

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 30, 2011

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	Blaine Co: Tracy Bradley
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Garfield Co: Jerry Mead
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	
Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
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, Virginia Michalski/
Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

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

Roll Call was taken with nine (9) 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 July 26, 2011 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the July 2011 Financial Statement.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the Cafeteria Plan that had been started for the Employees and what she had been informed by the IRS on how the plan would work. Due to being funded by Region 26 and not the employees then it becomes a "Self-Insured Medical Reimbursement Arrangement". It will be handled the same way only employees will not declare how much to have withheld from wages. As per IRS and Alvin Alms Co. there had to be a separate checking account started to manage the funds. Alma said they would administer through the office for this year and review it again next year due to complications of managing the funds for the employees that it may create.

Alma announced that she was contacted on August 24th by NEMA to let us know that FEMA was going to fund to Emergency Operations Center Grant for \$600,000.00 with a 75% - 25% matching fund. There was discussion from the Board on how to move forward with the planning and location of the building and how the fund our 25%. Doug Wrede made a motion to accept the Grant with a second from Richard Anderson. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Jack Poulsen asked for land description to help determine floodplain for the area intended for construction site at the current location. It was determined by the Board that the Building Committee including

Richard Anderson, Doug Wrede and Alma would wait for actual award and instruction to come in on the grant and have a meeting with possible builders prior to the next regular meeting.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported that there was a Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting to be held on September 2nd and no other problems or issues.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Donna Steckel gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 11 Generator, 59 NAWAS, 30 Siren, 354 Alarm, 58 Office, 714 Page, 3795 Radio, 2838 Phone, 423 – 911 Calls, 141 Administrative, 1068 Ambulance, 2 Bus, 554 Public, 54 Department of Roads, 358 Fire, 30 Guest, 23 Hospital, 5188 Law Enforcement, 722 Test, 142 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of July was 16,564. Donna also reported that Libby Burk and Jenny Eggert would be attending Dispatcher training at the upcoming NESCA Conference in Kearney in September.

Director's Report:

Alma announced that she received the Grant notice for the EMPG – Emergency Management Program Grant to receive funding for her office for \$67,000 which will cover up to 50% of eligible expense from her office.

The new 10 x 20 building had been delivered to the Sargent tower site this morning by truck and unloaded and secured to the concrete pad by Platte Valley and was ready to start moving equipment once electricity was hooked up.

The Debris Management plans had been completed for Sherman, Valley and Greeley counties but had not yet been delivered, but would receive at upcoming North Central Region Board Meeting.

Alma passed out copies of the Financial Audit report received from Alvin P. Alms & Company. The audit had gone well and received a good report.

Alma discussed her husband's health situation and would need to adjust her hours to come in later in the morning to help with dialysis treatments at home and asked for an okay from the board which was granted.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be Monday October 3rd due to Alma and Donna being gone to Communications Conference.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator