out next month to go through the equipment at each tower site for the property insurance.

There was a North Central Region meeting here earlier in the month to go through the Training, Exercise and Planning Survey for the NEMA Workshop and also the five year training calendar was completed and turned in.

Alma gave updates on the LEOP's that are still pending completion. Valley County's has been completed and submitted for NEMA and will be taking that to the County for an approval resolution. Greeley County has been turned in to NEMA except for several sections waiting on information to be returned by Village Boards.

The LEPC's (Local Emergency Planning Committee) have been scheduled for three separate meetings to be held in Region 26 with NEMA sending a representative to help kick off the meetings. Alma handed out letters to each of the board members on information for their respective county's meeting. They will all be held the second week of November.

Alma said that Holcomb Mechanical did make it back and replaced three vents in the building to help with air flow more efficiently and it seems to be working much better.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be November 24th.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator