

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

September 26, 2023

Region 26 Council:

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

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Stena Seamann/Deputy EM and Bailey Lurz/Dispatch Supervisor

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with six (6) 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 Diana Hurlburt to approve the agenda.

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

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Wade Neben to approve the August 29, 2023 Minutes.

Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Alma presented a corrected fiduciary funds spreadsheet with the 2020 Homeland Security grant beginning the fiscal year with a corrected amount of \$52,831.85 instead of the \$51,043.85. On the budget sheet Alma had changed line items so that all Maintenance/Repair line items were grouped together for ease of viewing the budget. Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the August Financial Statement with the changes presented. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Towers/Equipment:

- Alma stated that the Arcadia antenna had been installed on the Trotter Elevator leg and the repeater moved from the Staab tower to the Elevator. All is working okay.
- There was bad static on the Taylor frequency this week. Taylor was able to use Burwell frequency until checked by Platte Valley. It appears to be an antenna issue. Today Platte Valley switched from Taylor antenna to VTAC antenna to see how it is working for them.
- Motorola project manager for the East Central 911 project came to Taylor to inventory 911 equipment and check backroom for next steps of equipment refresh.
- Rockville/Ashton dead space for radio reception was discussed and Alma will check into the Viaero tower situation at Rockville.

Handbook revisions were reviewed regarding weapons policy in the facility. The board reviewed and discussed more things to check into for upgrading existing security and changes that need made.

The recent Certificate of Deposit that matured at Henderson Bank, Alma stated that she had cashed in the CD and deposited into an NPAIT account until the board had a chance to determine where to move the money to or leave it in NPAIT. Alma had checked on a few of the banks and there was not much difference then NPAIT. The board agreed upon leaving it in the NPAIT account for now.

Financial audit was done by Lammers, Abel and Kaps and they were waiting to receive signed letter that we agreed to comments on “segregation of duties” and the monitoring of accounts. Chairman Meyer signed letter to be returned. Alma stated the actual audit report for the board should be received in by next meeting.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Jepsen was absent and Alma had nothing to report

Communications Center Report: Dispatch Supervisor/Bailey Lurz gave a report dispatch and was still working toward getting average of times for different incidents that was discussed at last meeting. There was a possible interview coming up for an additional dispatch position.

Director’s Report:

- Alma reported on a FEMA Emergency Alert test that will be coming up on October 4th in the afternoon for the public on all cell phones.
- Received notice earlier this month that there was a land line and 911 issue in the state. The Region 26 lines were tested and all was fine through the evening except for land lines. In the early morning hours, the same night the 911 lines also went down. All was repaired by 6 am. It was a statewide outage that is still under investigation as to the reason. A couple of days later another outage occurred that was the Southeast portion of Nebraska that did not affect Region 26. Discussion was held by board on various backup solutions to help in an outage.
- Alma had contacted Kevin Stocker from the Public Service Commissioner that is our commissioner for western Nebraska and invited him to tonight’s Board Meeting. He advised that he was gone this week but would like to attend the October meeting but could not be here on the meeting night. Alma asked the board if we could move the meeting to the night before on Monday, October 30th. The board agreed and also asked to move it up to 7 pm to help accommodate the Commissioner to be here.

Chairman Meyer asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Executive session entered at 8:53 pm. Went back into general session at 9:06 pm.

A motion was made by Joseph Smith and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to increase wages for Alma that were discussed in executive session. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstained (0).

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be **(MONDAY), October 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:09 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)