

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

July 27, 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
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	Tri-Co Municipalities:
Custer Co. Municipalities:	Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Jim Johnson	Richard Anderson
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Donna Steckel/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 was made by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the June 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Alma presented the last draft of the updated Interlocal Agreement for review. The updated wording and changes to the entities that were previously listed as a part of the Agreement were discussed. Due to the Counties now being solely responsible for the assessments, the wording is to reflect each County with their respective villages/cities. Custer County towns/villages will be removed from the agreement and Thomas County towns will be added. After other minor changes to the wording were made, it was agreed that Alma would create a new draft reflecting these changes and send to the Board Members to be reviewed at their respective meetings. Comments are to be brought back to the August meeting for a vote, after which an Interlocal Agreement and Resolution will be sent to each entity listed for approval at their board meetings in September.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dave Weeks reported on the equipment that Alma purchased for the Region 26 Law Enforcement with Homeland Security funds. There will be a meeting tomorrow at the Loup Co. Community Building for the Departments to pick up their equipment and be fitted for new armor vest. Alma stated that there were 19 officers signed up to attend. In order keep from delivering all the equipment Linda would be catering the meal for the officers to come here and Ann would be doing a demonstration on the surveillance units that each county was receiving. Alma said that there were grant funds that can be used when it is for planning and training such as this meeting.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Donna Steckel handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 16 Generator, 167 NAWAS, 55 Siren, 177 Alarm, 94 Office, 1250 Page, 3270 Radio, 3371 Phone, 364 – 911 Calls, 259 Administrative, 847 Ambulance, 750 Public, 96 Department of Roads, 443 Fire, 37 Guest, 49 Hospital, 4669 Law Enforcement, 684 Test, 930 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of June 2010 was

17,528. Donna reported on the Viaero testing that was done this month for cellular 911 calls on the new Burwell tower location. Also, testing was done for the new Region 26 communications tower in Greeley County.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the Greeley tower being complete other than the generator run lights and the fencing around the perimeter. NEMA had made an error on the funds for the Law Enforcement equipment that we had purchased in the North Central Region. NEMA is working on getting the funding out of a future grant so that no equipment had to be returned since all had been purchased and some had already been delivered.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) was awarded for 2010 and Region 26 received \$55,900 to help with expenses.

Alma reported on the flooding disaster. NEMA requested more information on July 8th on the Federal Aid Roads as to what damages were just on those roads. The Flooding Disaster #1924 was declared on July 15th. Alma said that FEMA came today and will be here tomorrow also going back through each county to see any homes that were missed for possible Individual Assistance or those that had worse damage from the first time the FEMA teams were out last month. Alma said that she met the FEMA team this morning in Wolbach and worked through Greeley and Valley County today. Tomorrow she will meet them in Burwell and will plan the rest of the counties, not knowing how long it will take since they will break for the Law Enforcement meeting in Taylor.

The FEMA applicant briefings for the Public Assistance at the County and State level, Alma has set up for July 29th in Burwell and August 3rd in Loup City. Alma said she had sent notices to all of the potential applicants in all the Counties and NEMA asked that she notify State Agencies as well for this region including State Roads, Game & Parks and Irrigation Districts etc.

Alma reported on the interviews that were held last week for the part time Dispatch position and listed the top three that her and the Chief Dispatchers would like to offer the position to and would like to contact the first person on the list this week. The board agreed that Alma go ahead with their choice of whom to offer the position.

Alma reported on creaking sounds that are coming out of the hot water heater and will need to consider a possible replacement unit. The ground over the new water line has still been settling with each rain. Alma said she will have to have more dirt brought in.

Other items reported on were the Bio Preparedness classes that Alma and Linda would be attending next week in Kearney. Alma stated that she had been contacted by an interested party to rent space on the new Greeley tower and would be looking into that possibility.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be August 31, 2010.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator