

Public Safety Collaborative Minutes

January 20, 2005

1. Meeting was called to order at about 9:00 a.m. by Joye McElwee.
2. Attendance listing is available at Attachment 1.
3. Summary of the meeting:
 - a. Minutes: Minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting were accepted as written.
 - b. Agenda: No changes to the agenda were requested
 - c. Public Safety Initiative: Commissioner Coonrod presented the following discussion:
 - Commissioner Coonrod discussed the process that would be used in the public safety initiative. LEST2 may not be the right terminology. Can't apply LEST funds to the 911 Center shortfall of \$1M. So we may need to change the title of the initiative.
 - One of the items we have faced since the new Commissioners came aboard is animal abuse and animal loose type calls. We may need to address that issue since it falls in the Public Safety category.
 - We now have all the Public Safety needs in from the area communities, except Springfield. Springfield has a process that must be followed. We will use those needs to develop where we need to go with the initiative. We still don't really know what we will call it.
 - We are researching how much we want to emphasize public safety in this initiative. We can't afford another failure.
 - Please think about how we phrase things. It can mean the difference between success or failure. We need everyone to help us work through this issue.
 - We still have the on-going under funding by the State for the services we perform for them, so we need to resolve this issue soon.
 - I don't have all the answers on this issue.

Comments:

- Joye asked how the public will see this process versus the one that just failed? Jack Merritt outlined how this time the LEST is being presented in a way that we believe all of us (city, county, and other participants) will be in agreement. There is negotiability now that was not present last time.
- Joye asked about the sunset issue. Commissioner Coonrod outlined how a sunset of a portion of the public safety initiative

is under negotiation. We just need to work through these types of issues before putting it on the ballot.

- The Mayor's Commission on Children may play a part in this initiative. We are looking at that possibility. We want to fix problems and heading off future problems are a savings to the community. This opportunity may be something that people want to make a part of this initiative.
- Is there any plan to show the community the positive outcomes from the past LESTI? Commission Coonrod sees this happening.

4. Don Kocian: Where do we stand on the 911 wireless tax initiative?
Commissioner Coonrod outlined how we have little hope getting any funds relieve through a state initiative on wireless telephones.
5. Commissioner Coonrod discussed that we need to develop a crime lab locally. That is an issue that needs to be addressed as well. Sheriff Merritt explained this need even further.
6. Commissioner Coonrod also explained how important the existing airport facilities would be in support of a public safety center. Joye outlined how that opportunity, if lost, could come back to haunt us. Joye is identifying space allocations and organizations interested in participating.
7. Communications:
 - a. Adding 800 TRS desktops to surrounding county dispatch/911 Centers:
Don Kocian presented the following information:
 - The equipment has been ordered and we are awaiting FCC approval. We also renegotiated the cost and have it down to about \$5,400.
 - Webster, Dade, Lawrence, Christian, Polk, and Dallas are among those counties involved.
 - b. J.R. Webb explained why this approach is so important.
 - c. Joye explained that Dallas and Christian are purchasing crossband repeaters that will help our units interface with these counties.
 - d. Public Works will be receiving 800 TRS equipment from the WMD 2004 grant.
 - e. The regional planning committee has a communications planning subcommittee working to develop a regional communications plan. They are sending people to some counties to get their communications data. Once that plan is done, each county must adopt it or develop their own as I understand it. Organizations purchasing radio equipment from the WMD grants much submit a communications plan for their organization and community by the close of the grant.

- f. Don says City Utilities must be involved in the purchase of the crossband repeaters if 800 TRS capability is included.
 - g. Motorola sent CU a new pricing sheet and the new radios have several features that are important. Don Kocian says they are:
 - \$600 cheaper
 - Analog and flash upgradeable to digital
 - Capable of 700 or 800 MHz programming. Note: Trying to get some of these units for touch, feel, etc.
 - h. Joye indicated we have 25 handhelds with batteries for use during disasters. Don says CU has 17 radios also.
 - i. MoDOT supposedly has an ACU 1000 communications interface device.
8. WMD Grants: The State has \$46M in grant funds, but has yet to announce how they will be expended. We need to be positioned to react quickly when we receive the grant application packages.
 9. Storm Siren Changes: We are finalizing an agreement with the city of Battlefield. Springfield City Council has the final reading on January 24th. I've also turned in a white paper to Commissioner Coonrod that outlines the need for 29 new sirens for area municipalities.
 10. Councilwoman Sheila Wright indicated how important the agreements are with area municipalities and how they affect Springfield's overall involvement with these communities.
 11. Joye asked attendees to review the new mitigation plans recently completed for Springfield, unincorporated Greene County, city of Republic and city of Willard.
 12. Commissioner Coonrod indicated the need to hold another elected officials seminar. He explained how the Keeter Center would be a good possible location for the next event. He would like to see it held in early April. Joye stated he had been talking with the Taney County Emergency Management Director about that event.
 13. Joye discussed how he is working to help regional planning committee organizations gain representation on State Boards and Commissions.
 14. The next meeting will be April 21, 2005 at 9 a.m. here in the Office of Emergency Management.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

Attendance Listing
Attachment 1

Greg Duvall	Greene County Highway Dept.
Roger Brogue	City Utilities
Don Kocian	City Utilities
Bill Deal	City Utilities
Jack Merritt	Sheriff
Commissioner Coonrod	Greene County Commission
Sheila Wright	Springfield City Council
J. R. Webb	911 Center
Becky Jungmann	911 Center
Jim Barber	Sheriff's Department
Rick Williams	Republic Emergency Management
Richard Berry	SMSU
Joye McElwee	Emergency Management