

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

November 28, 2023

Region 26 Council:

Present:

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

Range Co. Municipalities:

Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Wade Neben

Tri-Co Municipalities:

Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Jay Meyer, Chairman

Absent:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Law Enforce: Mike Jepsen

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

Visitors Present: Teresa Petska, Ethan Clark

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Joseph Smith and seconded by Doug Pokorny to approve the agenda.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the October 30, 2023 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma reported on the Financial Statement that the Emergency Management Grant was awarded for the year for \$74,879 and added into the budget report sheet. Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the October 2023 Financial Statement. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

On the PSAP funding work Diana Hurlburt reported on the telephone conversations she had with the Governor's office that we need to go through appropriations for the funding instead of a legislative bill and that it would be continued funding. It would be determined in January if a bill was needed. Diana discussed with Senator McDonnell's office and they will have a bill prepared also when needed. Ethan Clark spoke about the work he had done at the Legislature and gave points for us to consider when going to Lincoln on what we needed prepared and also about Senator's priority bills. The board discussed next steps and direction for us to work toward and the possibility of other counties coming together for a meeting to discuss this. Other Commissioners and Sheriffs are expressing the same concern for funding. Diana will work with Jon Cannon at NACO since they are making this a priority. It was determined that most of the board will be at the NACO Conference in December and Diana will see about scheduling a short meeting there with Jon Cannon. The board also asked about inviting the newly appointed Senator Fred Meyer to our next meeting so that he is aware of our concerns and what we are

working toward.

Alma reported on the quote received from Applied Connective to upgrade the security cameras. They were on premise to inspect the camera situation and determined the only the outside cameras should be replaced and reviewed the request to add an additional camera in a blind spot. The quote received was near \$10,000 and Alma said she would like to review it further to see if there are grant funds available since it would be hard to fit into this budget.

The employee Simple IRA match needed to be reviewed for renewal. Alma made a request for the board to keep the maximum 3% company match in place for the employees. Joseph Smith and Diana Hurlburt made a motion and a second to retain the 3% match moving forward. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma presented the letter from NIRMA Insurance for requesting the Region 26 board to sign a committal Resolution for the next three years beginning July 1, 2024. After discussion on the insurance changes and changes we need to make in our coverages, Jack Van Slyke made a motion for the Resolution to be signed with a second from Doug Pokorny. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Two Certificates of Deposit were presented by Alma that will be maturing in December and need to be changed into something that will offer better interest. After discussion on the best placement of the CD's, Joseph Smith made a motion to allow Alma to place these two CD's as they mature. Jordan Foltz seconded the motion. Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board report: Sheriff Jepsen was absent. Alma reported on the recent quarterly Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting that was held with the main focus on Justice Data Solutions and having only three administrators to the system and then each Sheriff or Police Chief would only be administrator to their respective departments and not all of the Region 26 Law Enforcement system.

Communications Center Report: Bailey Lurz/Dispatch Supervisor reported on training that has been scheduled for the new dispatcher that will be mandatory basic training that he will take at Northeast Community College for a few days in December.

Director's Report:

- Stena and Miki presented training at the Wheeler Central Schools for using 911.
- Alma, Stena and Donna attended a Thedford fire meeting to discuss communications and were able to sign up for their momentum app for viewing map of Fire and Ambulance while in service.
- The testing on T-Mobile 911 calls at each of the T-Mobile sites across the Region took two days to have 911 calls done from each sector of each tower. Their calls had been coming in on admin lines instead of 911 trunk lines.
- Alma explained the Salamander printer received in for the North Central Region that will allow us to tag all Fire trucks and Ambulances.
- Virginia has been working at finishing the point layer to our 911 map that is for all city/village addressing that GeoComm is updating. Most all of the towns are complete except for the City of Ord. Alma projected the maps up for the board to understand the addressing and how it appears in dispatch. There will be a large difference when complete and will give a more exact location with address within city limits.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be December 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

ACRONYMS

APCO – Assoc. of Public Communications Officials
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch
CC – Communications Center
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
CNMRC – Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp
COADs – Community Organizations Active in Disasters
COOP – Continuity of Operations Planning
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)
DEE – Depart. of Environmental & Energy (State)
DHHS – Department of Health & Human Services (State)
DHS – Department of Homeland Security
DR – Disaster Recovery
DOR – Department of Roads
E911 – Enhanced 911
EAS – Emergency Alert System (FEMA)
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)
EM – Emergency Manager
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)
ERG – Emergency Response Guide (Orange Book – Hazardous Materials)
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration (Report tower light outages)
FADD – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician
FCC – Federal Communications Commission (for **Radio Frequency Licenses**)
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FMD – Foot and Mouth Disease (Livestock)
FY – Fiscal Year
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice (aka Grant Award)
GIS – Geographic Information System
GPS – Global Positioning System
HAZMAT – Hazardous Materials
HHS – Health and Human Services (Federal)
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program
ICS – Incident Command System
IPAWS – Integrated Public Alert Warning System
IPPW – Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)
LBF – Lee Bird Field – North Platte (Airport) Weather Service Location
LBPHD – Loup Basin Public Health Department (covers Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman)

LE – Law Enforcement
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEDRRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System
LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan
MACH – Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling
NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials
NAEM – Nebr. Association of Emergency Managers
NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NENA – National Emergency Number Association
NESCA – NE Emergency Services Communicators Association
***NCR** – North Central Region*
NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NIMS – National Incident Management System
NIRMA – NE Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
***PET** – Planning Exercise Training*
POD – Points of Dispensing (Immunization)
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
PMC – Page My Cell
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Centers)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
RFP – Request for Proposal
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
SEOC – State Emergency Operation Center
SHSP – State Homeland Security Program
SO – Sheriff's Office
SRS – State Radio System
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
UPS – Universal Power Supply (workstation backup power supply until generator starts)
VFD – Volunteer Fire Department
VOAD – Volunteer Organization Aiding Disasters
VOIP – Voice over Internet Protocol
V-TAC – Mutual Aid VHF Frequency Channels
WEA – Wireless Emergency Alert
WCDHD – West Central District Health Department (covers Thomas County)
W.H.O. – World Health Organization
WPC – Weather Prediction Center – Norman, OK
WIRAT – Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team (State Fire Marshalls)
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)