

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
May 28, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Greeley Co:	Jordan Foltz
Garfield Co:	Diana Hurlburt	Law Enforce:	Dave Weeks
Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel		
Thomas Co:	Gary Eng		
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair		
Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke		
Wheeler Co:	Doug Pokorny		
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: Jim Wurst

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

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 Tom Bandur and seconded by Jack Van Slyke to approve the April 30, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Gary Eng to approve the April 2019 Financial Statement.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

The recent flooding Disaster #4420 was discussed in how the counties were working with FEMA to get roads repaired and the meetings they have had. Alma passed out information from FEMA with guidelines to help with the process and what the FEMA roles were. Alma had another meeting with FEMA tomorrow to pass on any questions that the counties had in our area. Some areas of concern were discussed.

The preliminary 2019-2020 FY Budget was handed out and reviewed. The large drop in 911 landline surcharges was reviewed. After discussion of the budget and assessments the board asked Alma to work on the budget again to bring back for next meeting by cutting down specific line items to reduce assessments. The wireless funding was discussed and Gary Eng said he would like to invite Mary Ridder a Commissioner from the Public Service Commission to our next meeting.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks was absent, Alma reported that they did have Law Enforcement meeting here May 3rd with dispatchers.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out the last two months of stats from dispatch. They had for the month of March 823 Status Checks, 168 Alarm Test, 115 Weather, 102 Vehicle

Inspection/Registration, 93 Medical Calls, 90 Pager Test, 86 Citizen Calls, 79 Traffic Stops, 71 Bur Permits, 61 Miscellaneous Officer Task, 60 Wants/Warrants, 49 Gun Permits, 42 – 911 No Contact, 33 Motorist Assist, 31 Traffic Hazard, 28 Animal Out, 28 Auto Accidents, 28 Reminder Pages, 26 Animal, 25 Suspicious Vehicles/Person, 19 Security Alarms, 19 Utilities, 13 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 12 Disturbance/Domestic, 11 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 11 Disturbance or Noise Complaint, 11 Welfare Checks, 10 – 911 Hang Ups, 9 Fire/Other, 8 Traffic Control, 7 Suicidal, 6 Alarm/Fire, 6 Fire/Grass, 6 Fire/Vehicle, 5 Bus Checks, 5 Fraud, 5 Radio Test, 4 DUI, 4 Fire/Structure, 4 Funeral Escorts, 4 Harassment, 4 Missing Person, 4 Theft, 4 Training, 4 Transport, 3 Department of Roads, 3 Siren Tests, 3 Standby (Game/Rodeo/Etc.), 3 Stolen Vehicle and 18 various other incidents. Total number of incidents to the Communications Center for the month March was 2263.

For April they had 830 Status Checks, 206 Alarm Tests, 193 burn Permits, 108 Vehicle Inspection/Registration, 97 Traffic Stops, 90 Pager Tests, 78 Wants/Warrants, 73 Miscellaneous Officer Tasks, 70 Citizen Calls, 68 Medical Calls, 40 Gun Permits, 38 Animal Out, 30 Reminder Pages, 27 Auto Accident, 27 Reckless Driving/Speeding, 26 Animal, 26 Motorist Assist, 22 – 911 No Contact/Accidental, 21 Fire/Other, 18 – 911 Hang Up, 16 Suspicious Vehicle/Person, 14 Disturbance/Domestic, 12 Disturbance or Noise /complaint 11 Fire/Grass, 11 Welfare Checks, 10 Theft, 9 Alarm/Security, 9 Siren Test, 9 Utilities, 9 Weather, 8 Training, 7 Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Violation, 6 Harassment, 6 Traffic Hazard, 6 Unit Maintenance, 5 Department of Roads, 5 Radio Test, 5 Vandalism, 4 Bus Checks, 4 DUI, 4 Fire/Vehicle, 4 Fraud, 4 Missing Person, 3 Child Abuse/Child Removal, 3 Funeral Escort, 3 Probation, 3 Stolen Vehicle and 20 Various other Incidents. There was a total of 2298 incidents for the month of April.

There was the liability training class with Law Enforcement and Dispatch by Terry Baxter from NIRMA. Two of the dispatchers attended the Justice Data Solutions Training in Broken Bow last week. Alma gave an update on what the new protocol will be with weather broadcasting from dispatch. There will be no more broadcasting of weather watches. It will only be radio broadcast for Significant Weather Advisories and Severe Weather. Then there will be paging out of Severe Weather Warnings/Tornados to those departments in the warned areas.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the NIRMA Assessment meeting coming up with Terry Baxter this month. The Thomas-Blaine-Loup-Garfield LEPC was held this month here at Region 26.

Alma attended the Next Generation 911-Technology working group meeting at the Public Service Commission last week. She will be a part of the working group. Alma explained the next generation equipment which will be IP based with a wider band width to carry more information. The public service commission is looking at funding the upgrades for this with the wireless funding.

Alma reported on a grant audit that will be coming up with NEMA on June 13th.

The NRIN meeting was held May 10th in Kearney and also Alma had a FEMA meeting the same day in Kearney regarding the Region 26 applicants.

Alma is currently working with GeoComm on the tasks to get us going with CAD mapping.

The board was provided with a list of the outdoor events in the Region 26 counties that the office would be providing weather support for.

Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. A motion was made by Tom Bandur and seconded by Gary Eng to go into executive session. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstained (0). Executive session entered at 9:15 PM.

A motion was made by Tom Bandur and seconded by Gary Eng to reconvene to public session at 9:20 PM. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstained (0).

Findings: No findings to report.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be June 25, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:22 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
IA – Individual Assistance
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 Equipment
PA – Public Assistance
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
PDMG – Program Delivery Manager (FEMA)
***PET** – Planning Exercise Training*

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
RPA – Request for Public Assistance (FEMA applicant request)
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)