

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
November 25, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman
Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle
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
Richard Anderson

Absent:

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: Larry Pelan/NIRMA

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

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) 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 Dave Weeks to approve the October 28, 2014 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Paige Measner and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the October 2014 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Larry Pelan with NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) presented a proposal for membership to their association with insurance coverage. Larry addressed the questions the board had regarding insurance, any increased cost, handling of claims and membership commitment. There were cost and coverage comparisons done as well as what were the expectations of both NIRMA and Region 26. The proposal was with a \$5000 deductible in comparison to the current insurance of \$1000 and \$5000 wind and hail deductible. After further discussion regarding the cost savings to Region 26 and the best time to make the change, Paige Measner made a motion to accept NIRMA's proposal for membership and insurance with a \$1000 deductible on the property insurance, a January 1st beginning date and to approve the required three year commitment. Doug Reiter seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Alma reported on the Ord tower that according to our consultant, Verizon was going to have a contract out for us to review by meeting time but it had not yet arrived.

The Simple IRA Retirement Plan for the employees was reviewed. Alma said that she was having Union Bank come back out to meet with employees that have questions on their plan. The board suggested checking with NACO on the public employee's retirement plans to see if Region 26 would qualify. Jack Poulsen made a motion to approve continuing the 3% Region 26 match on the current Union Bank

Retirement Plan. Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: Alma passed out a statistics report from communications. They had 9 Generator, 34 NAWAS, 27 Siren, 183 Alarm, 27 Office, 595 Page, 2231 Radio, 1854 Phone, 267 – 911, 69 Administrative, 776 Ambulance, 10 Bus, 360 Public, 15 Department of Roads, 270 Fire, 16 guest, 21 Hospital, 3080 Law Enforcement, 610 Test. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of October was 10,454. Alma reported on work with the new employee in communications and that all was going very well.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the APCO/NENA 911 Conference she attended in Lincoln during last month's meeting. She was able to gain information on updating of the 911 equipment, meet with vendors and discuss equipment with other 911 directors. Alma reported on the information from the Public Service Commission on the 911 updates. The FCC has required all cellular carriers to have their equipment able to send text messaging to 911 by the end of 2014. All cellular carriers now must be able to send a "bounce-back" message to anyone making a text to 911 to advise the caller they would need to make a voice call where texting service is not available. Alma said she has tested the text to 911 here and the bounce-back message comes through that a voice call needs to be placed by calling 911.

The municipal election ballots had been sent out to the village clerks for the 2-year board member election on the village/town representatives. Doug Reiter is running unopposed for the Range Counties and Richard Anderson and Jay Meyer are running for the Tri-County Municipalities representative.

Alma reported on the Command Unit. The security cameras for the outside of the unit were too large and needed replaced. Alma reported on the move to the Taylor Fire Hall for housing the Command Unit when it comes back from Kearney. The Taylor Fire Department was in need of a projector for their meeting room and Alma stated that she would like to give a portable projector to them since they are housing the unit for Region 26. She had upgraded to a larger projector and had this one as a spare. It was agreeable with the board to let them have the projector.

Other Business: Richard Anderson asked if there had been a book or manual developed for the new building on warranties and instructions on new equipment etc. Alma said that all information and manuals were together and that the office was currently developing a binder to get everything from operating manuals, appliance warranties and service instruction requirements organized for future use and developing a schedule for maintenance both internal and external.

Next regular meeting date will be January 27, 2015 (no December meeting).

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator