

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**

May 31, 2022

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos  
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt  
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel  
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:

Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz  
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith  
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair

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

Visitors Present: Mark DeKraai/UNL Public Policy Center, Sheriff Mike Jepsen/Sherman County

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

Roll Call was taken with eight (8) 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 introduced Sheriff Mike Jepsen from Sherman County and Mark DeKraai with the UNL Public Policy Center.

Motion by Dave Weeks and seconded by Doug Pokorny to approve the agenda.

Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the April 26, 2022 Minutes.

Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the April 2022 Financial Statement.

Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported that Applied Connective will accept the terms of paying for two security cameras at Greeley tower, the install and internet access to cameras with a 5-year renewal review, then annual after that which did include the install of internet access for landowner. They will work on drawing up the agreement.

The information for the Merna tower had been turned over to the State OCIO to review for their state radio use.

There had been some antenna damage due to winds and Platte Valley was in process of checking the towers.

Alma handed out a budget for review. Mark DeKraai with UNL Public Policy Center that had done consulting work for us on the budget for fairly assessing and division of budget to the counties. He had a short power point of what he had found and also for becoming a taxing authority. The board discussed the budget and the information that Diana had received on funding avenues for us to work on.

Criminal Justice Board: Sheriff Weeks reported on the Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting that was held last week. He stated that he was stepping down as the head of the Justice Board which would take him off the Region 26 Board. At the Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting Sheriff Jepsen was appointed to be the representative to the Region 26 Board from the Criminal Justice Board. Dave stated that tonight was his last night on the Region 26 Board. Chairman Meyer thanked him for his years of service on the board.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1338 Status checks, 320 Alarms, 306 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 286 Paging, 134 Minor Detail, 120 Traffic Violations, 93 Rescue Calls, 85 Messages, 75 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 64 Assist Citizen, 58 Fire Calls, 43 Assist Other Agencies, 39 Gun Permits, 32 Livestock Complaints, 29 Special Assignment, 26 Radio Test, 23 Animal Calls, 23 Mutual Aid, 19 Accidents, 19 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 12 Reckless Driver, 11 Weather, 10 Standby for Fires/Events/Training, 8 Burn Permits, 8 Siren, 8 Suspicious Events, 7 Burglary/Theft/Robbery/7 Check Welfare, 7 Paper Service, 6 Civil Matters, 5 Fraudulent Activity, 5 Miscellaneous Tasks, 5 Suspicious Vehicle, 5 Transfer 911 Call, 4 Traffic Hazard, 3 Direct Traffic/Funeral Escort, 3 Motorist Assist, 3 Prisoner Transport, 3 Property Damage/Dispute, 3 Terroristic Threats, 2 Bomb threat, 2 Burn Without Permit and 13 various other calls. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of April was 3272 including 270 -911 calls and 1516 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia reported the dispatch training and that Donna and Bailey had spent several days in York going through the Train the Trainer and testing out for Certification.

The kick-off meeting was held this afternoon with the East Central 911 Region and Motorola on equipment install for 911 equipment sharing. Virginia pointed out our equipment setting boxes in the meeting room that was delivered for install at Region 26 which includes the 5-year refresh of hardware from our Motorola contract.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET meeting we had here last week. The plan is to change some of our training funds into drone training. We also had Bryan Tuma here to go over plans we need in our County LEOP from DEE on emergency energy plans. He has been contracted by DEE since leaving as NEMA Director to do these plans and will have them completed by PET Region with each county listed.

Alma reported on the storm damage assessments from May 12<sup>th</sup> windstorm that created five county and two city signed disaster declarations. May 29<sup>th</sup> over Memorial Day weekend there was 5-6" hail west of the Calamus in Loup County.

Alma stated that in checking just today with NEMA that we were short \$400,000 for the State to meet the threshold needed for a State Declaration. She had not received any number yet from the Garfield fairgrounds damages that would be added to this. Alma asked the board to go back to their counties and see if there is something we missed to get turned in by tomorrow with numbers for NEMA to use. Other happenings for Region 26 was a Kindergarten class that came for tour of dispatch, two groups of EMTs from Loup City that came for tour of our facility with Greeley EMS planning next month.

We have been going through employee evaluations trying to help dispatchers due to fact we had to start some earlier than normal at radios due to shortage of help.

