

SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes December 21 2010

Call to Order The SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council was called to order by Chairman Rick Brown at the South KDOT Building in Chanute at 10:05 am on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

Roll Call: Members in attendance included: Chairman Rick Brown; Keith Jeffers; Pam Beasley; Ed Garner; Jim Wilson; Jim Miller; Chris Way; Larry Steeby, Donald Leapheart; Scott Gordon; Scott Wiltse, Ken Parker. Guests: Jackie Miller; Ron Seyl, SEKRPC; Michael McNulty (KDHE) Tami Wood, NW Regional Homeland Security; Jason Moses, State Communications; Sue Cooper, NC Regional Homeland Security; Cathy Hernandez, SW Regional Homeland Security; John Cyr, Fiscal Agent, Danny Thayer, Neodesha PD. Cassie Edson served as secretary.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes with a few corrections to the committee poll. Motions passed.

Fiscal Agent Report: Ron Seyl distributed the Fiscal Agent report and presented highlights.

Larry Steeby asked about the timeline to spend FY 09 funds. John stated that the deadline is May 12, 2012.

An application for credit is holding up a contract with Rockwell Collins for \$2,308 for GIS equipment

John Cyr added comments regarding the FY 08 sheet distributed-some corrections need to be made because some of the money actually belongs to FY 09.

He also stated that he has received 5 responses to the "Request For Qualifications" sent out, 1 from VA and 4 from KS. The Planning Committee needs to set a deadline for scoring the statements, and submit the results to John for ranking. The committee can then decide on who to interview. Interviews will be scheduled in 2 hour blocks of time to include vendor presentation and Q&A time.

The FY 10 contract has been signed, but John has not seen the budget yet. Hopefully it will be approved this week for money to be released. John also stated that FY08 needs to be completed before starting on FY10 funds.

There is a balance remaining in the Search and Rescue FY 08 budget, as reported last month but questioned at the time by Chris Way.

John stated that for contracts of less than 100,000, 3 quotes are required. He can approve such contracts with approved vendors. Contracts over \$100,000 require formal bids. John will then research/due diligence

Chris Way made a motion to accept the fiscal report. Keith Jeffers seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Search & Rescue, Larry Steeby: The team got a new 50% larger trailer. Equipment should be moved in and ready to roll by mid-Jan.

IMT, Jackie Miller: IMT is regrouping. A substitute attended the All Hazards IMT Conference in Denver and got elected to several committees. Sub is not experienced, so this is problematic and will be addressed. Additional IMT training will be scheduled soon.

Law Enforcement, Ken Parker: Joint Terrorism Task Force will meet Jan 10. FBI from KS City will attend-this will be a prototype program.

Planning/GIS, Keith Jeffers: Waiting for remaining GIS equipment. First camera training was not helpful, second should be more useful. More training can be set up online. Committee will meet today to get Qualifications Proposals handed out, and decide on a timeline for review. Pam Beasley asked about whom in each county will operate GIS cameras. It will depend on individual counties, but GIS departments, emergency managers, and appraisers are likely candidates. Each county will receive one shared license which will only allow for one instance to run at a time, although it can be installed on multiple computers. Working on getting multi-user license

ID/Accountability, Jackie Miller: Getting hold of Brendan to order.

Communications, Pam Beasley: No report yet-still organizing

KDEM Report, Jackie Miller: Colonel Tafarielli has been named the new Adjutant General to replace retiring Major General Todd Bunting. Budget cuts are expected in coming months. EMPG is likely getting cuts. KDEM has hired a resource planner to start Jan 1. A new SW Regional Homeland Security Coordinator will be announced soon. Everyone should be prepared for holiday bad weather predictions.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Communications presentation/request for funding by: Tammy Wood, NW Region, Sue Cooper, NC region; Cathy Hernandez, SW region, and Jason Moses representing state communications.

Last year's contribution from individual regions was appreciated. Additional funding is needed to finish project allowing 800 MHz radio coverage throughout entire state, which can benefit all regions.

The North Central region has already voted to contribute their funds towards completion of the project, and urges us to also commit our funding. They have also asked the Adjutant General to contribute matching funds for any regional contributions.

Jackie Miller commented that the SE Region has benefited greatly to be part of the pilot project which meant that the 800 MHz radio infrastructure here was provided at no cost to our region. Jason added that the request is for any regional contribution to be matched by the state. If not state-matched, the funds will be returned to the region.

Jason also stated that the contributions qualify as law enforcement set asides for the region.

Chris Way asked if a decision has to be made immediately or if it can be made later. Jason stated that a decision needs to be made today in order to have leverage in the legislature for matching funds.

Chris stated concerns that we have our own local issues that need funding. A suggestion was made to redistribute unused equipment within the region to better serve local needs before purchasing more. Jason Moses stated that E-911 grant funds can be used for infrastructure, including repeaters. (This funding can't be used for radios.)

Larry Steeby asked why the council was given such short notice to make a decision.

Chris Way commented that last year the funding request was a lot less.

Jackie Miller commented that the money and funding provided to the regions is infrastructure seed money; sustainability is a local investment.

Break: The meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute break at 11:40 am. Meeting was called back to order at 11:50 am.

New Business Continued: No more questions were asked of the presenters. The presenters thanked the SE Council for their time and consideration of the funding request.

Pam Beasley made a motion to allow the communications committee to send letters to 800 MHz radio equipment recipients in our region; (with a 30 day deadline to reply) to find out which equipment is not being used. Chris Way seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Steeby made a motion to replace former communications committee member Nancy Lamb with Don Leapheart. Pam Beasley seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jim Miller asked if interoperability is being accomplished by removing equipment from some jurisdictions. It was pointed out that an audit of equipment use just provides a

baseline for making informed decisions on possible redistribution. Several members mentioned that a deadline had already been formally set (and is past) for equipment to be installed or given back to the council.

Clarification was made that radio equipment provided to the Joint Terrorism Task Force is not part of this discussion.

Keith Jeffers made a motion to donate \$155,000 (with law enforcement set aside considerations) be donated to the western KS communications project. The motion was seconded by Ed Garner. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 9-1. Clarification was made that a quorum (12) was present for the vote.

Announcements: none

Adjourn: Ken Parker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Larry Steeby. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.