

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

September 28, 2021

### Region 26 Council:

#### Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos  
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt  
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz  
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel  
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith  
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair  
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke  
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks  
Range Co. Municipalities:

Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler  
Doug Reiter

#### Tri-Co Municipalities:

Valley, Greeley, Sherman  
Jay Meyer, Chairman

#### Absent:

Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director and Virginia Michalski/Dispatch Supervisor & Office Manager

Visitors Present: Pam Moody/Thomas County Commissioner

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 Joseph Smith and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the agenda with the addition of Line 4a) Logging Recorder. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the August 31, 2021 Minutes with the correction of Joseph Smith being the one present at the August meeting for Thomas County instead of Gary Eng. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the August 2021 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented bids for Logging recorders from Eventide and Equature. The current Eventide logging recorder has been found to be dropping parts of recordings. Alma and Virginia had set in on presentation of the Equature product and also knowing that surrounding 911 centers are using this same recorder made the most sense and with a cost savings. The cost was \$24,575 delivered and installed price with annual maintenance fee of \$3300 that would begin after year one. After discussion Diana Hurlburt made a motion with a second from Jack Van Slyke to move forward with the purchase of the Equature recorder of \$24,575 and wait to further discuss the annual maintenance at year two or possibly pay on as needed basis instead. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The address point layer for the towns for GeoComm 911 mapping was brought up again. It was discussed at last meeting and a decision had never been made and voted on how to proceed in handling costs. After discussion and knowing that it didn't have to be paid immediately as work had not been done yet, Jordan Foltz made a motion to send out the individual invoices and letter of explanation to each individual town/city to pay the cost for their own municipality with the exception of Seneca since it was no longer an incorporated village and would be sent to Thomas County. Tom Bandur seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1542 Check Status, 315 Pages, 265 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 223 Alarms, 162 Minor Detail, 125 Messages, 89 Rescue Calls, 71 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 60 Traffic Violations, 53 Gun Permits, 52 Weather, 51 Assist Citizen, 35 Livestock Complaint, 32 Assist Other Agencies, 32 Fire Calls, 20 Burn Permit, 19 Miscellaneous Tasks, 18 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 16 Standby for Everts/Fire/Training, 15 Reckless Driver, 14 Paper Service, 12 Accidents, 12 Check Welfare, 12 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 11 Animal Calls, 11 Theft, 9 Traffic Hazard, 8 Direct Traffic/Escort Funeral, 7 Siren, 7 Suspicious Events, 6 Criminal Mischief, 6 Motorist Assist, 6 Suspicious Person, 4 Radio Test, 4 Suspicious Vehicle, 3 Check Area, 3 Driving Under the Influence, 3 Trespassing, 2 Arrest, 2 Death Investigation, 2 Fraudulent Activity, 2 Gas Drive Off, 2 Suicidal Threats/Attempts and 12 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of August was 3355 including 333 - 911 calls and 1701 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia reported on having one dispatcher out in quarantine and one dispatcher that gave a notice of leaving in a month.

Director's Report:

Alma gave notice of flu clinic that Region 26 was hosting for the public on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am for the regular flu and COVID, as well as COVID booster if available by that time and if eligible which can be determined through the Health Department.

Alma had attended the Central District NACO meeting in Kearney – and did not attend West Central due to distance to Ogallala.

The North Central PET meeting was held here last week going through the Region THIRA in preparation for grants. Alma explained the THIRA to the Board with a printout on how the Region rated the 32 core capabilities that the State has listed that helps in seeing our gaps in coverage for preparedness.

NEMA was online at the PET meeting to discuss the Crawford fire and our departments that went to assist. Alma is having NEMA come to talk to the firemen at the upcoming mutual aid meetings as why things worked the way they did and what some of our next steps need to be with the departments.

Alma & Virginia had a conference call with Motorola/ECW to determine some issues with telephone system that is no longer being supported by our local phone company and needs some upgrades even at being installed for four years to handle 911 equipment upgrades. Platte Valley was assisting with ideas of next steps.

Alma gave an over view of things being worked on and upcoming costs for the communications which included but not limited to:

- Cyber Security review by the State to see where we are for Security.

- Survey on County & Department compliancy on NIMS

- BOLD Planning/LEOP change over.

- Mitigation planning.

- Phone system PBX

- Connection to East Central 911 Region

911 Points Layer City/Village  
Logging Recorder install  
Geo COMM mapping upgrade  
Radio Console Equipment review

Other Business: Jack Van Slyke and Diana Hurlburt gave an overview of the work the committee of Jack, Diana, Tom, Jordan & Jay had done on a 911 Recovery Fee for a Legislative Bill for our Senators to present and the aid from NACO on helping to put this together. They told of next steps and presentation to be done at NACO Legislative Meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, there was discussion of the ARPA money received from counties and if being used for the 911 Center.

