

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

April 26, 2022

Region 26 Council:

Present:

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

Absent:

Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair

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

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.

Alma informed the board of the passing of a former board member from Loup County, Dann Wagner.

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the agenda.

Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Jack Van Slyke to approve the March 29, 2022 Minutes.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the March 2022 Financial Statement including a correction to the December Statement on the Fiduciary Funds to show \$15,000 paid out of the 2021 Homeland Security Grant year instead of 2020 that was listed in December.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented the ballot that she is listed as the only candidate for the North Central Region as board member for the NRIN Board (Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network). The NRIN board is requesting this ballot be voted on and turned in to fill the position on the board beginning the July 1st term. Diana Hurlburt made a motion to vote for Alma for the NRIN Board position with a second from Joseph Smith. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tower Update: Alma reported on what she had received back from Applied Connective for the cameras on the Greeley tower location and what we need to work on for agreement and she will be in contact with him. She also had heard back from the State OCIO on the Merna tower and they are interested in utilizing that tower and would cover any cost for the changeover to them and would want to look at our agreement and also allow us to remain on the tower at no cost. The board said to move forward with what they need to review.

Alma presented the Consultant report on the Region 26 budget assessment formula. Alma had given him all the information being used to do the budget and where we were at to this point. His report was showing Population and 911 center usage stats as the fairest way on dividing up the budget for assessments. He said those only were his recommendations, however he realized the current status of using the current base we have would be best left alone but would not increase. He found no other in the state using a formula that has a similar setup of members and interlocal agreement same as ours other than going to the Missouri/Kansas City area to compare too. Discussion was held on what it would take to levy tax and to discuss with attorney on what it would take. Also, to ask the consultant what they could check for us on being able to levy tax.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report. The quarterly Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting will be held on May 13th.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1418 Status Checks, 341 Wants/Warrants, Registrations, 317 Alarms, 307 Pages, 161 Minor Detail, 138 Burn Permits, 106 Traffic Violations, 101 Messages, 83 Gun Permits, 77 Rescue Calls, 77 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 54 Assist Citizen, 44 Fire Calls, 34 Assist Other Agencies, 28 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 27 Weather, 22 Siren, 21 Accidents, 19 Animal Calls, 14 Radio Test, 13 Livestock Complaint, 13 Miscellaneous Tasks, 11 Burglary/Theft, 11 Mutual Aid, 9 Check Welfare, 9 Disturbance/Harassment/assault, 7 Reckless Driver, 6 Special Assignment, 6 Suspicious Person, 6 Uncontrollable Juvenile, 5 Direct Traffic/Escort/Funeral, 5 Drug Violation, 5 Prisoner Transport, 5 Suspicious Events, 5 Transfer 911 Call, 4 Motorist Assist, 4 Paper Service, 4 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 4 Suspicious Vehicle, 4 Traffic hazard, 3 Death Investigation, 2 Arrests, 2 Gas Drive Off, 2 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 2 Missing Person/Juvenile, 2 Prowler/Trespassing and 7 other various incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of March was 3545 including 249 - 911 calls and 1747 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia also reported on the Geo-Comm Mapping 'Kickoff Call' that is scheduled this coming week. The shipment of the new equipment was setting in boxes in the meeting room that had just arrived last week for the 911 Equipment refresh that will be happening soon to allow us to tie in with the East Central 911 Region.

She reported on the last staff meeting that we had invited a couple of the Sheriffs to attend to go over some of the needs they had for their calls as well as going over why they needed certain things they had been requesting.

There was a Justice Data Solution software training that Garfield County Sheriff Office hosted in Burwell on April 14th that Region 26 facilitated for the Law Enforcement and Dispatchers. There were over 30 attendees with seven of our Region 26 counties represented and the rest coming from area counties in Central Nebraska.

Virginia all reported that we currently have two dispatchers at training/911 conference in Kearney for two days.

Director's Report:

The North Central PET Meeting was held in Broken Bow this past week which allowed us to go over some of the NEMA/FEMA requirements that are expected.

Alma had attended Emergency Management Conference earlier in April and while there was able to get more information on our Orion assessment tool and to touch on some of the training needs for the tool. Alma attended the Loup Valley Mutual Aid and Sandhills Mutual Aid meetings last week with topic in both being discussion on fires. What is needed and things to work on with Fire Investigator offering information on burn permits/prescribed burns.

Alma and Virginia had attended exercise in Ord with Health Departments on Nursing Home evacuation. Other reports were the number of sizable fires in Region 26 since last meeting was eleven, which has kept dispatch very busy.

Alma discussed with the board the need for Disaster Declarations to be signed in a timely manner and is very hard to run down a commissioner and witness to sign when State resources are needed. She requested to have a blank Declaration prepared to be sent by her or the County Emergency Manager if needed.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be May 31, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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)