

## MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

August 30, 2022

### Region 26 Council:

#### Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos

Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt

Loup Co: Jack Ruppel

Thomas Co: Joseph Smith

Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke

Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny

Law Enforce: Mike Jepsen

Range Co. Municipalities:

Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler

Doug Reiter

Tri-Co Municipalities:

Valley, Greeley, Sherman

Jay Meyer, Chairman

#### Absent:

Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz

Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director and Stena Seamann/Deputy EM

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).

Question came up on last Board meeting minutes on what was meant under paragraph of other counties. Alma explained the discussion that the board had from another county outside of Region 26 on their budget and what could be done to possibly work together. They still wanted to gather some of their information on what they had for calls and costs. Another County had asked to have a newly hired director come to job shadow for a day in our dispatch which did happen.

Motion by Mike Jepsen and seconded by Jack Van Slyke to approve the July 28, 2022 Minutes.

Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (4).

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the July 2022 Financial Statement.

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

Budget Amendment: Alma had contacted both our Auditor and Attorney to discuss the need to have public hearing to amend budget to include funds received from Garfield County ARPA funds for upgrades to communications in Garfield County. The information Alma received was that public hearing was not needed since we do not have taxing authority. Only a board vote was needed. Discussion was held on where the money was setting until spent down and if needed to be in a non-interest-bearing account. Jack Van Slyke had a contact that he would ask and get back to Alma. Joseph Smith made a

motion to amend the budget to include \$59,985.00 received from Garfield County ARPA funds. Jack Van Slyke seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tower Report: The radio repeater at the Greeley tower had radio repeater that was needing a continual reboot. Platte Valley said that this repeater is one that would need to be replaced. Repeater is on order. The night red lights on this tower had gone out last week and we had a capacitor replaced. The agreement for Applied Connective was in and Alma had the Attorney review it with some changes that she suggested be made. Alma had everyone review the suggested changes. After discussion, it will be sent to Applied Connective for approval and signature.

On the Sargent tower, the fencing was discussed and Jay will get another bid from fencing company we had the first bid from. The board agreed to have Alma go ahead with ordering the fencing once we had the updated bid and had put a max on what we could order it for since the bids were only good for approximately 15 days. Doug Pokorny made the motion to order the chain link fence with the cap put in place of \$7000 limit. Diana Hurlburt seconded the motion. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Legislative Bill: Diana Hurlburt handed out an email received from Senator McDonnell's Administrative Aide, Tim Pendrell. There were different points of potential funding sources for us to look at that he had sent. All sources were discussed by the board.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Mike Jepsen had nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Alma handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1473 Status Checks, 340 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 322 Alarms, 303 Pages, 225 Traffic Violations, 142 Messages, 139 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 118 Minor Detail, 106 Rescue Calls, 71 Assist Citizen, 49 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 46 Assist Other Agencies, 39 Weather, 35 Accidents, 31 Gun Permit, 28 Burn Permit, 24 Disturbance/harassment/Assault, 24 Fire Calls, 22 Livestock Complaint, 21 Suspicious Person, 19 Reckless Driver, 16 Paper Service, 15 Check Welfare, 14 Suspicious Activity, 13 Miscellaneous Tasks, 11 Animal Calls, 9 Motorist Assist, 9 Siren, 9 Traffic Hazard, 6 Suspicious Vehicle, 5 Transfer 911 Call, 4 Child Abuse/Neglect, 4 Direct Traffic/Funeral Escort, 4 Fraudulent Activity, 4 Mutual Aid, 4 Prisoner Transport, 3 Arrests, 3 Civil Matters, 3 Death Investigation, 3 Driving Under The Influence, 3 Fireworks Complaint, 2 Abandoned Vehicle, 2 Follow Up, 2 Keys Locked In Vehicle , 2 Missing Person/Juvenile, 2 Property Damage, 2 Radio Test, 2 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 2 Theft, 2 Trespassing and 8 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of July was 3745 including 337 - 911 calls and 1662 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Alma reported on the Geo-Comm mapping install on all workstations and how it is working. The city of Ord and Thedford are the only towns that have not paid to get their points layer done for the mapping. Thedford said will pay when work is complete. Alma said they had been working to get the parcel layers from the counties through the Assessors and will continue to reach out to them. They had received that information from three of the counties.

The Public Service Commission Advisory Board meeting was held in Broken Bow last week. Alma had attended with Stena and Virginia. The State 911 Director, Dave Sankey reported on the buildout of Next Generation equipment and the ESI Net. At the meeting the 50 cents cap on Douglas County 911 Wireless surcharge was discussed and that they would be working at getting that increased. Alma had asked the board that when the Next Generation Equipment has been paid for that they keep the 70 cents wireless surcharge in place and not drop it back to the 45 cents it had been at. The funding needs to come out to the 911 centers to help with their equipment costs above what they are currently receiving.

Alma said they had invited Loup Valley Public Power Safety person, Tom Schimenti and Ord EMS Captain Camerin Schimenti attend staff meeting this month since they were planning exercise the next week to involve Region 26. There was good information sharing from both with dispatch.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the State Disaster Declaration that was approved the next day after last board meeting on the May 12<sup>th</sup> windstorm. The Public Assistance DR 4662 had Applicants Meeting the next week by NEMA in Burwell with the Jurisdictions/Departments that were applying for assistance that we were able to facilitate for them to get everyone started with applications and access to the FEMA Portal. Loup Valley Public Power District had exercise for lineman in contact with hot wire that we attended in Ord. They had the Ord Ambulance, Valley County Ambulance, Apollo Helicopter and Region 26 as part of the exercise.

We had six drone training classes as part of our Homeland Security training funds. One of the classes we had here in Taylor last week in the park where they could practice flying around and near trees.

Alma reported on receiving an additional \$15,840.70 of funds this last week that was part of the Emergency Management grant for the 2021-2022 grant year for operating budget expenses.

Alma stated that Scott Philbrick was here for the drone training class and had used his drone to go over the Region 26 roof to see its condition. He had sent the film footage to Alma of the roof. After meeting was over Alma asked if anyone wanted to stay to see the roof drone footage and also see a demonstration of the new mapping system that they are using in dispatch and some of the capabilities of the system.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be September 27, 2022.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

## ACRONYMS

<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)