

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

June 27, 2023

Region 26 Council:

Present:

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

Absent:

Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Virginia Michalski/Office Manager & Stena Seamann/Deputy EM, Bailey Lurz/Dispatch Supervisor

Visitors Present: Teresa Petska/Valley County Alternate, Bronson Meyer

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.

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the agenda.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Jack Van Slyke enter meeting at 7:32 pm.

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the May 30, 2023 Minutes.
Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (2).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Doug Pokorny to approve the May 2023 Financial Statement. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Jordan Foltz entered the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Alma reported on the Merna tower and the progression of the sale to the State OCIO. The Ord tower has possible problems with generator voltage regulator that is being checked. At the Greeley site the air conditioner freon is being check and still waiting on Applied Connective for camera connection. Alma stated the costs to move the repeater at the Arcadia site and adding new antenna at request of Arcadia fire. The Platte Valley costs associated with the move were in discussion and Jack Van Slyke said he would discuss with them. Antenna sites in other counties were discussed as we have had grant funds in past to add any new locations but not the funds to manage a move if

requested by department or county. The recent site that was installed at Davis Creek was funded by the departments.

For equipment, Alma explained the issues with Workstation 2 in dispatch and computer that was causing problems. Platte Valley has been working to get resolved and was helping to locate Lenovo computers for spares to have on hand that would work with the Radio software.

Alma handed out an equipment list of items that needed purchased in this next budget year that we had projected as well as items on order that totaled approximately \$97,000.00. Each line item was discussed as to what it was including the recent install of the backup console located in Valley County that we were paying a portion of.

Alma handed out the budget for fiscal year 2023-24 and went over the changes from what was handed out at last meeting. The budget was the same with a few changes on the projected revenues. The insurance increase was discussed at length. The explanation of the NRIN equipment costs that were on our towers and per interlocal with NRIN made us responsible for equipment in our counties. The amount setting in Custer was to be submitted to them for coverage. After much discussion on the budget on how to handle the increased insurance and to share the cost across the counties, Doug Pokorny made a motion with a second from Mike Jepsen to increase the base amount by \$5000 per member county/city to keep normal operating cost shared by all. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

After the budget was recalculated by changing the base amount, printed and handed out, Jack Van Slyke made a motion with a second from Doug Pokorny to approve the budget with a \$23,000 base cost for each. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

More discussion was held on where we go next looking at funding and suggested to even check with the Governor on the Legislative Bills and our concern for funding for rural PSAPs.

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

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor, Bailey Lurz reported on the TCPR training.

Director's Report: Alma reported on meeting with James Almond/911 Field Coordinator from Public Service Commission. Questions were answered on the process of joining the East Central 911 which will include having Text to 911, joining of the ESI Net and how costs will be handled. He discussed training with us and questions were answered on PSAPs having unspent set aside funds and how that will be handled with the Public Service Commission.

The City/Village Point Layer work has been moving along. Virginia and Alma were in Thomas and Blaine Counties working with county and village clerks to correct any addresses that did not match with GeoComm. Loup County has been completed.

Stena and Alma attended the North Central PET meeting in Valentine last week which allowed work to be done on the trainings for Cyber-Security, Credentialing and Law Enforcement training.

Stena and Miki gave classes on learning about calling 911 at the Farm Safety Day in Ord earlier this month for K-6 kids in the area.

Alma and Stena attended the Lo-Platte Mutual Aid meeting in Loup City last week.

Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023-24: Jack Van Slyke made a motion with a second from Dave Larson to keep the same current officers. Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

The Officers will remain for Chairman – Jay Meyer, Vice-Chairman – Tom Bandur, Secretary – Alma Beland.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 25, 2023.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

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)