

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
December 4, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	
Garfield Co:	Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co:	Jordan Foltz	
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co:	Gary Eng	
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co:	Doug Pokorny	
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 7:44 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with 11 (eleven) 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the October 29, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the October 2019 Financial Statement. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Ord Tower was reviewed. Jay Meyer had taken pictures of the grounds showing that the road to the tower and ground that had been disturbed is back to having ground cover and is looking fine.

A copy of the current Region 26 By-Laws were handed out and the board reviewed what was in the By-Laws for election of Municipal Representatives. There has been election of the representatives held every two years and the Chairman was asking if that could be changed to every four years to have the same time as the County representatives and would fall in line with their local elections. After discussion that we need to submit to the attorney to have it worded correctly for the By-Laws and send to the Municipalities. Gary Eng made a motion with second from Tom Bandur to send to the attorney to change the By-Law wording to have Municipality elections for board representation every two years and have it ready for the next meeting for a vote. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Alma reported that she had received a bid back for the laptop computers. Dell had turned the bid over to Sterling Computers. Alma said she did not have the time to research out the bid and who Sterling was and said that she would bring it back to the next board meeting.

The annual audit had been completed by Contryman and Alma had sent out the draft of the Financial Statement. Alma asked for the board to approve the signing of approving the Financial Statement and also the Management Representation letter. Gary Eng made a motion for approval of both with a second from Jordan Foltz. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Simple IRA was up for review. Alma asked the board to approve the 3% matching amount that is the current match. Tom Bandur made a motion with a second from Diana Hurlburt to keep the matching amount at the maximum of 3% for the employees. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. A motion was made by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to go into executive session. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstained (0). Executive session entered at 8:28 PM.

Findings: The Board had determined the amounts for Christmas bonuses for the employees and gave those amounts to Alma to be given out. Diana Hurlburt made the motion to approve the amounts for bonuses and Gary Eng seconded. Ayes (11) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that the Law Enforcement meeting was held here in November and included the Game and Parks Officers.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1565 Status Checks, 352 Pages, 277 Alarms, 179 Traffic Stop, 161 Minor Detail, 138 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 98 Rescue Calls, 94 Animal Calls, 72 Miscellaneous Calls, 54 Gun Permits, 49 Accidental/Disconnect 911, 38 Accident, 34 Citizen Assist/Calls, 33 Paper Service, 20 Assist Other Agency, 20 Direct Traffic, 20 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 19 Suspicious Events, 16 Fire Calls, 16 Burn Permits, 15 Motorist Assist, 12 Reckless Driver, 11 Radio Test, 10 Check Welfare, 10 Theft, 9 Criminal Mischief, 8 Siren, 6 Prisoner Transport, 6 Suicidal Threats, 4 Civil Matters, 4 DUI, 3 Arrests, 3 Death/Death Investigation, 3 Shots Fired and 12 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of October was 3,371.

Virginia had given a presentation on the MACH system on officer vehicle location ahead of the meeting. She reported on Lisa being at the Law Enforcement Academy in Grand Island for her dispatch training. Virginia and Alma gave a report on what happened with the ice storm the day after Thanksgiving and the power outages with the generator not starting for dispatch. There was some minor damages to equipment that Platte Valley had taken care of the following day. 911 was down for about three hours, but in that time the lines were rolled over to Custer County 911 and the radios were being monitored by Valley County Sheriffs Office.

Director's Report: Alma gave a follow up on the DR 4420 that the last request for extending through August have been denied.

The Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield LEPC meeting was held here in November with emphasis put on areas of roadways that were in need of better signage for safety.

The Desert Snow Criminal Interdiction training flyer was handed out that Alma reported was funded with the North Central Region Homeland Security Grant and was being held in Broken Bow at the College in January. In the first few days that the flyer had been sent to Law Enforcement the class was over half full with six of our eight Region 26 counties sending attendees.

Alma reported on the tower meeting that she attended in Grand Island to meet with MJ Leasing on utilizing space on their radio communications towers for the NRIN buildout to get a connection from Region 26 to Custer County and Holt County. Alma also attended the Public Service Commission meeting in Lincoln on their discussion of the funding model for the 911 Wireless Fund.

The Weather Symposium has been scheduled for Friday, March 20th with the help of a planning committee in Greeley County to put it together. It will be held at the Central Valley Auditorium in Greeley.

Other Business: Chairman Meyer questioned the equipment for NRIN that was still setting in the Paulsen Building in Ericson and wanted it checked on regarding the insurance and to work at getting the equipment removed as soon as possible too.

Next regular meeting date will be January 28, 2020.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Alma Beland, Coordinator/Director

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

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)