Alma handed out an events list for the Region knowing we will be busy in dispatch and for the Board to realize what they may have in their counties to be aware of a lot of people traveling through. The NRCA car tour coming up through four of the counties and BRAN bicycles also going through four of the counties.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be June 28, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

## ACRONYMS

**APCO** – Assoc. of Public Communications Officials  
**CAD** – Computer Aided Dispatch  
**CC** – Communications Center  
**CERT** – Community Emergency Response Team  
**CNMRC** – Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp  
**COADs** – Community Organizations Active in Disasters  
**COOP** – Continuity of Operations Planning  
**COVID-19** – Coronavirus Disease 2019  
**C.R.I.M.E.S.** – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)  
**DEE** – Depart. of Environmental & Energy (State)  
**DHHS** – Department of Health & Human Services (State)  
**DHS** – Department of Homeland Security  
**DR** – Disaster Recovery  
**DOR** – Department of Roads  
**E911** – Enhanced 911  
**EAS** – Emergency Alert System (FEMA)  
**ECW** – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)  
**EM** – Emergency Manager  
**EMD** – Emergency Medical Dispatch  
**EMPG** – Emergency Management Performance Grant  
**EMS** – Emergency Medical Services  
**EMT** – Emergency Medical Technician  
**EOC** – Emergency Operations Center  
**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)

**ERG** – Emergency Response Guide (Orange Book – Hazardous Materials)  
**FAA** – Federal Aviation Administration (Report tower light outages)  
**FADD** – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician  
**FCC** – Federal Communications Commission (for **Radio Frequency Licenses**)  
**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**FMD** – Foot and Mouth Disease (Livestock)  
**FY** – Fiscal Year  
**GAN** – Grant Adjustment Notice (aka Grant Award)  
**GIS** – Geographic Information System  
**GPS** – Global Positioning System  
**HAZMAT** – Hazardous Materials  
**HHS** – Health and Human Services (Federal)  
**HSGP** – Homeland Security Grant Program  
**ICS** – Incident Command System  
**IPAWS** – Integrated Public Alert Warning System  
**J.A.M.I.N.** – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)  
**JDS** – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)  
**LBF** – Lee Bird Field – North Platte (Airport) Weather Service Location  
**LBPHD** – Loup Basin Public Health Department (covers Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman)

**LE** – Law Enforcement  
**LEPC** – Local Emergency Planning Committee  
**LEDRRS** – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System  
**LEOP** – Local Emergency Operations Plan  
**MACH** – Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling  
**NA911** – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers  
**NACO** – Nebraska Association of County Officials  
**NAEM** – Nebr. Association of Emergency Managers  
**NEMA** – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency  
**NENA** – National Emergency Number Association  
**NESCA** – NE Emergency Services Communicators Association  
**\*NCR** – North Central Region\*  
**NCTC** – Nebraska Central Telephone Company  
**NIMS** – National Incident Management System  
**NIRMA** – NE Intergovernmental Risk Management Association  
**NRIN** – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network  
**NX-Gen** – Next Generation 911  
**PC** – Police Chief  
**PD** – Police Department  
**\*PET** – Planning Exercise Training\*  
**POD** – Points of Dispensing (Immunization)  
**PPE** – Personal Protective Equipment  
**PMC** – Page My Cell  
**PSAP** – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Centers)  
**PSC** – Public Service Commission  
**PVC** – Platte Valley Communications  
**RFP** – Request for Proposal

**SEAT** – Single Engine Air Tanker  
**SEOC** – State Emergency Operation Center  
**SHSP** – State Homeland Security Program  
**SO** – Sheriff’s Office  
**SRS** – State Radio System  
**TEPW** – Training Exercise Planning Workshop  
**THIRA** – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment  
**UPS** – Universal Power Supply (workstation backup power supply until generator starts)  
**VFD** – Volunteer Fire Department  
**VOAD** – Volunteer Organization Aiding Disasters  
**VOIP** – Voice over Internet Protocol  
**V-TAC** – Mutual Aid VHF Frequency Channels  
**WEA** – Wireless Emergency Alert  
**WCDHD** – West Central District Health Department (covers Thomas County)  
**W.H.O.** – World Health Organization  
**WPC** – Weather Prediction Center – Norman, OK  
**WIRAT** – Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team (State Fire Marshalls)  
**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)