

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 31, 2010

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Tracy Bradley	Garfield Co: Nancy Polinoski
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Sherman Co: Tom Bandur
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	Tri-Co Municipalities:
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	Richard Anderson
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Vice-Chairman Jack Poulsen.

Roll Call was taken with six (6) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Vice-Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion was made by Dave Weeks and seconded by Jack Ruppel to approve the July 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion was made by Doug Wrede and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the July 2010 Financial Statement. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tracy Bradley arrived at 7:37 PM

Alma presented the final draft of the updated Interlocal Agreement that had been sent to the Board members to take to their county boards for review and comment. Discussion was held that the municipalities will be a part of the agreement and will be asked to sign a resolution accepting the agreement. There had been some question from a few villages and Alma said she would send out letters with a copy of the Interlocal Agreement to all municipalities regarding the agreement so they will understand their standing with Region 26 and continued service even though there is no assessment being requested from them. Discussion was held on the formula for the county assessments and if it should be in the Agreement. It was determined if the formula was changed it would require all new signatures on an Interlocal Agreement and best to leave it as a record in the minutes if changes are made. There was discussion on the date of the contract and decision was made to leave as July to match the fiscal year date. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to approve the current draft of the Interlocal Agreement. Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma explained the problems with the mapping equipment that the laptop computer was down. She had the laptop in for repair and could turn it on and work on the map but it no longer allows updates to be sent to the company for new address updates. Alma had discussed the age of the equipment in the past and had been told by GeoComm that our equipment had surpassed its life expectancy by a couple of years. GeoComm no longer supports the old equipment and had expressed in the past that we should continue using it until it no longer worked. Alma did get a bid from them on what they have for replacement equipment which is a handheld unit that will stream in roads and markers and also upload the information to GeoComm to be placed into our 911 system as well. Our old information will transfer onto a new unit.

GeoComm had sent out a bid of \$3,375 for a new handheld unit that would include the software support and training. Alma presented a picture of the unit and information to the board. Alma said she was going to present this to the Wireless Board to see if acceptable to use the Wireless funding for a portion of the costs due being able to make any road changes on this unit that would also help in locating cellular calls. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to purchase the new unit with Tracy Bradley seconding the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on the meeting that was held in Taylor to pick up the equipment that Region 26 purchased on grant funds. There were nineteen offices that attended for the meeting and many of them were fit for new vests. Training was done on the new Surveillance units that were received also.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 10 Generator, 97 NAWAS, 31 Siren, 195 Alarm, 80 Office, 1003 Page, 3568 Radio, 2805 Phone, 388 – 911 Calls, 152 Administrative Calls, 936 Ambulance, 691 Public Calls, 53 Department of Roads, 344 Fire, 43 Guest, 27 Hospital, 4767 Law Enforcement, 793 Tests, 371 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of July 2010 was 16,354.

Virginia reported on the new employee, Jenny Eggert. She was hired earlier this month as an additional dispatcher and was working very well in her training.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the Homeland Security Equipment updates on equipment delivered to the Sheriffs as well as funds that were starting to come in to pay the vendors for the radios, etc. on the 2006 Grant.

Alma stated the FEMA Individual Assistance was denied on August 13th. Alma said there were issues of not getting a press release from the Governors office as well as NEMA to get this word out and the reason why we were denied. After many phone calls and urging to NEMA, she did get an answer that we had been denied in July and an appeal was made at that time, but our numbers of destroyed homes came up short for the threshold. It was stated by NEMA that to get assistance, approximately 173 homes would have to have been destroyed by FEMA's standards and we only had 88 listed for the state. Alma reported on the funds that the Governors office did send out to the Economic Development Districts that could be applied for by flooding victims up to \$7500 per home. However, there were requirements that had to be met for eligibility and we did not see that many able to apply for these funds.

Alma reported that the ending date on the disaster for the Public Assistance Disaster came to a close on Midnight August 29, 2010. The FEMA/NEMA Briefings were done and now the

Kickoff meetings with the towns and counties were underway.

FEMA had sent out a representative to discuss the forming of a Long Term Recovery Team to aid the public for any future disasters or in this disaster by way of funding or clean up. Lack of attendance at this meeting shows how hard it would be to develop such a team.

Alma said that the North Central Region hired a new Exercise Training Office to begin work on October 1st. The new ETO is Chris Blaha from Ord. The North Central Region will be meeting to discuss options of available office space in Region 26 as well as Region 24 in Bassett.

The Region 26 annual audit was completed this past week by Alvin P. Alms and Company and we will have an official report by our next board meeting.

Alma said that she had a booth at the Popcorn days in North Loup to help promote the CodeRED system. She will be working at getting the information out to libraries to help the public to get signed up.

The Burwell EMT squad is hosting a new EMT course and Region 26 has been trying to help promote and advertise this class beginning Sept 1st. Thedford is also having a course starting with organizational meeting starting tonight.

Alma asked that the next meeting date be changed to allow her to attend a training class in Lincoln. The Board agreed on the date of September 22nd on the Wednesday before the normal meeting date.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

Vice-Chairman Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator