

Stimulus Task Force Meeting

7/9/2009

9:30-10:00

Individuals Present: Chris Chronis, Jim Weber, Bob Lamkey, Bill Farney, Marty Hughes, Tim Kaufman, Nathan Law

Chris Chronis opened the meeting.

Status Updates

Bill Farney

- Health – no change in the last couple of weeks.

Chris Chronis

- Medical info exchange – Spoke with John Rosell at the Medical Society on the medical records project. They have been working on development of a pilot project that would provide what he is calling a medical record exchange. Essentially an umbrella that would reside over all of the disparate medical information systems individual doctors offices have developed that cannot talk to one another. This exchange would be some sort of a database that can communicate with individual systems, get information, and translate it so it can be used by other systems. Likely they will look for money next year. Offered our help in either putting together the application for that, or, if necessary, apply for the funds. He wasn't even sure if they were eligible to apply for it at this point. Nathan will compile funding information for that particular program.

Tim Kaufman

- Labor – Spoke with Keith Lawing. Workforce Alliance and the Department of Commerce are interested in hosting a summit on “green jobs,” probably around October. Format similar to Wichita assemblies done for Health and Corrections. During the conversation with him it seemed Irene and Marv made sense as being part of the planning process. They are on board.

Chris Chronis

- Irene contacted me and said there is nothing new in any of her areas.

Jim Weber

- Highway Administration – 47th Street project is supposed to bid next week.
- Rock Road overlay – We have next round of plans up, just waiting for response back from KDOT.
- 295th West overlay – Trying to position that in a couple of ways. KDOT meeting with us next week, to go look at that in the field because they are starting to think ahead about contingency projects coming up. Other thing that is potentially going to happen is that so far Wichita has not bid any of the jobs in the regular WAMPO federal money. That has earlier obligation dates than our money. If no one

makes it by the end of September, and if we get ready in time, this may be a project to go after because WAMPO is going to want to spend the regular money. Will work on that project, and it may have two options.

Chris Chronis

- Are there other projects that we might be thinking about adding to the list knowing there is likely to be some money available?

Jim Weber

- Have other projects that can be done. The problem is because of the WAMPO process, can't get them in there. At this point it needs to be on their contingency list. Had three projects we submitted: Rock Road, 295th and another one we couldn't get on the contingency list. They are going to go to their contingency list and pull whatever is on there. Only shot I think we have is to push this one on the source for the other.

Chris Chronis

- Sheriff's not here. Bob, do you know anything about this?

Bob Lamkey

- Marty knows about the JAG infrastructure grant.

Marty Hughes

- Through the process in February. Additional JAG grant process done with Recovery Act funding. \$1.1 million grant.
- Submitted application, but have not received award yet. Only stimulus grant award received that I am aware of is the Internet Crimes Against Children. Got an email yesterday from the Justice Department. They are developing a new reporting process for their Recovery Act funds. They are going to try to get info out and do training in July or early August, and implement that so it can be recorded by middle August. So far that is the only award we have.

Chris Chronis

- So we have the award but we don't have the money yet?

Marty Hughes

- It is on a reimbursement basis, so we drop down as we spend it. Not spending it yet because Sheriff has to put the agenda item on so they can get the new position approved, hire for that position, and get the vehicle approved for the fleet.

Chris Chronis

- Have immediate access to \$557,000 but can't get to it because haven't done what we need to?

Marty Hughes

- Haven't completed the process, but working on it. Will check with Richard to see where they are at on getting that on the agenda. I think they've got a person to fill the position.

Bob Lamkey

- SCFD item – EMS part is expressly excluded.
- Station 35 – Grant is actually \$1.4 million; \$1.7 million total with a 30% match from us. Commission approved the grant on Wednesday; the grant was submitted yesterday afternoon.
- Grant timing – committees will meet within 60 days of the closeout date; by the 10th of September. Will go through a process in which they will essentially prequalify up to double the grant amount. Will eliminate based upon whatever merit they see. They will be considering \$420 million, and then go from there to spend the \$210 million. The grant award period really goes through September of next year, which is not atypical for these kinds of things, but the intent is to spend it quickly.

Chris Chronis

- For the prequalification process and then going down to the final \$210 million; is there a timing for that, or can it be anytime up until September next year?

Bob Lamkey

- It can be any time, but the intent is to spend the money quickly. They are convening three panels of peer reviewers.

Chris Chronis

- Can we afford to delay our project if we need to, or if we haven't heard from them? Do we have a drop dead date when we have to know?

Bob Lamkey

- No. What will happen, Station 39 will come up. When station 39 comes up, we were designated to add some addition staffing. What I've told the Chiefs, until we have a good sense of when this project is we will operate it out of our current station 35 and/or station 39. We will just continue to operate from where we are. It's just a matter of timing and frustration.

Chris Chronis

- Anything else? We are adjourned.