

## **Stimulus Task Force Meeting**

4/16/2009

9:30-10:00

**Individuals Present:** Chris Chronis, Jim Weber, Marty Hughes, Anthony Swartzendruber, Bob Lamkey, Amanda Matthews, Eddie Sheppard, Irene Hart, Rich Euson, Charlene Stevens

Review of 4/2/2009 Minutes- No Changes

### **Status Updates**

#### **Jim Weber-**

- No change from last week.
- The previous projects were approved.
- 47<sup>th</sup> is already in the pipeline with the state and they are planning on a July letting.
- The Rock Road project should have a July letting date.
- 47<sup>th</sup> street is a done deal
- Rock Road should be done unless the state decides it doesn't qualify.
- It is pretty safe to say the money is there for these projects.

#### **Charlene Stevens-**

- There is nothing available for the county from the Department of Defense.
- Regarding hybrid vehicles, Kevin Miles has identified about 10 vehicles that could be replaced by hybrids in 2010.
- Still working on the diesel emissions reduction which has been a challenging process.

#### **Irene Hart-**

- There is nothing new under the Department of Agriculture.
- There are no new instructions from the Economic Development Administration on Energy.
- The County will be getting about \$485,000 in a block grant.
- There are 2 webinars coming up in the next 2 weeks that will tell us how this money can be spent.

#### **Charlene Stevens-**

- We need a better idea of what we can apply for before we begin identifying projects and we are trying to figure out the energy audit piece.
- It's a sure thing, we have the money, we just don't know yet what for.

#### **Irene Hart-**

- We are still not clear if it is for Sedgwick County government or if it is for Sedgwick County geographically.
- We have seen evidence that the state will be retaining EPA funds to fill in state budget cuts so the watershed funding apparently will not be coming down.

- There is no new information on Transit Administration or HUD.

**Bob Lamkey-**

- We are working on developing a grant application for a competitive JAG grant for a forensic scientist.
- Mark is working on a competitive grant for gang intervention
- On a procedural note- what is the process for getting these things on the agenda and presented to the BOCC when people will be working on the applications up until the completion date?

**Marty Hughes-**

- We have been using the grant summary form as back up but it was needed by 11:00 a.m. today.
- Aside from that I am not sure.

**Charlene Stevens-**

- If you tell Jill (Tormey) that you will have it she can hold a place on the agenda.

**Bob Lamkey-**

- Ok, I will get her something by tomorrow.

**Chris Chronis-**

- How much money are we talking about?

**Bob Lamkey-**

- It will be \$105,000 for the forensic science center which is funding for 18 months.
- Not sure of the amount from Mark (Masterson).
- There are some unfinished pieces but they are working them out.
- They need a go ahead from the commission for the April 22 due date.

**Chris Chronis-**

- Make sure that what the Commission sees clearly identifies the implications on the County budget.

**Bob Lamkey-**

- We will also be getting more information on the Fire grants on April 21<sup>st</sup> when the information comes out.
- The standard of these projects is that they are shovel ready.
- Mark Masterson is also waiting to find information on the competitive BYRNE grants that are passing through the state, but we are not sure yet.

**Amanda Matthews-**

- Presentation of the website
- Website is not yet live but content has been added and it will be available to the public soon.

- Explanation for submission of information to Communications to place on the website (potential approved, awarded etc.).

**Chris Chronis-**

- Do you need any information from anyone?

**Amanda Matthews-**

- We are looking for ideas for frequently asked questions.

**Charlene Stevens-**

- Do we want to have information on stimulus funding coming into the community that is not coming directly to the county?

**Chris Chronis-**

- Yes, I think that is a good idea.

**Irene Hart-**

- There are also projects that citizens have to apply directly.
- Where do we want to have that on this website?

**Amanda Matthews-**

- That is what we had in mind with the community projects section.

**Chris Chronis-**

- Anything else?
- See you next week.

