

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

December 28, 2023 (Postponed 12/26/2023 Meeting)

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Valley Co: Theresa Petska (Alternate)
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
Range Co. Municipalities:

Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Wade Neben

Tri-Co Municipalities:

Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Jay Meyer, Chairman

Absent:

Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Loup Co: Dave Larson
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith
Law Enforce: Dustin Spanel (Alternate)

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Bailey Lurz/Dispatch Supervisor

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 Doug Pokorny and seconded by Wade Neben to approve the agenda with removing the Senator Meyer visit since meeting had been postponed from Tuesday due to snow and the Senator was not attending meeting. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Diana Hurlburt made a motion and seconded by Wade Neben to approve the November 28, 2023 Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by made by Tom Bandur and seconded by Doug Pokorny to approve the November 2023 Financial Statement. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma stated that action from last meeting of the two Certificates of Deposits that were maturing this month, she placed one back into a Union Bank CD for 9 months with 5.56% APY and the one that was from CARES funds went into an NPAIT account at 5.335% so that it could be drawn from for equipment.

Legislative Report/PSAP Funding: Diana Hurlburt reported that she and Alma attended the Howard County Commissioners meeting since Senator Meyer was on the agenda for a meet and greet. They were able to discuss the 911 center issues on funding and the LB646 that did not go through last year. He will be reviewing that and considering what he might take on as a priority bill. He will be discussing with other Senators and would be reviewing it when he gets to Lincoln. He will keep in touch with us. Diana brought up the things discussed at Kearney NACO Conference when we broke out to speak with Jon Cannon on going with a bill through Appropriations and what that would look like. There were other rural PSAPs in attendance. The board discussed what we would like to see happen and the amount to request in the bill and the size of PSAP that would benefit from this. There was discussion on what it

takes to set up a foundation or to do a 501(c)3 to accept donations for 911 upgrades and funding and also bringing in news media to discuss 911 and how they are funded. It would be good for the public to understand more of what we do have. Alma will do more research into this.

Alma presented the Interlocal Addendum that was requested by Motorola to be signed for the cost of doing the operational readiness testing for the joining of the East Central 911 Region for NextGen equipment. We had signed the addendum earlier this year and the cost ended up decreasing and requiring all members to resign the addendum. Alma reported that Motorola is now doing weekly conference calls to keep all informed of the progress done in the region. Region 26 is scheduled for the week of March 11th to have the 911 upgrade installed.

Criminal Justice Board Report: New Justice Board Chairmen will be determined at the next Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting. No report at this time.

Communications Center Report: Statistics breakdown for the previous two months were passed out. For October they had 1528 Status Checks, 316 Pages, 234 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 121 Traffic Violations, 112 Minor Detail, 108 Rescue Calls, 96 Messages, 74 Gun Permit, 67 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 58 Assist Other Agencies, 47 Assist Citizen, 44 Accidents, 43 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 32 Livestock Complaint, 28 Animal Calls, 26 Reckless Driver, 19 Burn Permit, 19 Weather, 17 Fire Calls, 13 Miscellaneous Tasks, 11 Check Welfare, 11 Suspicious Person, 11 Traffic hazard, 10 Paper Service, 10 Radio Test, 9 Siren, 8 Keys Locked in Vehicle, 8 Motorist Assist, 8 Suspicious Events, 8 Theft, 7 Disturbance/Harassment/Assault, 6 Alarms, 6 Suspicious Vehicle, 5 Abandoned Vehicle, 5 Direct Traffic/Funeral/Escort, 5 Utilities Complaint/Outage, 4 Death Investigation, 3 Arrests, 3 Child Abuse/Neglect, 3 Property Lost/Recovered/Dispute, 3 Transfer 911 Call, 3 Trespassing, 2 Break In, 2 Fraudulent Activity, 2 K-9 Search, 2 Suicidal Threats/Attempts, 2 Terroristic Threats, 2 Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, 2 Uncontrollable Juvenile and 8 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of October was 3171 including 243 – 911 calls and 1451 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

