

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

March 28, 2023

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Loup Co: Dave Larson	Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith	Tri-Co Municipalities:
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	Jay Meyer, Chairman
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
Law Enforce: Mike Jepsen	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Wade Neben	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Virginia Michalski/Office Manager

Visitors Present: Teresa Petska/Valley County Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Director Beland.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Director 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 (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Wade Neben to approve the February 28, 2023 Minutes.
Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Mike Jepsen to approve the February 2023 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Tom Bandur entered the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Diana Hurlburt gave report on what she knew to this point on LB 646 for increase of the cap on the 911 Wireless surcharge. Alma reported on contact with Tim Pendrell on where to monitor when bills come out of committee. He said they would be working on those as soon as next week if we wanted to write any letters at this point would be to the Transportation and Telecommunications committee Senators to help get it out of committee. If it should make it to the floor then it would be all senators that we contact, especially those in rural areas. Alma still had list of senators on the committee that we had passed out in the past. Diana brought up the proponents of the bill and discussion was held if all those submitted had been counted. The numbers didn't add up on what had been given to us while in Lincoln.

On tower report Alma gave information on the Merna tower and her communication with both the OCIO and the attorney to move forward with sale. Alma had sent all land lease agreements to the attorney to determine what needs done for us to sell to the state OCIO. There had not been a formal approval from the board for this. The Attorney would be able to help us with assignment of lease, bill of

sale transferring ownership, filing the real estate records etc. Alma stated that two local fertilizer companies were on the tower, only one that she knew for sure was using it. Notification would need to be sent to them as well as the current landowner. The OCIO was working on the same forms for this to happen and waiting to hear from us for approval and would send the forms. Alma will find the status of the 2nd fertilizer company. The only records showing were very old and that company was no longer in business. Jay was going to work at getting the generator/transfer switch moved out of building and we will determine the repositioning of that at a later time. Joseph Smith made a motion to approve sale of the Merna tower as is to the State OCIO and to work with Heather Sikyta to look over the forms and get guidance from her to complete the transaction. Doug Pokorny seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

The Arcadia antenna did get approval from Trotter Fertilizer and Platte Valley to move to the Elevator leg in Arcadia. The Fire department was wanting new antenna as well as the coax.

The update for the IT work with Applied Connective was having them here last week to start the onboarding work. The week before we had a conference call with them to know who we would be working with and what the time frame and process would look like. The email transfer would happen next week. There was one UPS or Battery Backup that they wanted to mount on the rack to replace two older ones that we had and would be the backup for the Justice Data Solutions and network firewall. They sent a quote to me for \$1,065 including install which would be a backup that mounts in the rack and not on the floor. Doug Pokorny made a motion with a second from Dave Larson to install the Battery Backup. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Jepsen did not have anything to report other than letting us know that the new trainees are doing very well in dispatch.

Communications Center Report: Office Manager/Virginia Michalski, handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 1200 Status Checks, 273 Pages, 239 Wants/ Warrants/ Registrations, 161 Alarms, 127 Traffic Violations, 113 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 109 Burn Permit, 92 Minor Detail, 86 Messages, 76 Rescue Calls, 64 Gun Permit, 46 Assist Citizen, 34 Assist Other Agencies, 20 Livestock Complaint, 17 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 15 Reckless Driver, 14 Animal Calls, 13 Check Welfare, 12 Accidents, 10 Traffic Hazard, 9 Radio Test, 7 Motorist Assist, 6 Direct Traffic/Funereal/Escort, 6 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 6 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 6 Siren, 5 Arrest, 5 Suspicious Vehicle, 5 Theft, 5 Transfer 911 Call, 4 Civil Matters, 4 Miscellaneous Tasks, 4 Missing Person/Juvenile, 4 Suspicious Events, 3 Driving Under the Influence, 3 Fire Calls, 3 Paper Service, 3 Uncontrollable Juvenile, 3 Vehicle Maintenance, 2 Death Investigation, 2 Prisoner Transport, 2 Suspicious Person, 2 Trespassing, 2 Utilities Complaint/Outage and 10 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of February was 2832 including 218 - 911 calls and 1285 Administrative calls into Dispatch. Virginia touched on the work in dispatch and how training was going so far new employees.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the Homeland Security grant work done for 2023 with the North Central PET Region and this week was the rating of projects for the whole state.

The NAEM Conference is this week and Alma and Stena will be attending in Columbus.

Alma had opened the NPAIT account for the CD that was closed out at Cornerstone Bank. She had also transferred funds from the General Account to the existing NPAIT account that was still open but inactive.

Alma reported on the Tornado drills happening tomorrow and that the CodeRED call outs to the public had been done within the last week with a county at a time trying to reduce the number of calls showing as spam due to a roll out of calls. There were some call backs on hearing the recording, etc. that Virginia and Alma will be working on with CodeRED to see what caused some of the issues.

Alma and Stena had attended the Loup-Platte Mutual aid in Litchfield last week and were able to go over weather protocols that Region 26 does, Red Flag warnings and issues with Bunker Gear.

The wireless funding application for 2023 was sent in this past week to the Public Service Commission. Alma stated the NESCA conference was the last week of this month for dispatch training in Kearney, also the week of April 9th is National Telecommunicators (Dispatchers) week.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be April 25, 2023 beginning with summer hours - 7:30 pm.

Vice-Chairman Bandur adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Approved by the Region 26 Council:

Vice-Chairman

Date

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)