

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

October 3, 2011

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Blaine Co: Tracy Bradley
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Garfield Co:
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair
Range Co. Municipalities:	Law Enforce: Dave Weeks
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 7:40 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with six (6) 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.

Chairman Hood gave an announcement to the Board that Jerry Mead, Garfield County Commissioner, passed away on September 5th.

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the August 30, 2011 Minutes.
Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma said that a correction needed to be made to the July Budget Report of \$350 moved from Tower Maintenance/Repair to Tower Maintenance Contracts.

Motion by Doug Reiter and seconded by Jack Ruppel to approve the August 2011 Financial Statement with the correction to the July Budget Report. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Richard Anderson and Doug Wrede reported on the Building Committee Meeting held earlier in the afternoon. Area was discussed for location and size of building. John Ferrone attended the committee meeting to discuss the possibility of utilizing planning funds from the North Central Region Homeland Security grant to hire someone to help with the planning and grant management for the building. After discussion on the need for having someone help with the planning and researching out what will need done to meet the requirements of the grant, Doug Wrede made a motion to have Alma put in a request to the North Central Region Board for planning grant dollars for a consultant for the Region 26 EOC Grant. Richard Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the Wireless E-911 Funds audit for the Nebraska Public Service Commission. All items were ready to submit for audit for the 2010-2011 year. However, the Public Service Commission requested a separate checking account for accountability of funds and holding any carry over funds for upgrades. Alma said an account had been started and had the appropriate signature cards.

Alma explained the alarms that were coming into the dispatch center and the costs that we charged for the service. Alma checked into surrounding dispatch centers for amounts being charged for similar service to see how we compare. Some are getting away from doing alarm service and others are lower than what we charge. The concern that Alma brought to the board was the increase of alarms coming to us from outside of the Region 26 counties due to their local dispatch center no longer providing the service and that we

now have received a personal home alarm outside our area. The board suggested contacting a known Alarm Service Company in Central Nebraska to see what they are charging and after discussion the determination was to currently set a price of \$500/annually for personal home alarms and \$1000 if out of the Region 26 area.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks was gone for training and Alma reported on Law Enforcement meeting that was held last month. Narrow banding of radios, communicating with the State Patrol, Forensics class in North Central Region and other training was discussed.

Communications Center Report: Chief Dispatchers were unable to attend meeting. Alma reported on some of the training that dispatchers had attended. The logging recorder had needed work done and the plumbing was also being worked on at the building due to sewer line problems.

Directors Report:

Alma reported on the letter received for the 2011 Homeland Security grant. The North Central Region was awarded \$253,893.00 with a percentage to be used for Law Enforcement.

There were issues with the new building at the Sargent tower site in moving the generator. B.J. Harris had quoted a large amount for moving the generator to the new location. Alma stated that they were thinking a larger generator was needed but we can bypass the air-conditioner for the generator and then the current generator will work. The board suggested checking around on moving the generator for costs as well as having the maintenance contract be placed out for bid.

Alma had county clerks asking for maps with points for redistricting for election. She had been working on those and also went to Garfield County to do an address orientation with the Clerk's office.

The report was given on the North Central Board Meeting that was held in Thedford regarding grant review, narrow banding and communications.

The CERT supplies had been received in for the CERT team which included a shelter, portable lights/generator, search and rescue equipment and first aid supplies. The shipment is currently stored at the old Taylor Fire Hall.

Alma attended the NACO district meeting in Grand Island and reported on the Red Cross meeting with the Emergency Managers to review their changes and increased area that is all covered out of Grand Island Red Cross office due to shortage of funding.

Other items reported on was the update on narrow banding of radios, the repairs for the Region vehicle, the Ord EMS conference that Alma had a booth and a meeting she attended at the Wheeler Co. Fire Department in Bartlett on the Pipeline issues for Fire and Law Enforcement. Alma also discussed the contacts she had received from a company to do long term tower leasing that was discussed by the Board.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be October 25, 2011.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator