

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**

July 26, 2022

Region 26 Council:

| Present:                           | Absent:                         |
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| Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos         | Loup Co: Jack Ruppel            |
| Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt        | Thomas Co: Joseph Smith         |
| Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz           | Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny        |
| Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair | Range Co. Municipalities:       |
| Valley Co: Pat Waldman (alternate) | Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler |
| Law Enforce: Mike Jepsen           | 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: None

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).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Tom Bandur and seconded by Roger Guggenmos to approve the June 2022 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

For tower updates Alma reported on Applied Connective waiting on cameras to install at the Greeley site which have arrived. Ed Knott thought they could get to tower site next week and install. He would be sending out the agreement to have approved and signed. The Merna tower Alma was still waiting to hear back from the OCIO for the tower. Alma said for Sargent tower that Custer Public Power was not able to help in cost of fencing but possibly could offer manpower to install. The Sargent tower fencing was discussed on next steps. The funding from the Garfield County ARPA funds had been received in for the equipment needed in Garfield County. Discussion was held on the budget needing changed to be able to spend down on these funds. The board said to ask our Attorney on steps to amend budget.

Other Counties were discussed that Alma had not received any further information. They had been asked from one county to allow job shadowing in our dispatch by someone that was possibly stepping into a leadership roll and needed more assistance. Alma had agreed that we could assist for the day.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Jepsen had nothing to report. Quarterly Law Enforcement meeting will need to postponed this upcoming week to fit his schedule and to select a date.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1358 Status Checks, 330 Pages, 328 Wants/Warrants/

Registrations, 305 Alarms, 151 Minor Detail, 139 Traffic Violations, 113 - 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 110 Messages, 94 Assist Citizen, 82 Rescue Calls, 60 burn Permits, 44 Gun Permits, 29 Livestock Complaint, 29 Weather, 25 Fire Calls, 25 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 21 Animal Calls, 20 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 19 Assist other Agencies 19 Accidents, 16 Reckless Driver, 13 Suspicious Person, 10 Check Welfare, 11 Miscellaneous Tasks, 8 Direct Traffic, 8 Paper Service, 7 Theft, 7 Transfer 911 Calls, 6 Traffic Hazard, 5 Mutual Aid, 5 Siren, 4 Abandoned Vehicle, 4 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 4 Radio Test, 4 Suspicious Events, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Death Investigation, 3 Driving Under the Influence, 3 Prisoner Transport, 3 Search Warrant, 2 Adult/Child Abuse/Neglect, 2 Drug Violation, 2 Motorist Assist, 2 Parole/Probation/ Protection Order Violations, Terroristic Threats, 2 Uncontrollable Juvenile and 7 miscellaneous various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of June was 3447 including 330 - 911 calls and 1550 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Virginia also reported on the staff meeting this month in having Luke Ballmer, Flight Nurse with LifeNet helicopter come to talk on what all they will help us with and in calling them out to incidents. Also discussed the exercise Burwell had with Apollo life flight for a roll-over accident.

#### Director's Report:

Alma reported on North Central PET Region upcoming events with NEMA coming this week to discuss resource ordering for large fires and with drone training being scheduled for those that could help assist when needed in a disaster.

The Loup Valley Mutual Aid was last week in Primrose where discussion was carried on with forming Task Force and information Weather Service reports of the next few months fire weather. The Sandhills Mutual Aid was also last week in Thedford with same discussion on the next months of what they can expect and a talk from Tedd Teahon on the fire last month at National Forest at Halsey and what next plans would be to work with Volunteer Departments.

Alma reported that at meeting time we still have not hear anything on the Disaster Declaration for the May 12<sup>th</sup> storm damages. Other storms that happened later on according to FEMA cannot get included in one, once there is a 3-day break between storms.

Alma had presented a spreadsheet that Virginia had compiled from dispatch to show that amount of work that went on in just a 12-hour period today in dispatch to get an idea when only one on duty can cause a lot of stress.

The Deputy Emergency Manager position has been filled with a beginning date in August.

Alma asked the board about getting information from the County Assessors on gWorks files for our dispatch maps and damage assessment tool.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be August 30, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

## ACRONYMS

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| <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)