

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
November 24, 2015

Region 26 Council:

Present:  
Garfield Co: Paige Measner  
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede  
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel  
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman  
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

Absent:  
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

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

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) 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 Paige Measner and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the October 27, 2015 Minutes.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Jack Poulsen to approve the October 2015 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the information she received back regarding Verizon and that they were proceeding forward with a building permit to construct a new tower at the Ord location. Discussion was held regarding zoning and where tower was to be located and what this would mean to Region 26.

The Simple IRA for employees was reviewed and Alma asked for the board to approve the company match for the employees. Jay Meyer made a motion to keep the 3% company match for the employees for their IRA. Paige Measner seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Christmas bonuses for employees was discussed and Jack Poulsen made a motion to keep the same as last year with \$50 for the two new employees. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the statistics report from the previous month. They had 17 Generator, 34 NAWAS, 30 Siren, 650 Alarm, 20 Office, 614 Page, 2195 Radio, 2176 Phone, 305 – 911 Calls, 114 Administrative, 818 Ambulance, 7 Bus, 464 Public, 29 Department of Roads,

403 Fire, 1 Guest, 19 Hospital, 3100 Law Enforcement, 1086 Tests, 0 Weather. They had a total of 12,082 calls for the month of October.

Alma reported on the console phone lines going down twice this month. Platte Valley is changing out a Power Supply that is going bad to correct the issue. A couple of times this month an animated call was received in dispatch reporting on phone lines that were down. Alma said they were going to have next week's staff meeting centered on all the different types of alarms that can come in.

Alma also reported they had received a complaint from a resident north of Halsey that the tower was putting out tones and voices that they could hear across the pasture. Platte Valley would check and correct the volume.

Director's Report: The generator maintenance contract was accepted by B.J. Harris with the stipulations that the board placed on it.

Alma reported that she and Virginia attended Sen Fischer's staff meeting in Taylor. They were the only ones there and was able to discuss a lot of issues with Julie Brooker, Sen Fischer's staff.

Three LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meetings were held last week to include all eight counties with plans to move forward with forming the committees.

Alma said that they held an after action meeting following the LEPC in Taylor for the boating incident at the Calamus. There was discussion from communications to dealing with the lake crowd/eye witnesses to pulling the boat to the surface and Law Enforcement issues.

The NIRMA Equipment Evaluation had been received and Alma stated she was reviewing it.

There was a Credentialing/Badging conference call meeting with NEMA and other Emergency Managers across the state this last week. NEMA is still working on some of the details to badging especially for trucks and equipment. Linda and Alma set in on the conference call.

Alma said that she had area 911 center visits scheduled the first week of December for her, Donna, Virginia and Custer County to visit with other centers on their upgrades and what was working for them.

The lease renewal for the space for the weather radio station at the Ord Tower Site was received in from NOAA for signature. There is no monetary exchange for this lease only Region 26 providing space and hosting the equipment. The agreement was providing space for an additional fifteen years. The board told Alma to sign the agreement.

Alma discussed the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement with the board regarding the need for villages/city signatures since they were not listed on the Agreement, only the counties. The Board discussed and determined it would not be necessary for Alma to attend the village/city meetings to have them sign the Interlocal, only the County Meetings.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There is no December meeting.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator