

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

October 26, 2021

### Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Thomas Co: Joseph Smith
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Tri-Co Municipalities:
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Jay Meyer, Chairman
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	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Mitch Lamm/Deputy EM and Virginia Michalski/Dispatch Supervisor & Office Manager

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-Chairman Bandur.

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 Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the agenda.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the September 28, 2021 Minutes.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma explained the second page to the budget report where amounts had been filled in on the 2021 Grants for Homeland Security for the North Central PET Region, the Emergency Management Performance Grant and the Emergency Management ARPA Grant. The Awards for all three grant just came out this month. The Emergency Management grants are a 50/50 match for reimbursements for expenses starting back to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, at next meeting those months entries will show up for the first quarter. Motion by Jordan Foltz and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the September 2021 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

After the letter for the Point Layer for the 911 mapping was sent out, Alma reported that several of the towns had already sent in their payment for the work to be done. Alma asked to have a NFIT Account (Federal Investment Trust) through Union Bank set up to put these funds in to draw upon as needed to pay GeoComm as the work is done. Alma had the paperwork to sign to set up the account managed through Union Bank to transfer funds in and out of and allow payments from the villages/cities to be kept separate from our general account. Doug Reiter made a motion for the account to be set up with a second from Jack Van Slyke. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0). Alma had Diana Hurlburt, Jack Van Slyke and Jack Ruppel sign the paperwork as our bank account signers.

Alma explained the need for new console computers. The computers with our radio and Justice Data Solutions have Windows 7 and needs upgraded to windows 10 to handle both the Geo-Comm mapping and also the Equature logging recorder along with a server for the mapping. Alma had a price upgrade from Platte Valley Communications including install. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the computers and server with a second from Doug Pokorny.  
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

911 Recover Fee Update: Diana Hurlburt updated the Council on legislative initiatives planned for the next sessions of the Unicameral. Hurlburt, with assistance from the National Association of Counties, is in discussion with several Senators to enlist their support for an increased fee for use of state parks and recreation areas, to be assessed by both Game and Parks and private campgrounds, and which proceeds will be dedicated to funding 911 call centers throughout the state. Drafts of an email to the appropriate senators are almost complete. Plans are also being debated as to whether it would be better to approach the legislators with the proposal now, when there is a short legislative session approaching, or wait until 2022 when the full Unicameral meets in regular session. Diana is working with Beth Ferrell at NACO and they have decided with Senators still working through the redistricting and that how fast a year goes by that they will keep working hard at this and develop a business plan to present at the next October NACO Legislative meeting and will have plan in place to go in for the Legislative session in 2023. Region 26 Council will be kept informed on progress and developments in this area. Alma asked when and who to invite to any upcoming meetings. They determined that we need to keep moving forward and suggested to start with Senator Brewer for November and if not available to ask Pat Berggren. Diana reported that the ARPA funds coming to the state were discussed at the NACO Legislative board meeting also and that with her discussion with Jon Cannon with NACO led to him proposing a letter requesting some of those funds for the 911 Centers.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that he was able to contact all the Sheriffs in Region 26 except one to ask if any issues, problems or suggestions. He gave Alma a couple of things that one needed called back on. Also discussed upcoming meeting for Law Enforcement that would be next week.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1532 Check Status, 323 Pages, 225 Alarms, 220 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 135 Traffic Violations, 112 Minor Detail, 82 Rescue Calls, 79 - 911 Accidental/Disconnect Calls, 76 Messages, 52 Gun Permits, 47 Standby for Event/Fires/Training, 42 Assist Citizen, 40 Livestock Complaint, 35 Assist Other Agencies, 22 Burn Permits, 20 Reckless Driver, 18 Accidents, 14 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 14 Radio Test, 12 Traffic Hazard, 11 Animal Calls, 11 Check Welfare, 9 Miscellaneous Tasks, 8 Motorist Assist, 7 Fire Calls, 7 Suspicious Events, 6 Direct Traffic/Escort/Funeral, 6 Suspicious Person, 5 Siren, 5 Theft, 5 Transfer 911, 4 Prisoner Transport, 4 Terrorist Threats, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 3 Missing Person/Juvenile, 3 Property Damage/Lost/Found/Seizure, 3 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 2 Arrests, 2 Burglary, 2 Driving Under the Influence, 2 Drug Violation, 2 Gas Drive Off, 2 Suspicious Vehicle, 2 Vandalism and 9 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of September was 3226 including 312 - 911 calls and 1492 Administrative calls into Dispatch. Virginia also reported on the employee training and that she had attended the APCO/NENA conference in Lincoln to set in on the equipment changes and also dispatch training requirements. At this time there have been no new hires in dispatch to replace the current vacancies.

Director's Report:

- a. Alma reported on the Taylor explosion incident there was some major to moderate damage to buildings around the square with the livestock fair building and post office being closed down. Alma used the EOC for the Village and County to meet. Up to five State Fire Marshal

Investigators were in town for several days and had operations set up securing the scene until they were through.

- b. Alma attended the Elected Officials/Emergency Management training in Grand Island the 30<sup>th</sup> to see if this was something that would work to bring to our Region to help Elected Officials understanding their job in a disaster. Diana Hurlburt attended the training also and felt it would be good for all the board.
- c. The Hazard Mitigation Plan update "Round 2" meeting will be in Ord at the firehall on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Alma and Mitch attended the Loup Valley Mutual Aid in Burwell on October 18<sup>th</sup> and in Thedford on October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Sandhills Mutual Aid. Alma had invited NEMA to attend to discuss the handling of the Panhandle fires that our departments assisted with. It was helping the firemen to understand the sign in process and truck inspection on site and then moving forward with how to show up to a fire and with what information and the process going through Emergency Management.
- e. Alma reported on the Homeland Security Grant awards received and what they were to be used for. Also, the quote that Chairman Meyer had sent her for fencing on the Sargent site to apply for through the NIRMA Assist grant.
- f. Alma introduced Mitch Lamm, the new Deputy Emergency Manager and that he has been working with the BOLD Planning/County LEOP rewrites.  
The East Central 911 meeting was online this afternoon and should have everything together for us to be able to sign an Interlocal agreement with them by the November meeting.  
Alma did report that the Public Service Commission letter just came out that they had voted to increase the wireless surcharge to 70 cents from 45 cents to help cover the costs of the then network going in for the 911 centers to use for Next Generation equipment in 911 regions.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Vice-Chairman Bandur adjourned the meeting at 9:01 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)