

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
June 15, 2009

The Grant County Emergency Management/Disaster Services Committee was called to order June 15 at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman John Patcle. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Tony Runde, Robert Keeney, Larry Wolf, Rodney Johnson, Robert Scallon

Others: Grant County Herald Editor David Timmerman, Joyce Roling, Grant County Personnel, Steve Braun, Emergency Management, Julie Loeffelholz, Recording Secretary.

Motion by Larry, Second by Tony, verified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the open-meeting law. Motion carried. Motion by Rodney, Second by Robert Scallon to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried. Motion by Robert, Second by Tony to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Tony, Second by Rodney to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1) © regarding annual employee performance appraisal. Motion by Larry, Roll-call second. Motion carried.

Motion by Tony, Second by Robert Scallon to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

Director's Monthly Report: Steve passed around a list of the fire grants that were submitted last month through the federal Assistance to Firefighters program. This list includes 45 grants of which several are regional communications grants. The grant applications total \$5,798,595 in firefighting and medical equipment. Steve feels there are lots of solid proposals for things like radios, turnout gear and SCBA. These items are well-aligned with the program guidance. We are concerned that this is the coming of the end of the fire grants. It is threatened every year by the federal administration, but put back into the budget at the last minute. We are hopeful to get a handful of the applications submitted. Question – What were the grants for East Dubuque and other areas outside of Grant County? Response that these departments are mutual aid departments, generally for equipment that responds into Grant County. This includes the Jo Davies Co. HAZMAT Team which responds to all hazardous materials calls in Grant County as well.

A pre-application was submitted to the Department of Homeland Security. This pre-app was completed for the Sheriff's Department for 12 portable radios, as well as radios for our office and several police and fire departments around the county who need to upgrade to be compliant with the new standards. This pre-app. gives DHS the opportunity to determine how many requests are out there. In a few months, they will send out a formal application for these radios.

Steve talked about the Fire Station Construction grant which is part of the economic stimulus package. The guidance has come out since the last meeting. These grants are very biased toward large departments as they take a look at the call volume and where the station is located. Paid departments in larger cities and suburbs will be the primary beneficiaries of this grant; volunteer and rural fire departments will see a very small share of the awards. Steve sent out information to all municipalities and fire chiefs about the grant application. The turn-around time is very short with only 4 ½ weeks total for the grant process. The major concerns with the grant is that this must be a "Green" building and to make the short timeframe, communities must have the land, zoning permits, and pretty much be a turn-key operation. Steve has agreed to write narratives for any community interested, but all of the engineering and designs must be done by the community. Only Cassville has expressed an interest so far.

Mitigation projects were discussed. Spring Green has been awarded funding in the first round, which means it is likely we will hear something soon. The first application, for houses located in the floodplain in Lancaster and on County B, is complete and awaiting a response from the state. The state has requested additional information on the second application, for two houses in Potosi and one rental property in Lancaster. Steve will be working on that request and re-submitting that application to the state for further consideration.

An award was given to the State in the amount of \$75M in CDBG money for flood recovery. Grant County was awarded \$200K several years ago to assist residents and we requested and received an additional \$150K for this last flooding event. We are hopeful this is enough for the housing projects we have out there. The projects that were eligible for the newest amount of money are public works and infrastructure projects. Steve sent word out to all municipalities when this information first came out to let them know about the availability. A formal application period has not yet been announced.

Old Business: NCRS Project. We are working to set up a date for contractors to meet at the site to look at the project with representatives from NCRS.

New Business: None

Public Comments: None

Motion by Rodney, Second by Robert Scallon to adjourn until Monday, July13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.