

East Central Region Governance Meeting

September 2nd, 2011

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Minutes

Location: Map Room – Platte Co. Courthouse (basement), 2610 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Chair: Bob Carey, *Polk County Sheriffs Office*

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- I. **Review of the Open Meeting Law-** The open meetings Law was noted for the meeting participants.
- II. **Roll Call of Counties Present**
Present: Dodge, Howard, Platte, Polk, Butler, Boone, Colfax, Saunders
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Not recorded
- IV. **Public Health Report**
Not recorded
- V. **Changes in the Red Cross – Heather Claussen**
Not recorded
- VI. **Update of Regional Communications Build Out**
 - a. **NRIN**
 - b. **NRIN Governance/technical committee**
 - b. **Regional 911 Equipment Sharing**
President Bob Carey signed the agreement approved at the September 2nd meeting
- VII. **2008 HSG**
 - a. **Review and discussion of projects**
 1. **Generator/Tower remediation**
 2. **State Patrol Interoperability**
Tim Hofbauer discussed the use of the Motorola Consolette concept of communications with the State Patrol on the Statewide Radio System (SRS). The Columbus Police 911 Dispatch center will build out the first system for the East Central Region. Randy Faaborg will check into the possibility of interfacing a Kenwood radio into the Paraclete system.
 3. **ID system**
Tim Hofbauer reported the software will reside on a file server and if you have an existing ID card printer you can print your cards. The North Central District Health Department is currently installing a system on their server and Tim asked if we could use their system. The \$5000 that was de-allocated from this project and allocated to training for Dodge County will not be used by Dodge County and can now be used for the ID system again.

VIII. Regional Projects

a. Saunders COOP/Debris Management Plan Progress

Terry Miller reported the plan is in the review process right now and reported the process worked good. A couple agencies wouldn't fill out their survey but he felt the process went well. Plans are to re-visit the project at the October meeting to determine if we want to continue to the rest of the participating counties.

b. OEC Goal 2

Bob Carey reported they are having trouble getting on the system to do the survey. Kate Speck reported the deadline date has been extended to the end of October.

c. Frequency Sharing MOU

Tim Hofbauer advised he has a copy of a template but can't locate it. Michelle W asked why we can't have a regional MOU. It was advised that the license holders need to be the signatories. Questions were asked about connecting to other counties out of the region, like Hall County. An agreement will need to be in force with Howard County and Hall County for Howard County to access the Hall County Paraclete. Technology wise the capability is there, the MOU needs to be in place.

d. COAD

Tim Hofbauer advised the dormant Platte County COAD is being re-visited and Jan Zurcher is developing a work plan to be paid as a contractor to help establish a regional COAD.

e. Polk County Request

President Bob Carey advised the Polk County Sheriff's department is asking for \$1000 to equip patrol cars with radio equipment. Vice-President Terry Miller took over the meeting on this discussion as President Bob Carey is requesting the funds on behalf of his county. Tim Hofbauer advised we did approve this same kind of project for the David City Police Department only if the work plan and requests were handled by David City Police Department. The request was rescinded by the David City Police Department at a later date. No motion was made and the request died for lack of a motion.

f. Narrow Banding

Tim Hofbauer advised the transmitter used to set off the siren has been narrow banded and he will advise the group on the results of the test. Platte County will look at just after the first of the year to start the narrow banding project for its county. Randy Faaborg advised he has installed a number of narrow band only system and reported no problems with the system or paging.

IX. Functional Needs Registry

a. Quick meeting after the Governance Meeting

Laura McDougall advised this is a regional project, Tim Hofbauer asked for the number of counties that want to be involved. A commitment from the emergency managers will be needed to move this forward. The same system that is used in Lancaster County will be used and the initial costs to start the system will be covered with Citizen corps grants. Laura stated this meeting today is to determine who wants to be involved. Howard, Butler, Colfax, Saunders, Platte, Boone, Polk, Howard, and York/Seward and we are planning on Nance and Merrick too. It was suggested at least 2 people from each county in the region and the health departments sit on the governance board. Plans are to include Red Cross too.

X. 2010 Work Plan

a. Number of additional data cards needed

Dodge needs 2. Butler?, Howard 2, Columbus PD 2, Colfax ?

XI. Update on NEMA and NCOR/NWIN Meetings

Tim Hofbauer reported on the NPPD/Region NRIN Interlocal agreement. Kate Speck reported on the State Wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and the merger of NCOR and NWIN. County Official understanding of the NRIN project and sustainability is another issue and NACO is involved to help in the education process.

XII. State Updates

a. **TEPW** – November 2nd in North Platte, Region can pay for hotel expense.

XIII. Public Comment

XIV. Reports

XV. Other

XVI. Roll Call of Counties Present

XVII. Upcoming meetings

Governance Meeting- October 7th

TEPW – November 2nd North Platte

APCO/NENA Conference September 28 -29

NCOR – September 30th