

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
December 27, 2016

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	
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	

\* Indicates those in meeting via Conference Call

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 eleven (11) members present, those indicated above were by call in.

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.

Alma presented to the Board the Proposal Analysis that Stacen Gross, our consultant, had prepared with the 911 Equipment Vendors that we were reviewing. Also, the proposal from Emergency Call Works/Motorola that was a new proposal with additional savings if we accepted the contract prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. The savings included using Platte Valley Communications in Kearney for technical support on an as needed basis instead of annual fee. The analysis showed the best rating for Region 26 would be for Emergency Call Works. The board asked for more information from Emergency Call Works and Alma contacted Von Beals, the ECW Representative, online for the board to ask questions direct. In reviewing the payment options there was discussion on what would work if going with a 10-year plan which would include new hardware replacement in year six. After a lengthy discussion on what the best choices would be for Region 26 and reviewing the payment options it was determined that the Emergency Call Works with the technical support of Platte Valley Communications would be the best decision for Region 26. The terms were discussed with the ECW representative for the payment plan to be 40% down and 25% at time equipment was ordered, 25% after equipment install and 10% after system was accepted. Discussion was then held on establishing the funding and what avenues would be used which includes the amount already established in our equipment fund. Instead of using the 911 Wireless fund that we already use for paying dispatcher wages, it was determined we would seek an outside source to finish out the project funding.

Jay Meyer made a motion to accept the 10-year Plan with Emergency Call Works/Motorola for \$242,825.93 with the payment plan as accepted by Emergency Call Works. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Alma then stated that she was wanting to look for additional help and asked the board to review the starting salary for dispatchers. She had reviewed what was being paid at surrounding 911 centers and we were sitting much lower. After discussion Tom Bandur made a motion to increase the starting salary to \$10.50 per hour, and then increase to \$11.50 after the probation period. Paige Measner seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be January 31, 2017.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator