

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

February 21, 2022

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith
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

Absent:

Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

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 Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the Agenda.

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

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the January 25, 2022 Minutes.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Alma presented a correction to be made to the December 2021 Financial Statement to include interest that was left off of two of the Bank CDs for and was added in at \$127.62. Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Jack Van Slyke to approve the January 2022 Financial Statement with addition to the December Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Legislative Bill Report: Diana Hurlburt reported on information for the Legislative Hearing for LB 1194 that would be on Wednesday, February 23rd. The board listened to a couple of prepared testimonies and gathered the information on what time and where to meet up for the hearing.

County ARPA Funds: Diana had asked for the discussion for each of the counties on the ARPA funds and if any would consider funding for equipment at Region 26. Alma talked about some of the priority equipment to be considered. It was discussed to possibly send a list of things out to the county boards on those priorities.

Alma had been asked to present budget with an increased amount for the base for each counties assessment. Since it was early for this year's budget Alma presented last years budget using several different formulas. Jay asked for everyone to look these over and take to their county for review.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks was unable to attend meeting. Alma reported on the Quarterly Law Enforcement meeting that was held this month and that they were able to go over some Justice Data Solution questions and plans for training, the situation with the old recorder, reprogramming for all State Radios, testing of the FirstNet coverage area and also the information that can be gathered from Rapid SOS in dispatch and what it can do for Law Enforcement.

Communications Center Report: A breakdown of the statistics for the previous month was handed out. They had 1371 Status Checks, 275 Pages, 240 alarms, 239 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 140 Minor Detail, 85 Messages, 85 Traffic Violations, 77 Rescue Calls, 57 gun Permits, 54 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 46 Assist Citizen, 32 Livestock Complaint, 31 Assist Other Agencies, 31 Burn Permits, 21 Accidents, 14 Animal Calls, 13 Reckless Driver, 12 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 12 Fire Calls, 12 Suspicious Events/Vehicles, 12 Transfer 911 Call, 10 Check Welfare, 10 Miscellaneous Tasks, 6 Motorist Assist, 6 Radio Test, 6 Siren, 6 Standby for Events/Training, 4 Direct Traffic/Escort, 4 Key Locked in Vehicle, 4 Prisoner Transport, 4 Theft, 3 Abandoned Vehicle, 3 Burglary, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Traffic Hazard, 3 Trespassing, 2 Child & Adult Abuse/Neglect, 2 Death Investigation, 2 Driving Under the Influence, 2 Fraudulent Activity, 2 Gas Leak, 2 Missing Person/Juvenile, 2 Paper service and 6 various other incidents. Total number of incidents into the Communications Center for the month of November was 2954 including 228 – 911 calls and 1429 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Alma reported on the new personnel that started today, the equipment installed for testing our cyber security strength, issues on not having yet enough staff. Virginia and Bailey had been doing conference calls on the new training standards to set up. At this month's staff meeting, Troy Cordle with Rapid SOS had attended giving up to date training on how the system can assist for additional 911 call-in information.

Director's Report: Alma was working with Homeland Security grant audits and an additional cyber review for NEMA. The Homeland Security projects for the North Central Region was just finalized and submitted on Friday with ten projects for the region.

Alma completed the Sandhills Task Force agreement to be sent out to the member Fire Departments for their signatures. Any call out for these Departments would go through Alma to set it up to deploy. Other areas that Alma said they were currently working on was the equipment review for renewal with NIRMA insurance. Burwell Fire was able to bring in around 35,000 sandbags for Region 26 from the Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha which we need to distribute out to the counties. The Region 26 Command Unit currently housed at the Taylor firehall is needing to be moved to a new location as soon as possible.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be March 29, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

ACRONYMS

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