

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

June 28, 2022

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
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:

Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Law Enforce: Mike Jepsen

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

Visitors Present: Bronson Meyer

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 Joseph Smith and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the amended Agenda to include line item 5a. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the May 31, 2022 Minutes. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Doug Pokorny and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the May 2022 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented priority projects that she felt we needed to keep in mind moving forward into the next budget year and wanted to bring them up for discussion. Included in those items were replacing at least one aging Radio Repeater, Phone System/PBX for office, Radio Console, fencing at Sargent Tower, replacing old dispatch with garage, larger generator for building, Cameras at Ord tower and working on equipment in Garfield County that had been approved with their County ARPA funds. Alma stated in the budget equipment line item there was the current project of mapping and computer upgrades and we needed to complete before moving forward. The Board discussed projects at length and asked for pricing to be brought to next meeting as well as options for generator. Diana had found that there was no money currently in the USDA grants at this time but we were eligible to apply when funds become available.

Tom Bandur had stated that commissioners from an adjoining county had reached out to him and Diana to discuss the possibility of having Region 26 take on their dispatching due to trying to fund their existing dispatch or if dispatching could be shared. The board discussed different options of how this would work and what the pros and cons were. More questions would need to be answered before anything could be done. Alma would try to gain more information before next meeting.

The FY 2022 – 2023 Budget was presented. Alma stated this was what had been presented at last meeting and that she had made no changes since then. The board had discussion on budget and the other possibilities for funding that we still need to work on. After reviewing and discussion Chairman Meyer asked that we continue with the meeting and table the budget to the end.

Criminal Justice Board Report: No Report

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1469 Status Checks, 347 Alarms, 326 paging, 287 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 163 Minor Detail, 160 Burn Permit, 142 Traffic Violations, 118 Weather, 116 Rescue Calls, 113 Messages, 91 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 67 Assist Citizen, 54 Livestock Complaint, 46 Assist Other Agencies, 42 Gun Permit, 35 Fire Calls, 32 Special Assignment, 30 Accidents, 29 Reckless Driver, 19 Animal Calls, 18 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 18 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 14 Check Welfare, 12 Motorist Assist, 12 Radio Test, 11 Theft, 11 Traffic Hazard, 9 Criminal Mischief, 8 Miscellaneous Tasks, 8 Suspicious Events, 8 Suspicious Vehicle, 7 Direct Traffic, 6 Civil Matters, 6 Siren, 6 Trespassing, 5 Abandoned Vehicle, 5 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 5 Transfer 911 Call, 4 Adult/Child Abuse-Neglect, 4 Prisoner Transport, 4 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 3 Arrest, 3 Driving Under the Influence, 3 Mutual Aid, 2 Burglary, 2 Burning Without Permit, 2 Drug Violation, 2 Missing Person/Juvenile, 2 Paper Service and 8 various other calls. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of May was 3,894 including 364 - 911 calls and 1,930 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia reported on the State Patrol training held here for Dispatchers that included dispatchers from five different PSAPs. There was mapping training for our new Geo-Comm mapping software at last staff meeting. Virginia explained the adjustments we will be making yet to the new mapping before we do a complete roll-over and decommission the Emergency Call Works map. There have been some unexpected hardware issues that came up with the map install that Platte Valley has been working on this week to get kinks worked out.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the Damage Assessments that went on the next day after last meeting when we were just short of state threshold for amounts. There was additional information that came in for losses on Loup Valley Rural Public Power, City of Burwell, City of Ord and was able to get an estimate on the grandstands from the rodeo grounds in Garfield County to turn in. It was enough damages for FEMA to come in person to assess damages the following week. Alma was informed yesterday that the combination of additional losses turned in was enough to apply for state declaration and that it would be up to FEMA to approve or deny funding.

Alma also reported on North Central PET meeting working toward drone training and also a set up of our THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) that is scheduled to be at Region 26 in September and the event they will be using for assessments is Nebraska's Big Rodeo.

The Election of the Board Officers for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 year beginning July 1st was held. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to retain current Officers with a second from Doug Pokorny. Roger Guggenmos asked for any nominations to cease. Motion carried.

Offices retained: Jay Meyer – Chairman, Tom Bandur – Vice-Chairman, Alma Beland – Secretary

Jay asked to return to the Fiscal Year budget for approval. Jack Van Slyke made a motion to approve the preposed Budget as presented. Tom Bandur seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0)
Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 26, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

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)