

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
November 27, 2018

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	
Garfield Co:	Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede	
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co:	Gary Eng	
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co:	Jack Poulsen	
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 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 Doug Wrede to approve the October 23, 2018 Minutes.  
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the October 2018 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report on the Ord tower. Platte Valley had finished getting antennas installed on the tower this month. There were some issues with the weather radio antenna having some interference and was not yet turned up to full power until those issues were checked out. There also needs to be a bracket change on the weather radio antenna due to causing extra loading on the tower. There was discussion this week also on the payment by NOAA to cover the install of the antenna.

The fencing and grounds clean up done on the guy wires was completed by Rick Meyers for \$800. Alma had received in a quote to do the reseeding from Green thumb and presented to the board.

Longhorn Electric was back to move the transfer switch for the generator. There was no backup power to the building until the switch was moved.

Alma was turning in everything to insurance this week, however, not all invoices had yet been received. The landowner had requested a new lease amount of \$400/month and stating that we had done damages to his property and asked that we deal with everything through his attorney. Heather Sikyta had sent email this morning from his attorney. After discussion from the board regarding monthly lease and any damages done, Jack Van Slyke made a motion with a second from Tom Bandur to offer \$1000 for damages, \$1200/year for lease payment and to reseed the pasture where ground was broken, hard surface

the access road on the hill, fence out the reseeded area for three years until pasture is established and pay \$350 annual rent for those three years where fenced out. Heather Sikyta was to send letter to his attorney with this offer. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma discussed the paging situation for Ord, North Loup and Scotia. There has been an interference on the paging for a few months in early morning hours. The paging at times is not understandable. Platte Valley has been trying to monitor the situation and have suggested we reprogram the frequency to change off of what might be causing interference. Platte Valley Communications of Kearney quoted to do all the reprogramming for our paging for licensing adjustments for \$1,172.50. Jack Poulsen made a motion with a second from Doug Wrede to accept the costs from Platte Valley to make these adjustments. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma updated the board on what she had found for the Justice Data Solutions CAD system and what it would take to change the mapping back to GeoComm for the CAD system to work. The cost for the GeoComm map changes would be \$36,597 for the mapping set up and licensing. After discussion on what this would create Doug Wrede made a motion with a second from Jack Poulsen to accept the changes for the CAD system from GeoComm. Ayes (6) Nays (4) Abstain (1).

The employee benefit package was reviewed for the Simple IRA for the employees. Alma asked for the board to approve keeping the Company match at 3% for the employees for the next year. Gary Eng made a motion with a second from Diana Hurlburt to keep the company IRA match the same for the upcoming year. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Gary Eng made a motion, seconded by Tom Bandur to keep the Employee Christmas bonuses the same as the previous year. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma asked that the board approve Diana Hurlburt for one of the signers on all of the bank accounts since Jack Paulsen will not be on the board next year and Diana is the next closest board member to Taylor to be easily reached for check signing. Tom Bandur made a motion with a second from Jack Van Slyke to approve Diana Hurlburt to be one of four to sign for any of the Region 26 accounts, which includes Jack Ruppel, Jack Van Slyke and Alma. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Criminal Justice Board Report: No meeting scheduled for the Region 26 Law Enforcement. Region 26 is hosting a State Users Group meeting of the State Radio System on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 877 Status Checks, 169 Alarm Test, 101 Citizen Calls, 100 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 97 Pager test, 91 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 72 Traffic Stop, 69 Animal Out, 68 medical Call, 43 Wants/Warrants, 34 Auto Accident, 33 Animal, 33 Standby/Games, 26 Burn Permits, 26 Gun Permits, 22 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 21 Reminder Page, 18 Alarm - Security, 18 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 15 motorist Assist, 14 Training, 13 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 13 Theft, 11 Fire/Other, 9 Disturbance/Domestic, 9 Traffic Hazard, 9 Transport, 9 Utilities, 8 – 911 Hang Ups, 8 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 7 – 911 Test, 7 Traffic Control, 7 Welfare Check, 6 Assist Other Agency, 6 Fire/Grass, 6 Stolen Vehicle, 5 Bus Check, 5 Fire/Vehicle, 5 Funeral Escort, 4 DUI, 4 Probation, 4 Siren Test, 4 Unit Maintenance, 3 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 3 Alarm/Fire, 3 Drugs, 3 Fight/Assault, 3 Vandalism and 18 various other incidents for a total of 2,139 incidents for the month of October.

Virginia reported on the training that dispatch has had with her, Kristen and Alma attending the APCO/NENA Conference the end of October hearing 911 dispatchers speak from the Sandy Hook School shooting and Aurora Colorado Movie Theater shooting.

Our newest dispatcher, Bailey, is in Grand Island this week at the Law Enforcement Academy for the basic dispatch course.

Region 26 hosted the State Patrol Protection Order training here last week for dispatchers with 14 in the class. She also stated that she was looking at starting to schedule some dispatcher ride alongs with Sheriffs.

**Director's Report:**

This month was the Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC that was held here. There was a committee formed to put together a brochure on wildfire safety to educate property owners and to also start an LEPC Facebook page.

Alma reported on the meeting she was having Region 26 host for the SUG (State User Group for the State Radio System) on December 7<sup>th</sup> for all Law Enforcement, State Patrol and other State Agencies using the System.

There will be a one day class for Cyber Security training that Alma said the North Central Region was having using Homeland Security grant funding. The Region 26 class would be in Ord at the Trotter Event Center on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Other classes were going to be in O'Neill, Bassett and Ogallala.

Alma gave an update on the Weather Symposium that Region 26 would be sponsoring in Dunning at the Sandhills Public Schools on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Alma said she had been contacted by Behavior Health to contact Departments in our Region to get orders for a medication to reverse an opioid overdose which she had received in.

**Other Business:** The Board asked for Alma to send letters for Gary Eng and Diana Hurlburt for recommendation to be appointed for the open spots on the NIRMA and NACO boards respectively.

Next regular meeting date will be January 29, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:15 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

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  
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  
SUG – State User Group (of the 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)