

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

November 1, 2017

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
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, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) 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 26, 2017 Minutes. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the September 2017 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave an update from the last NRIN meeting and handed out the latest map of the system. The Custer to Region 26 connection is at the top of the list and will be on the agenda at the next North Central PET Region meeting to work on. They are still collecting costs at the PSAP's to review. Tom Bandur asked about what the each county would possibly have for cost of equipment etc. for a courthouse to connect to the NRIN System. Alma said usage cost are being worked on at this time but she would bring that up at the NRIN Board meeting to see if she could get any ballpark figures for equipment connection.

The NIRMA policy was discussed and the Resolution for a three year commitment to NIRMA was presented. NIRMA had asked for a 3 ½ year commitment to bring Region 26 up to the same date of renewal as everyone else on the July 1<sup>st</sup> date. Therefore, this commitment would be from January 1, 2018 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Gary Eng made a motion to approve the Resolution for the NIRMA commitment. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented a state bid for a Ford F150 Super Crew Pickup that she received from Ericson Ford in Loup City. After discussion of what extras would be needed on the pickup, Jack Poulsen made a motion to order the pickup with extras as discussed including mud and snow tires, grille guard, topper and floor slides. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma had the approvals from the Loup County Zoning and Taylor Village Board to revamp the old dispatch center into a garage with overhead door and to cut down the curb for a driveway into the garage.

Discussion was held on needing to repair sidewalk at same time as large crack was getting worse and to fill in the green area with concrete in front for driveway. The previous bid for construction was reviewed and the Board said to start work on interior and would look at what to do on outside at another meeting. Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report. Alma did state that she had been contacted by Burwell PD and Valley County Sheriff Deputy regarding a Law Enforcement Task Force that they wanted to develop with area Law Enforcement Jurisdictions and asked for tactical training classes that we could provide.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the stats breakdown for incidents recorded from dispatch for the month of September. They had 1,231 Status Checks, 312 Pager Tests, 113 Misc. Officer Task, 124 Alarm Tests, 96 Wants/Warrants, 86 Medical Calls, 85 Citizen Calls, 78 Traffic Stops, 60 Vehicle Inspections, 54 Animal Out, 43 Standby/Games, 36 Burn Permits, 31 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 29 Reminder Page, 28 Auto Accidents, 25 Gun Permits, 21 Animal, 20 Transport, 16 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 15 Fire - Other, 14 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 13 Security Alarm, 13 Siren Tests, 12 Disturbance/Noise Complaint, 12 Motorist Assist, 10 Utilities, 9 Radio Tests, 9 Theft, 7 – 911 Test Calls, 7 Missing Persons, 7 Training, 6 Weather, 5 Break & Enter, 5 Disturbance/Domestic, 5 Funeral Escort, 5 Unit Maintenance, 4 Fire Alarm, 4 Dead Body, 4 DOR, 4 Grass Fires, 3 Bus Checks, 3 Railroad, 3 Vandalism, 21 Various other incidents. Total incident stats for September was 2,688.

Alma reported for Dispatch that there had been some telephone issues with phone ringing and they were not able to connect but could call the number back. The 911 lines were transferred to Broken Bow for approximately an hour until everything was checked out and resolved. Alma reported on the APCO/NENA Conference that she, Virginia and Linda attended in Lincoln with all the updates on 911. Another Power Supply had to be replaced in equipment that was possibly an extension of damages from the brown out of the snow storm in April.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET Region meeting that was held the end of September to complete the North Central THIRA report. The 2017 Grant Work Plan also had to be submitted before any spend down of grant could happen.

Alma attended the Wireless Advisory Board meeting in Lincoln while there for conference. The request for funds for Region 26 to have Text to 911 was presented. The Advisory Board approved the proposal and would be forwarded to the Public Service Commission for review.

At the APCO/NENA Conference, all of the updates for the current communications projects in Nebraska were presented as well as getting to meet with vendors and the progress to Next Gen 911 across the State.

The last two days in Lincoln were spent with NEMA in working on the State THIRA and having the TEPW Workshop to work on each of our respective PET Region's Exercise/Training 5-year Calendar to coordinate with upcoming grants.

The LEPC for October was held in Ord at the Valley View Living Center for the Sherman/Valley LEPC. Red Cross was present at LEPC to discuss shelter agreements. There was a tour of the Living Center facility and the Committee was shown their emergency plan. The upcoming full scale disaster exercise for the Valley County Hospital in November was discussed.

Alma had attended the Loup Valley Mutual Aid Meeting in Ord in October and had contacted the State Patrol to give a talk on Active Shooters. Also there was information on Page My Cell that Alma was able to give to the Page-My-Cell users on the updates that will be coming to them before the end of the year allowing each department member to respond back to a page if they are responding to a call or not available for the rest of the department to view.

Alma asked the board if okay for her to look at having another Weather Symposium in the spring since the last one in Ord was a success. Gary Eng requested having one also in the west counties. After discussion the board said to move forward with plans for one in Loup City and one in Dunning. Gary said he would contact the Dunning High School for availability.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:59 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  
ICS – Incident Command System  
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee  
LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease 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  
PET – Planning Exercise Training\*  
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)  
PSC – Public Service Commission  
PVC – Platte Valley Communications  
SRS – State Radio System  
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