

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
March 31, 2020

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	

~~~~CONFERENCE CALL MEETING Due to COVID-19 Pandemic~~~~

Staff Present on Call: Alma Beland/Director and Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

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

Minutes were not available for them to approve and would be done at next meeting.

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the February 2020 Financial Statement. Jack had a question on the payment made to Platte Valley Communications and Alma would follow up on it since it wasn't with her at the time. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma had the returned Interlocal from Heather Sikyta and read the changes to the Board. There was one date that was listed wrong on the term for the Municipality representatives that she would get corrected. Gary Eng made motion to accept the updated Interlocal Agreement with the Term limit change that would add to years to the current terms and adding municipality representation for Thomas County. Jack Van Slyke seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Alma had a Bill of Sale that she received from Sherman County to allow us to take over the Litchfield repeater location and generator and allow Region 26 to maintain the location. Dave Weeks made a motion with a second from Diana Hurlburt to accept the Bill of Sale for \$1. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Alma reported on the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic and what it was causing here for work to be done. She gave a report of what had happened so far:

- a. She was turning in Disaster Declarations for all counties and towns and working at getting them back. She informed the board that we will need to do Hospitals, health department, churches, and nursing homes, assisted living, power companies, irrigation districts and the NRD. There may be others as we go along. She will be reaching out to those to get signed up as an applicant for Public Assistance.
- b. Health Department wanted inventory of all ambulance squads for PPE.
- c. EMS – PPE Personal Protective Gear was received in on March 16<sup>th</sup> from the Nebraska Stock Pile... Alma delivered to those squads that were out of certain things.
- d. Health Department asked to have squads needs for a 30 day surge.
- e. Was able to get some of the PPE out to Sheriff/Police departments
- f. National Stock Pile was sent out and we received nothing.
- g. Looking for other avenues for PPE.
- h. Having weekly Conference calls with Loup Basin Public Health and West Central Public Health for Thomas County.
- i. Have had weekly COVID conference calls with NEMA, LBPH & Mass Surge, Custer/Howard EM's, Region 26 EMS Captains, Region 26 Fire Chiefs, Region 26 County/City EM, Region 26 Law Enforcement. One with Commissioners, Loup Basin and Emergency Managers.

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

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher, Virginia Michalski, gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 3246 total incidents for the dispatch center with a total of 195 911 calls for the month of February. Virginia did report that we had a new hire that is getting started and her name is Karol Keller. Also there was discussion of one dispatcher being out due to COVID-19 Quarantine.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the many cancellations that happened due to COVID-19 Pandemic, including the cancellation for the Greeley Weather Symposium. Alma will try to get reimbursement from the grant on the expense she had put into the Symposium.

She also reported that the install of the Page My Cell equipment was held off due to COVID-19 and not allowing anyone other than employees into the building.

Alma said she had received word on the open claim on the Ord Tower that if they had not put in a torte claim within 12 months there was nothing that could be paid out so we can go ahead and close the claim. The NRIN Equipment had to be moved out of the Ericson storage building since it has sold and the new owner wants it out. Alma is working on getting two 40' Conex storage boxes and will be housed in Broken Bow for this equipment and will be working with NEMA on the grant to see if we can expedite that to make it happen by time building owner needs to have it gone.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 28, 2020.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting.

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\*  
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment  
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)