Next regular meeting date will be October 26, 2021.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

## ACRONYMS

<b>APCO</b> – Assoc. of Public Communications Officials	<b>LEPC</b> – Local Emergency Planning Committee
<b>CAD</b> – Computer Aided Dispatch	<b>LEDRRS</b> – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System
<b>CC</b> – Communications Center	<b>LEOP</b> – Local Emergency Operations Plan
<b>CERT</b> – Community Emergency Response Team	<b>MACH</b> – Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling
<b>CNMRC</b> – Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp	<b>NA911</b> – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
<b>COADs</b> – Community Organizations Active in Disasters	<b>NACO</b> – Nebraska Association of County Officials
<b>COOP</b> – Continuity of Operations Planning	<b>NAEM</b> – Nebr. Association of Emergency Managers
<b>COVID-19</b> – Coronavirus Disease 2019	<b>NEMA</b> – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
<b>C.R.I.M.E.S.</b> – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)	<b>NENA</b> – National Emergency Number Association
<b>DEE</b> – Depart. of Environmental & Energy (State)	<b>NESCA</b> – NE Emergency Services Communicators Association
<b>DHHS</b> – Department of Health & Human Services (State)	<b>*NCR</b> – North Central Region*
<b>DHS</b> – Department of Homeland Security	<b>NCTC</b> – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
<b>DR</b> – Disaster Recovery	<b>NIMS</b> – National Incident Management System
<b>DOR</b> – Department of Roads	<b>NIRMA</b> – NE Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
<b>E911</b> – Enhanced 911	<b>NRIN</b> – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
<b>EAS</b> – Emergency Alert System (FEMA)	<b>NX-Gen</b> – Next Generation 911
<b>ECW</b> – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)	<b>PC</b> – Police Chief
<b>EM</b> – Emergency Manager	<b>PD</b> – Police Department
<b>EMD</b> – Emergency Medical Dispatch	<b>*PET</b> – Planning Exercise Training*
<b>EMPG</b> – Emergency Management Performance Grant	<b>POD</b> – Points of Dispensing (Immunization)
<b>EMS</b> – Emergency Medical Services	<b>PPE</b> – Personal Protective Equipment
<b>EMT</b> – Emergency Medical Technician	<b>PMC</b> – Page My Cell
<b>EOC</b> – Emergency Operations Center	<b>PSAP</b> – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Centers)
<b>EPA</b> – Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)	<b>PSC</b> – Public Service Commission
<b>ERG</b> – Emergency Response Guide (Orange Book – Hazardous Materials)	<b>PVC</b> – Platte Valley Communications
<b>FAA</b> – Federal Aviation Administration (Report tower light outages)	<b>RFP</b> – Request for Proposal
<b>FADD</b> – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician	<b>SEAT</b> – Single Engine Air Tanker
<b>FCC</b> – Federal Communications Commission (for <b>Radio Frequency Licenses</b> )	<b>SEOC</b> – State Emergency Operation Center
<b>FEMA</b> – Federal Emergency Management Agency	<b>SHSP</b> – State Homeland Security Program
<b>FMD</b> – Foot and Mouth Disease (Livestock)	<b>SO</b> – Sheriff’s Office
<b>FY</b> – Fiscal Year	<b>SRS</b> – State Radio System
<b>GAN</b> – Grant Adjustment Notice (aka Grant Award)	<b>TEPW</b> – Training Exercise Planning Workshop
<b>GIS</b> – Geographic Information System	<b>THIRA</b> – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
<b>GPS</b> – Global Positioning System	<b>UPS</b> – Universal Power Supply (workstation backup power supply until generator starts)
<b>HAZMAT</b> – Hazardous Materials	<b>VFD</b> – Volunteer Fire Department
<b>HHS</b> – Health and Human Services (Federal)	<b>VOAD</b> – Volunteer Organization Aiding Disasters
<b>HSGP</b> – Homeland Security Grant Program	<b>VOIP</b> – Voice over Internet Protocol
<b>ICS</b> – Incident Command System	<b>V-TAC</b> – Mutual Aid VHF Frequency Channels
<b>IPAWS</b> – Integrated Public Alert Warning System	<b>WEA</b> – Wireless Emergency Alert
<b>J.A.M.I.N.</b> – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)	<b>WCDHD</b> – West Central District Health Department (covers Thomas County)
<b>JDS</b> – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)	<b>W.H.O.</b> – World Health Organization
<b>LBF</b> – Lee Bird Field – North Platte (Airport) Weather Service Location	<b>WPC</b> – Weather Prediction Center – Norman, OK
<b>LBPHD</b> – Loup Basin Public Health Department (covers Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman)	<b>WIRAT</b> – Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team (State Fire Marshalls)
<b>LE</b> – Law Enforcement	<b>WMD</b> – Weapons of Mass Destruction

### **\* North Central PET Region Includes:**

Keith, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Cherry-Keya Paha, Brown-Rock, Boyd-Holt and Region 26: (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley and Sherman)