For November they had 1404 Status, 278 Pages, 196 Wants/Warrants/Registrations, 116 Minor Detail, 107 Traffic Violations, 102 Messages, 80 Rescue Calls, 64 Gun Permit, 62 Radio/Phone Test, 56 Assist Citizen, 54 Livestock Complaint, 46 – 911 Accidental/Disconnect, 43 Assist Other Agencies, 40 Burn Permit, 38 Accidents, 20 Animal Calls, 18 Direct Traffic/Funeral/Escort, 15 Standby for Events/Fire/Training, 14 Fire Calls, 13 Disturbance/harassment/Assault, 12 Alarms, 12 Reckless Driver, 10 Suspicious Vehicle, 9 Arrest, 9 Suspicious Events, 8 Siren, 8 Suspicious Person, 7 Mutual Aid, 7 Theft, 6 Paper Service, 6 Prisoner Transport, 5 Keys Locked In Vehicle, 5 Traffic Hazard, 4 Check Welfare, 3 Abandoned Vehicle, 3 Miscellaneous Tasks, 3 Motorist Assist, 2 Adult/Child Abuse/Neglect, 2 Break In/Burglary/Attempt, 2 Civil Matters, 2 Drug Violation, 2 Property Lost/Recovered/Dispute, 2 Sex Offender Registry, 2 Trespassing, 2 Uncontrollable Juvenile and 9 various other incidents. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of November was 2908 including 313 – 911 calls and 1360 Administrative calls into Dispatch.

Dispatch Supervisor/Bailey Lurz reported on the training that had been completed by dispatchers that was required and also the newly hired dispatcher that just returned from training at North East Community College. Discussion was held on the emergency medical dispatch and at this point all are trained for T-CPR.

Director's Report:

- Alma reported on her and Stena attending the NACO Conference.
- North Central PET meeting for today had been postponed due to snow. Meeting had been scheduled to work on the Homeland Security grant investment justifications.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be January 30, 2024 ... 6:30 pm.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

ACRONYMS

APCO – Assoc. of Public Communications Officials	LE – Law Enforcement
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch	LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
CC – Communications Center	LEDRRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team	LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan
CNMRC – Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp	MACH – Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling
COADs – Community Organizations Active in Disasters	NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
COOP – Continuity of Operations Planning	NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019	NAEM – Nebr. Association of Emergency Managers
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)	NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
DEE – Depart. of Environmental & Energy (State)	NENA – National Emergency Number Association
DHHS – Department of Health & Human Services (State)	NESCA – NE Emergency Services Communicators Association
DHS – Department of Homeland Security	*NCR – North Central Region*
DR – Disaster Recovery	NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
DOR – Department of Roads	NIMS – National Incident Management System
E911 – Enhanced 911	NIRMA – NE Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
EAS – Emergency Alert System (FEMA)	NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)	NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
EM – Emergency Manager	PC – Police Chief
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch	PD – Police Department
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant	*PET – Planning Exercise Training*
EMS – Emergency Medical Services	POD – Points of Dispensing (Immunization)
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician	PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
EOC – Emergency Operations Center	PMC – Page My Cell
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)	PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Centers)
ERG – Emergency Response Guide (Orange Book – Hazardous Materials)	PSC – Public Service Commission
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration (Report tower light outages)	PVC – Platte Valley Communications
FADD – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician	RFP – Request for Proposal
FCC – Federal Communications Commission (for Radio Frequency Licenses)	SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency	SEOC – State Emergency Operation Center
FMD – Foot and Mouth Disease (Livestock)	SHSP – State Homeland Security Program
FY – Fiscal Year	SO – Sheriff’s Office
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice (aka Grant Award)	SRS – State Radio System
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
IPPW – Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop	WCDHD – West Central District Health Department (covers Thomas County)
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)	W.H.O. – World Health Organization
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)	WPC – Weather Prediction Center – Norman, OK
LBF – Lee Bird Field – North Platte (Airport) Weather Service Location	WIRAT – Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team (State Fire Marshalls)
LBPHD – Loup Basin Public Health Department (covers Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman)	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)