

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
October 29, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Valley Co: Pat Waldmann (Alternate)	Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
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 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 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Alma passed out a correction to the budget report that had been mailed to the board with a correction to the total in the September column. Motion by Roger Guggenmos and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the September Financial Statement with correction to the budget report.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Disaster DR #4420 review: The meeting that was held at the NRD for applicants on Mitigation funds was discussed. Alma reported on meeting held here last week with Brian Tuma from NEMA reporting on the amount the State of Nebraska had for 12 ½ % of the disaster funds. He had met with the Governor to ask for the amount needed. The extension for the disaster did not come through but NEMA had turned in a new Disaster Declaration that would cover the flooding in August and have not heard back on that.

Alma reported that the generator sold on the Big Iron auction for \$1521.00 before commission. She had asked about using those funds to replace a couple of laptops that were getting close to end of life. The board asked that a price for the laptops be brought to the next meeting.

Alma presented the information on the ECaTS (Emergency Call Tracking System) that was sent to all dispatch centers from the Public Service Commission to be attached to the 911 equipment to allow them to collect data on the types of calls coming into the center to help them with wireless information and would also allow us to get more reports on our calls. Alma said she needed approval to sign the agreement allowing the Commission to install the equipment with the idea that she would ask Platte Valley Communications first if there was any issue connecting this to new Emergency Call Works Equipment. The board made the approval to go ahead with the Agreement once there was an okay with

Platte Valley Communications. Doug Reiter made a motion to approve the Agreement and Gary Eng seconded the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma asked for approval with the board having the MILO (Magnetic Insulated Line Oscillator) Laser Target Range for Law Enforcement training. The Mid Plains Community College had it available to come out. It would be set up at Region 26 for a central location for Law Enforcement to come on different days to do the training. There would need to be someone there that had used the range to assist others to allow it to come. Gary Eng made a motion to approve the range to be set up at Region 26 and Dave Weeks seconded it. Alma would work out the dates and details. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that there would be a quarterly Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting held here this Friday the 1st. Game and Parks would also be attending.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. There was a breakdown for both August and September so the board could compare the differences on description of calls since dispatch started live with Justice Data Solutions for the CAD system the first weekend in September. There were some changes so the reports will look slightly different in description of incidents.

They had 1705 Status Checks, 323 Pages, 255 Alarms, 184 Minor Details, 160 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 118 Traffic Stops, 77 Weather, 73 Rescue Call, 66 Miscellaneous Calls, 63 Animal Calls, 54 – 911 Accidental/Disconnects, 43 Paper Service, 36 Accident, 30 Gun Permits, 25 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 22 Assist Other Agency, 21 Reckless Driver, 21 Theft, 19 Suspicious Events, 17 Burn Permits, 16 Assist Citizen, 16 Fire Calls, 13 Traffic Hazards, 11 Motorist Assist, 9 Parking Violation, 9 Siren, 6 Child Abuse, 6 Welfare Checks, 6 Criminal Mischief, 6 Prisoner Transport, 5 Suicidal Threats, 4 Arrests, 4 Direct Traffic, 4 DUI, 4 Missing Persons, 3 Abandoned Vehicle, 3 Irrigation on Roadway, 3 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 3 Terroristic Threats and 12 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of September was 3455. Virginia reported on the new hire to fill the vacancy of Kristin and the training that several of the dispatchers were attending. The State Patrol Protection Order training was held here today for area dispatchers which included two from our staff. Discussion was held on the changes to move to the office from dispatch and the challenges with scheduling with new staff members. It will take time to iron out but Virginia and Alma both said it is going to work.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the Sherman/Valley LEPC that was held in Ashton this month. Long Term recover on the flooding for individuals was discussed as well as a tour of the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton.

The Greeley/Wheeler LEPC was held the end of September in Greeley. Alma asked the LEPC members along with others that had been invited to start a committee for the purpose of planning the 4th annual Region 26 Weather Symposium in Greeley for next spring. Everyone in attendance agreed and the planning began that night.

Alma presented the award she received on additional grant funds she had applied for from leftover 2018 Emergency Management grant funds in the state. These funds will supplement her operating expense and wages.

Alma reported on the Sherman south repeater and the need for it to be relocated and she was checking into options of what could be done and how it will affect Rockville and Litchfield. She explained the issues with the two new NRIN towers that were going up that would affect Region 26.

She also reported that the EOC was used for The Wildland Fire Council meeting this month as well as the State Patrol Protection Order Training for dispatchers.

Alma also reported on the first dividend check that Region 26 received from NIRMA for \$156.00.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be November 26, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:36 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
ECaTS – Emergency Call Tracking System
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
MILO – Magnetic Insulated Line Oscillator (Laser Target Range)
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)