

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
March 26, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Jay Meyer, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) 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 Dave Weeks and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the February 26, 2019 Minutes.  
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the February 2019 Financial Statement.  
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma gave a report of damages from the flooding starting March 13<sup>th</sup>. There were seven County Disaster Declarations that she submitted and eleven City/Village Declarations from the Region 26 counties.

Thomas County was the only county that did not sustain enough damages to turn in. The Presidential Declaration was announced on March 21<sup>st</sup> for FEMA assistance. The seven Region 26 counties that we applied for were included in the declaration. The expedited Declaration was for Public Assistance for Categories A – Debris Removal and B – Emergency Repair. Alma explained that NEMA then asked for the counties to submit an email with damages of at least one location with estimate to repair and details that would put them over their county threshold for FEMA assistance. Alma had been in touch with each of the counties and or roads departments to get that information submitted for the Governor to ask for another declaration to get assistance for the other Categories including permanent work.

Alma also explained the counties that were included for Individual Assistance and that she had added a button on the Region 26 webpage to have residents click on to fill out a simple report on their losses so that we could track damages to turn in for assessments for the counties.

So far there had been a number of people to fill them out and Alma asked that everyone try to spread that word in their counties to let the residents know about it and that it has been given to the local radio and newspapers. It has been shared on Facebook also.

Alma discussed the situations that came up for donations. There were a number of people wanting to donate to their own county and not have it go elsewhere. Alma had one meeting in Ord to try and set up an account there and was unable to at this point. Also, there was a request in Garfield County. Alma explained that there would be NEMA/FEMA briefings coming up for the counties and she would keep everyone notified so that they could attend. She had been keeping in touch with all the County, City and Village clerks as to what was coming next. All clerks needed to get a FEMA portal account set up, which most of them have. Alma was also trying to get a better description of Category B – Emergency Work and what it included. She would send that out to those that needed it when she had it. Today she attended the Valley, Greeley and Wheeler County board meetings to discuss the flooding and declaration also stopped at City of Ord and Village of Scotia and met with Clerk at Village of Greeley to see if any questions or concerns.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report.

Communications Center Report:

Alma handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 710 Status checks, 153 Alarm Tests, 116 Burn Permits, 85 Pager Test, 80 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 78 medical Calls, 67 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 59 Citizen Calls, 47 Gun Permits, 38 Wants/Warrants, 36 Traffic Stops, 28 Animal Out, 25 Security Alarms, 25 Auto Accidents, 22 Motorist Assists, 17 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 17 Reminder Page, 17 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 13 Animal, 12 Disturbance – Domestic, 10 Fire – Other, 10 Funeral Escort, 9 – 911 Hang Up, 9 Theft, 8 Fire – Structure, 8 Reckless Driving – Speeding, 8 Weather, 7 Harassment, 6 Utilities, 5 Siren Test, 4 – 911 or Phone Line Test, 4 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 4 Assist Other Agency, 4 DUI, 4 Probation, 4 Radio Test, 4 Traffic Control, 4 Training, 4 Welfare Check, 3 Bus Check, 3 Missing Person, 3 Standby (Games/Rodeo/Etc.), 3 Trespassing and 21 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of February was 1794.

Dispatch had the first major update on the Emergency Call Works system. The 911 system was down for a couple of hours while the IT people came in remotely and updated each workstation. All went smoothly and the 911 lines were rolled over to Custer County 911 while this was done. Custer County had theirs done the month before and rolled their lines to us while update was being installed. All the changes were good and dispatchers were trained in advance to know what to expect.

The NIRMA insurance representative will be here in May to do training with dispatchers and Law Enforcement together on radio usage etc. They will also help with a building assessment for safety.

Director's Report:

Alma gave report on the state tornado drill tomorrow that we would be participating in and that the sirens will be tested in most of the towns. Also she will be doing a CodeRED all call to test the alerting system during the lunch hour tomorrow.

Alma gave a brief report on the weather symposium in Dunning a couple weeks ago and that all went well.

She reported that she would be gone on Monday to the grant meeting in Kearney that had to be rescheduled due to the flooding and also the Emergency Management conference would be going on next week in Grand Island that she would be attending. One day was going to be turned into a debriefing of the flooding/blizzard for all the Emergency Managers to discuss.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 30, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

**Acronyms:**

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials  
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch  
CC – Communications Center  
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team  
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)  
DR – Disaster Recovery  
DOR – Department of Roads  
E911 – Enhanced 911  
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)  
EM – Emergency Manager  
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch  
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant  
EMS – Emergency Medical Services  
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician  
EOC – Emergency Operations Center  
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
FY – Fiscal Year  
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice  
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program  
ICS – Incident Command System  
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)  
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)  
LE – Law Enforcement  
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee  
LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Response System  
LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan  
NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers  
NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials  
NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency  
NENA – National Emergency Number Association  
NESCA – Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association  
**\*NCR** – North Central Region\*  
NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company  
NIMS – National Incident Management System  
NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association  
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network  
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911  
PC – Police Chief  
PD – Police Department  
**\*PET** – Planning Exercise Training\*  
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)  
PSC – Public Service Commission  
PVC – Platte Valley Communications  
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker  
SO – Sheriff's Office  
SRS – State Radio System  
TEPW – Training Exercise Planning Workshop  
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

\* **North Central PET Region Includes:** Keith, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Holt, Region 24 (Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd) and Region 26 (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley and Sherman)