

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
February 25, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke
Garfield Co:	Paige Measner		
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede		
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel		
Thomas Co:	Kevin Hood, Chairman		
Sherman Co:	Vonnie Dzingle		
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		

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 P.M. by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) 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 January 28, 2014 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Richard Anderson and seconded by Paige Measner to approve the January 2014 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Building Committee Report: Doug Wrede reported on the last progress done in the building.

The dry wall was finished. Installations included hot water heater, both furnaces, the ceiling grid and about 1/3 of the lighting. The primer and first coat of paint was completed. There was an issue with a roof drain and found they had not been tightened down after installation. Alma stated that the kitchen cabinets and flooring have been ordered.

Tower Update: Alma stated there were no updates at this time.

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

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the stats from dispatch for the last three months. A breakdown of the statistics for November 2013 were 16 Generator, 45 NAWAS, 28 Siren, 205 Alarm, 26 Office, 555 Page, 1952 Radio, 1599 Phone, 254 - 911 Calls, 53 Administrative, 573 Ambulance, 16 Bus, 349 Public, 16 Department of Roads, 211 Fire, 6 Guest, 4 Hospital, 2755 Law Enforcement, 658 Tests, 39 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of November was 9360.

Statistics for December 2013 were 19 Generator, 35 NAWAS, 33 Siren, 202 Alarm, 36 Office, 564 Page, 2070 Radio, 1547 Phone, 274 - 911 Calls, 62 Administrative, 721 Ambulance, 10 Bus, 267 Public, 22 Department of Roads, 300 Fire, 13 Guest, 16 Hospital, 2729 Law Enforcement, 637 Tests, 3 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of December was 9560.

The breakdown of the statistics for January 2014. They had 14 Generator, 37 NAWAS, 84 Siren, 196 Alarm, 29 Office, 569 Page, 1833 Radio, 1526 Phone, 227 - 911 Calls, 67 Administrative, 546 Ambulance, 12 Bus, 255 Public, 29 Department of Roads, 492 Fire, 7 Guest, 10 Hospital, 2463 Law Enforcement, 629 Tests, 5 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of January was 9030.

Alma stated that her, Donna and Virginia had done interviews today for the dispatch position and gave a report on what they found. Alma said they would be able to make a better decision after talking to references. Alma said she wanted to have someone hired as soon as possible. Discussion was held regarding non-smoking rules and e-cigarettes.

Director's Report: The Weather Awareness meetings have been scheduled in the counties with the Hastings and North Platte National Weather Service offices and sent out to news media for public information. The statewide Tornado Drill has been scheduled for March 26th.

Alma reported that she has been working with NEMA on the EMPG grant and the changes they are making on how they will reimburse for maintenance contracts that have a different calendar date then the grant period.

Linda Lewis is gone to a two day training course for exercise and training development. Region 26 is helping to host a NIMS 300 Course that will be in Broken Bow this Friday evening through Sunday at the Mid-Plains College.

Alma met at Valley County Hospital for a TRIMRS meeting and also regarding a training exercise for hospitals for a power outage and evacuating patients. Alma was able to discuss the antenna space the hospital has on our Ord Tower site with Mr. Sugg and for them to pay an annual rent for tower maintenance.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be March 25, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator