



Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Special Meeting

Sheridan County EMS Building
1717 Oak Avenue (E Hwy 24), Hoxie

June 10, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Butch Post called the June 10, 2013 Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Visitors were welcomed.

<u>Members Present:</u>	Butch Post, Rooks County
JL Ellis, Fire Service	Keith Haberer, Russell County
Bob McLemore, Fire Chiefs	Jim Fisher, Rush County
Ed Harbin, Law Enforcement	
Bill Ring, Emergency Management	Autumn AraSmith, Thomas County Kathleen Fabrizius, Trego County
Deb Kaufman, EMS	Toby Prine, KDEM
	Sherry Angell, Fiscal Agent
Pappy Lies, Gove & Logan County	
Chris Brown, Phillips County	
Jim Schroeder, Rawlins County	

Guests Present: Suzanne Leblanc, Amy Ayers, Crystal Podlena

Members Absent: Ed Howell, Gary Winter, Sydnee Beydler, Tami Wood, Jason Moses, Ryan Murray, Kerry McCue, Steve Hirsch, Mickie Helberg, Bryan Whipple, Justina Smith, Crissy Livengood, Jacque Boultinghouse, Larry Townsend.

Amy Ayers with the KHP informed the members that there was an additional \$55,831 in allocation for the Northwest Region. She explained it can be added to a project that was already started for FY13, or a new project can be started, but the worksheets must be completed today.

Chairman Post explained that the \$4000 that was put into a State Ag Workshop with Sandy Johnson was not enough money to do the project. A total of \$17,100 is needed to do the 5 workshops. Discussion was held on the holding area workshops. It was discussed whether all counties could participate. It is the understanding that any county in the region could participate.

Discussion was held on the FY12 Mapping/Tablet project and the amount of money that would be leftover from that project. It is possible that enough money would be leftover in this project to fund the five holding area workshops.

Toby Prine talked about a project that the Southwest Region discussed. He passed out information sheets on a Magnum Light Tower. The towers are \$17,200 per unit. Pappy said he had used one and it was very effective. Deb Hays asked about the fuel and maintenance for the towers.

The county accepting the tower would maintain and put fuel in it and counties that used it would put fuel and maintain it when it was in their possession. Discussion was held on the deployment of the towers.

Bill Ring presented a project to purchase a Gator for \$11,488 and a trailer to haul it for \$1740.00. Discussion was held on the uses for the Gator. Chris Brown asked about whether the sizes of balls on all the trailers in the region and lighting hookups were the same.

J.L. Ellis said that we have projects that haven't been fully funded, he believed the council should look at those first.

Keith Haberer said that another possibility would be to purchase double the amount of Thermal Imaging Cameras and give two per county.

Bob McLemore would like to see the rest of the IMT laptops replaced and also fund more for exercise and training of the IMT. He would like to see an exercise done within the region. However the funds that are currently funded should be enough.

Pappy asked if the funding in the Safe and Prepared Schools project was enough. Butch pointed out that a motion from the previous minutes would put all the additional monies in the Safe and Prepared Schools project.

Butch questioned what county would be interested in housing and maintaining the Gator and the towers if the projects were funded.

J.L. Ellis asked if this type of equipment already existed in the region.

Deb Kaufman said that the ESF 8 trailers have lights on the trailers. She also said they still have some ambulances without 800 radios.

The group also discussed whether the other robot needed an arm, it was decided it was more useful without an arm. The mobile express accountability system was discussed, as well as IMT laptops. Printers and copiers on the IMT trailers were discussed, it was the consensus that it would be more cost effective to lease them when they are needed.

J.L. Ellis moved to cap the Safe and Prepared Schools project at \$29,924.00, Pappy seconded. Motion carried. (This was to clarify the motion from the April 2013 minutes, due to an increase in funding).

Deb Hays said she believed that there would be enough money left over from the Tablet project to fund the statewide ag project. Amy checked and the money could be used for a FAD project.

Bill Ring said Ellis County would house the Gator in a building in Hays. Bill Ring made a motion to buy a Gator and trailer for \$18,000, seconded by Jim Fisher. Motion carried.

Toby brought up the Pleasant Hill Weather Service radio that the region was going to purchase with FY11 dollars. Toby said he spoke with a representative of the Metro region and Leavenworth County would take responsibility for the radio and put the state template in it and place it in the Pleasant Hill Weather Office.

Bill Ring moved to buy a radio for the Pleasant Hill Weather Office, seconded by J.L. Ellis. Discussion was held on if the council could do this. Suzanne LeBlanc checked and said if

Leavenworth County would take responsibility for the radio it could be placed in Missouri, if it helps Kansas.

Discussion was held on the radio for the weather service. Motion failed, four in favor and seven against.

The light/generator tower was discussed. Buying extended warranty and cords was discussed.

It was also discussed that the additional funds could be MOU'd back to the State of Kansas.

Thomas and Trego Counties said they would house tower/generators, and Russell would be a back up.

Keith Haberer moved to spend \$37,831 to buy 2 towers/generators with accessories and extended warranties and put the money in the IMT Sustainment project, Chris Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Toby told the group that the serial numbers on the mobile express kits and equipment does not match the serial numbers they have.

Members are encouraged to RSVP back to meeting notices, as it set forth in the bylaws that they must be sent out and there was barely enough for a quorum to conduct business at today's meeting.

Jim Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Next meeting Monday, August 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Fabrizius, Secretary

(These minutes are not yet Council approved.)