

Stimulus Task Force Meeting

4/23/2009

9:30-10:00

Individuals Present: Chris Chronis, Angee Fanning, Rich Euson, Bill Farney, Richard Powell, Irene Hart, David Miller, Jim Weber, Bob Lamkey, Marty Hughes

Review of 4/16/2009 Minutes- No Changes

Status Updates

Chris Chronis

- Make sure the commission is given enough information before BOCC meetings
- Explain ramifications for the county explicitly in the agenda item and backup

Bill Farney

- Nothing new on agriculture
- Haven't found anything on Human Services, though Claudia has said there will be money for immunizations and it will soon be more clear
- Received information from Visioneering Wichita that the KU School of Medicine will be receiving \$300,000 to improve environmental health literacy

Tim Kaufman

- Nothing new on labor

Irene Hart

- A lot more information will be coming next week regarding hybrid vehicles
- We have identified the increase cost of hybrids to be about \$5,500 per vehicle
- We are considering a request for \$55,000
- There is concern that departments might be resistant because of the charge back cost to the departments will be based on the increase cost per vehicle
- Will look into this issue deeper
- Later today there are 2 sessions on the Energy Efficiency Block Grant
- Right now we have is the statue but the rules are not out yet
- We will receive a direct allocation but are not sure how much and how to use it
- Regarding the EPA, the county may be eligible for underground storage tank funding
- Regarding HUD, next week there will be a notice of funds availability issue for the NSP2 program
- Next week the State will be having a CDBG workshop so we will find out more about state rules then
- There is a webinar next week regarding economic development but most of that is directed toward business

Jim Weber

- Our part of 47th street is done
- We are waiting to be billed from the city

Chris Chronis

- On the website we are showing the full cost of the project \$32.8 million
- Should we be showing that or should we be showing the pieces of the project

Jim Weber

- I think just the pieces.

Chris Chronis

- Please get with Kristi to clarify that on the website so we are not misleading people

Jim Weber

- We have been working on the Rock Road overlay for a couple weeks and are hoping to have that done in a couple weeks
- Our 1302 forms have now been transferred to KDOT
- We wont stat doing anything on 295th because it is a contingency project and we need to wait till somebody else drops out anyway

Chris Chronis

- On the two that we think are approved, have we received formal notification that they are approved?

Jim Weber

- They have the forms in hand and will issue formal notification soon
- As soon as I get something I will let you know

Chris Chronis

- Are we doing work on these programs in advance of the funding?

Jim Weber

- Yes, we don't have a choice
- Its all in house

Richard Powel

- Waiting on returned MOU agreements from the agencies involved
- Items 2-5 were all items on the commission agenda yesterday and recommended for approval
- Item 6 is awaiting the State Byrne Grant opportunities
- Assuming the legislature doesn't reverse course, we may be looking for some additional funding through that for the Adult Residential program

Bob Lamkey

- Still awaiting the rules due out May 21st

Chris Chronis

- Charlene has relayed that she doesn't yet have any information regarding telecom
- They are also exploring the opportunity of doing something with the public works trucks regarding diesel emission reduction
- Regarding the stimulus website, I have received calls from people looking into the website
- I suspect many of you will be getting similar calls
- Please make sure your information is being reported accurately
- The website is now live

Irene Hart

- The format of the Recovery site has changed
- It is now funding based rather than program based

Chris Chronis

- Ok, Anything else?
- The meeting is adjourned

