

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

January 25, 2022

### Region 26 Council:

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

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

Visitors Present: James Almond/Nebraska Public Service Commission

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

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 Tom Bandur to approve the Agenda.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0). Alma asked if okay to move agenda items around for time with James Almond for him to get on the road back to Lincoln.

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the November 30, 2021 Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the November 2021 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the December 2021 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Diana Hurlburt gave a report on the LB 1194 that was introduced by Senator McDonnell from Omaha on what we had asked for on the \$50 Million from the Nebraska ARPA funds to be divided among the 67 PSAPs (911 Centers) in Nebraska. We had asked for it to be divided equally among the PSAPs and Diana had reached out to Senator McDonnell's office asking how it was written and they will reword to make the bill clearer to understand. When we find out the hearing date, Alma will send that out to the Board. James Almond, State 911 Field Coordinator from the Nebraska Public Service Commission let us know that there is 68 PSAP's in Nebraska. Diana would correct that with Senator McDonnell and Jon Cannon at NACO. James spoke about the Legislative Bill and also let us know that today the Public Service Commission had their commissioner's meeting in Lincoln and voted to support the Bill.

Alma presented the Interlocal Agreement for the East Central 911 Region for the purpose of sharing customer premise equipment (CPE) for 911 call processing and allowing Region 26 to join the ESI Net. Alma presented the costs of joining the East Central 911 Region that would be paid out as equipment was being installed and approved by the whole Region. Region 26's share of the host equipment and

the equipment refresh at our dispatch was a total of \$37,267.27 with maintenance fee each year. As the migration over to the ESI Net happens the costs to the telephone companies for 911 service would go away. James Almond helped explain the transition and what the Public Service Commission would be paying for and the costs savings to Region 26 after completion. Diana Hurlburt made the motion to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement for the East Central 911 Region including sharing costs of host equipment. Tom Bandur seconded the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Joseph Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Motorola for the cost of equipment refresh at Region 26 and host equipment bid. Jack Van Slyke seconded the motion. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0). While James was here, he also explained the new training standards for 911 dispatchers for Nebraska and what we were needing to do here at Region 26 to develop our training curriculum around what we already do for training to be eligible in having Dispatcher Certification.

Chairman Meyer had asked for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to be on the agenda for a round table discussion on what they want to see on the next budget. The County ARPA funds were discussed. NACO had a ruling on how it could be spent and we would try to get that. There was discussion of how to change the base and possibly using a 50/50 fee without doing usage. The Board asked Alma to come back with a preliminary budget for the February meeting.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks was absent. Alma reported that the quarterly Law Enforcement meeting was coming up on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous two months. They had 1454 Status Checks, 279 Pages, 239 Alarms, 224 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 160 Minor Detail, 131 Traffic Violations, 76 Rescue Calls, 75 Messages, 66 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 64 Gun Permits, 48 Assist Citizen, 28 Accidents, 25 Assist Other Agencies, 25 Burn Permit, 22 Livestock Complaint, 21 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 14 Fire Calls, 12 Reckless Driver, 10 Siren, 9 Animal Calls, 9 Check Welfare, 9 Motorist Assist, 8 Abandoned Vehicle, 7 Standby for Events/Training, 6 Suspicious Person, 6 Theft, 5 Radio Test, 4 Burglary, 4 Criminal Mischief/Vandalism, 4 Direct Traffic, 4 Property Damage/Lost/Found, 4 Transfer 911 Call, 3 Arrests, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Drug Violation, 3 Keys Locked in vehicle, 3 Miscellaneous Tasks, 3 Missing Person/Juvenile, 3 Search Warrant, 3 Suspicious Events, 2 Death Investigation, 2 Paper Service, 2 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 2 Traffic Hazard, 2 Trespassing, 8 Various other incidents. Total number of incidents into the Communications Center for the month of November was 3094 including 295 - 911 calls and 1578 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

For December they had 1351 Status Checks, 320 Pages, 251 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 210 Alarms, 167 Minor Detail, 91 Traffic Violations, 86 Rescue Calls, 83 Messages, 64 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 62 Assist Citizen, 53 Gun Permits, 49 Burn Permits, 31 Assist Other Agencies, 29 Livestock Complaint, 28 Accidents, 19 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 16 Fire Calls, 16 Reckless Driver, 15 Transfer 911 Calls, 11 Check Welfare, 11 Motorist Assist, 10 Animal Calls, 10 Theft, 8 Arrests, 7 Traffic Hazard, 6 Suspicious Events, 5 Paper Service, 5 Prisoner Transport, 5 Standby for Events/Training, 5 Weather, 4 Death Investigation, 4 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 4 Suspicious Person, 3 Direct Traffic, 3 Suspicious Vehicle, 2 Driving Under the Influence, 2 Drug Violation, 2 Siren, 2 Trespassing, 2 Vandalism and 12 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of December was 3,064 including 325 - 911 calls and 1574 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia gave reports on the install and training on the new logging recorder, the personnel change in dispatch, and that she and Alma had the kick off meeting with GeoComm on the new upgraded dispatch mapping. We had been waiting for the new computers to come in at Platte Valley and for them and GeoComm to start the install possibly as soon as March.

Director's Report:

Alma gave report on the meetings with Loup City and Ord city councils on the point layers we need to have done before getting up to Next Generation and on the ESI Net. We currently have six towns left to pay the costs for the point layer work for their towns. GeoComm to begin work this spring to get this into our 911 system.

The Mutual Aid Meetings was held in Rockville for Loup-Platte, last week was at Region 26 for the Loup Valley Mutual Aid and in Thedford for the Sandhills Mutual Aid Meeting.

Alma had pallets of sandbags lined up at Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha for Region 26. Burwell fire was going after them so that we can disperse to departments.

The Deputy Emergency Manager position is now open, Mitch Lamm is in the process of purchasing a business that would not allow him to work here full time. Alma will be advertising for that position.

The LEOP's are mostly done online at this point of what Mitch was able to complete before he left. There are a few places that need a little more attention and adjusting.

All the Lower Loup Hazard Mitigation profiles have been turned in for the jurisdictions.

The Bureau of Reclamation Exercise on the Virginia Smith and Davis Creek dams that Region 26 is hosting will take place the first week of February in Burwell.

Alma explained the Severe Weather Meetings that have been scheduled and that North Platte is not doing as many this year, so will be a change on where and how many will be held. A schedule of those meetings will be given out at next meeting. The Hastings Weather Service meetings have been set.

Alma said that she received notice of being awarded funds on the NIRMA assist grant to do fencing at the tower site south of Taylor. Jay suggested going ahead with ordering fencing material before prices went higher and can install at a later date also seeing if CPPD would be willing to assist on the cost.

Other Business:

Alma reported that the landowner contract came through for the Greeley tower site today. Board brought up question about not having December meeting and if we are at a point that we need to have December meetings since there has been a lot going on. Alma will put on agenda for the November meeting to determine at that time.

Next regular meeting date will be February 22, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:44 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)