

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

November 30, 2010

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Blaine Co: Tracy Bradley
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Garfield Co: Nancy Polinoski
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	Sherman Co: Tom Bandur
Valley Co: Jack VanSlyke	
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, Donna Steckel/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) 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 Doug Wrede to approve the October 26, 2010 Minutes.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Jack Poulsen to approve the October 2010 Financial Statement.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma explained the Simple IRA contribution renewal for 2011. The matching contribution has been the maximum of 3% for the employee Simple IRA. Richard Anderson made a motion to keep the 3% matching contribution. Jack VanSlyke seconded the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Christmas Bonuses for the employees were discussed and Alma asked for the cash bonus that had been received in the past. She also asked if the employees could get a Region 26 uniform shirt. It had been two years since the last shirt had been purchased. Richard Anderson made a motion for the cash bonus and shirt to be given to all employees. Jack Poulsen seconded the motion.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on paging issues and Alma said she would follow up to see what departments it was affecting.

Communications Center Report: Chief Dispatcher Donna Steckel gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 12 Generator, 34 NAWAS, 41 Siren, 289 Alarm, 65 Office, 760 Page, 2648 Radio, 2457 Phone, 329 – 911 Calls, 130 Administrative, 894 Ambulance, 43 Bus, 422 Public, 21 Department of Roads, 520 Fire, 29 Guest, 34 Hospital, 3692 Law Enforcement, 818 Test, 32 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of October was 13,270.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the progress of getting the Interlocal Agreement signed by all towns and stated that there were eight towns remaining and many are on the same nights and therefore will take several months to get to the rest of the town meetings.

The North Central Region Board meeting was held in Broken Bow on November 18th. The 2007, 2008 and 2009 Grants were reviewed and discussed at the meeting as deadlines were coming up and funds needed finalized on how they were being spent down. Alma explained the remaining funds for Region 26 on these grants that would be spent. The 2010 Grant was just awarded this month to the North Central Region for \$338,281.00 and 27% is to be used for terrorism planning and training for Law Enforcement. The 2008 Grant includes funding for a Debris Management Plan for the North Central Region. RFP's are now being created to send out for perspective contractors to help with this Plan. Alma explained that this plan would work similarly to the Mitigation Plan in the sense that it would be a Regional Plan with each county and municipality being attached with their respective specific plans. The North Central Region will have another meeting on December 8th to review the RFP (Request for Proposal) to be sent out.

Alma reported on the State Wireless Connectivity. NEMA needs to prove the system can work and has selected the Panhandle and part of the North Central Region as a test area to have completed and working before moving forward with the project. This will not include the Region 26 Dispatch Center but the system will run through the western counties and utilize towers in that area. We have been tasked with negotiating the use of towers in the area for this project. Alma presented a map of the test area.

Alma stated that Platte Valley Communications was coming tomorrow with Ryan Public Safety Solutions to discuss the current telephone equipment we have at the dispatch center. The company we have contracted to maintain the equipment will no longer be able to do so as the equipment is no longer being manufactured.

The two year term for the municipality positions are up at the end of the year. The nomination forms have been sent out to the cities and villages.

Other Business: Kevin had questions on the Midwest Air Care service from North Platte having the right frequencies to communicate with their departments. Doug Reiter asked about getting frequencies from Holt County for the Wheeler County Departments. Alma will follow up on both issues.

Next regular meeting date will be January 25, 2011. There will be no December meeting.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator