

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
November 28, 2017

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co: Paige Measner
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Sherman Co: Tom Bandur
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
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, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, 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 nine (9) 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 November 1, 2017 Minutes.  
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Jack Van Slyke to approve the October 2017 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0). Alma explained that there was \$1000 on the 2015 North Central Homeland Security Grant sent back to be applied toward marketing of the NRIN project. The funds were approved through the North Central Board to MOU the \$1000 to the South Central Region to manage the making of a film clip and other materials for the NRIN Project. We will have Grant Adjustment Notice or GAN that will change the amount of the grant and therefore the amount on our budget report will show \$1000 less next month on the 2015 Grant.

Alma reported on the last NRIN meeting on details of what they were working on in the finance committee. She reported on that the NRIN Board will have a booth at the NACO Conference next month in Kearney as well as a breakout session for the Commissioners/Supervisors on NRIN and she would attend those breakout sessions if they had questions. Also, there would be a session with the Emergency Managers in the afternoon that invites County Board Members to attend regarding dealing with a Presidential Disaster Declaration in your County.

Alma asked for a continuation of the Simple IRA for the employees and asked that the current match for the company would remain at the maximum allowable at 3%. Jack Poulsen made a motion to retain the 3% match for the employee Simple IRA. Gary Eng seconded the motion.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma then asked for a Christmas Bonus for all employees. After discussion on amount Jack Van Slyke made the motion for a \$25 increase from last year with a \$50 increase for Alma. Motion seconded by Gary Eng. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: The board was presented a breakdown of last month's stats. They had Status Checks 1234, Pager Test 334, Alarm Test 132, Misc. Officer Task 110, Traffic Stop 94, Wants/Warrants 84, Citizen Calls 73, Medical Calls 72, Vehicle Inspection 62, Animal Out 57, Reminder Page 50, Gun Permits 32, Animal 27, Auto Accident 26, Burn Permits 22, Alarm-Security 20, Standby – Games 20, Reckless Driving/Speeding 19, 911 No Contact/Accidental 17, Motorist Assist 17, Fire Other 15, Weather 15, Suspicious Vehicle/Person 12, 911 Hang Up 9, Siren Test 9, Traffic Hazard 9, Disturbance/Domestic 8, Transport 8, Bus Check 7, Funeral Escort 7, Radio Test 7, Welfare Check 7, Disturbance/Noise Complaint 6, DOR 6, Fire Grass 6, Missing Person 6, Stolen Vehicle 6, Theft 6, Vandalism 6, Fire Vehicle 5, Utilities 5, DUI 4, Training 4, Unit Maintenance 4, Fight/Assault 3, Suicidal 3, Various other incidents 16. There was a total of 2,701 incidents for the month of October. Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher additionally reported on the training we do at staff meetings to currently we are working at the stats on the new system to make sure everyone is entering incidents the same way and that the reports are complete with what the Board needs which she reported that Linda Lewis had created a good training session on entering incidents for the last staff meeting. Virginia reported that the basic training and emergency medical dispatch training is no longer available at the Law Enforcement Center in Grand Island through NESCA due to NESCA not having the insurance to cover this. At this time everything other than teletype will be in house training. She reported on the work they were doing for Ord Police Department while the Valley County Sheriff Office is going through remodeling. There was an extra amount of work being done for the logs that they are requesting. Alma also reported on the equipment issues with the school bus radio frequency down, the Arcadia paging being down and work being done on the Silent Night alarm system by Platte Valley.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central Board Meeting and what they worked on for the buildout of the NRIN System for the North Central Region.

The hearing for the LB938 on December 13<sup>th</sup> on the plan being presented to the legislative committee. There was no LEPC meeting in November for Thomas, Blaine, Loup and Garfield due to not finding a day to meet.

Alma gave update on the two Weather Symposiums. She has a date set for Dunning with the Sandhills Public Schools to have an afternoon to evening event on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The North Platte Weather Service has committed to this date. The Loup City event is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Loup City Community Center with the Hastings Weather Service. The Board gave suggestions and ideas for both events.

Alma reported on the full scale exercise that the Valley County Hospital had along with the Ethanol plant earlier this month. The departments had a chance to use their V-Tac mutual aid radio frequencies for the exercise.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be January 30, 2018.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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  
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice  
ICS – Incident Command System  
LE – Law Enforcement  
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  
PD – Police Department  
PET – Planning Exercise Training\*  
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)  
PSC – Public Service Commission  
PVC – Platte Valley Communications  
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