



JOINT POWERS AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 28, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Modesto-Stanislaus Emergency Services Facility
3705 Oakdale Rd
Modesto, Ca 95357

Present: Fire Warden, Dale Skiles; Modesto Fire Chief, Sean Slamon; Modesto Police Chief, Galen Carroll; SR 9-1-1 Co-Director, Lt. Mike Parker; SR 9-1-1 Co-Director, Chief Cecil Ridge

Absent: Sheriff, Adam Christianson

I. Regular Calendar Agenda Items

A-1. 800 MHZ/Simulcast radio system update

Barbara Jackson presented. Gave 2 handouts. Acquired a quote from Tait. Total is approx. \$740,000, we have \$782,000 to spend, within range.

Grants Funding: COPS grants are technology grants, so they pay for technology, but not construction. Looking at about \$1000,000 of unallowable charges for things like concrete slabs, core drill holes, electrical engineering plans, and will most likely not pay for the installation of the tower on 10th St. Place. Looking at other funding sources to cover costs. Tapped into PFF funding at the county level with John Bettencourt's help. There's a grant that Chief Carrol has. There are also others available. When we determine what we need, working with DOJ almost daily to determine what's allowable, will have to break things out invoice wise directing work to specific fund sources.

DHS grants modification for DHS 2013 funds for EHP EA for fire station 6 environmental impact report was approved. Working on RFQ to hire consultant to take care of that. It will only be for fire station 6.

Chief Carroll inquired if the item before the City council would also cover the other public hearing requirement.

2014 Grant was submitted July 18, 2014. Not expecting response until September or October, funds will be available around January 2015. This will mostly fund fire station 6.

Board and Council agendas: Hoping to take the Board (of Supervisors) agenda on 9/16/2014 to approve spending of the remaining funds, to amend the Tait contract, to generate a P.O. for Motorola firmware upgrade and potentially other funding sources.

Chief Skiles inquired if it will be a consent item.

Barbara said, yes, it's consent and she's working with Doris. Also has Council agenda item in draft with the City Clerk, which is what the Chief was just referring to. This is for the public hearing, the Chief will take that forward.

PFF committee meeting is on 9/18, hoping to tap into some PFF funds that are allocated to Emergency Services.

What's left to do: Ceres PD, waiting for release of funds, need to secure funding for unallowable costs. Anticipating mid to late October for completion on Ceres. TSP (10th St. Place), need a landlord agreement letter which Cecil and Mike are working on

Lt. Parker clarified it's been approved by those different committees. They're just looking for the letter to give to Tait so they have it. All of the JPA's at 10th St. Place approved it over a year ago.

Barbara said Tait needs a letter on letterhead with signature.

10th St. Place anticipate January 2015 completion

Fire Station 6 waiting for funds, expecting July 15 completion, but it can't really start until January. There are some things that can be done prior to that date because there are some things that will be funded with COPS grants as opposed to DHS funds.

Fire station 9, waiting for release of funds and secure unallowable costs, anticipate December completion date

Reviewed "Change Request," pointed out some things there are issues with. Set document up with color keys to help differentiate sources and allocations for payments.

Chief Carroll inquired regarding the Kraft property. Lt. Parker said we haven't heard anything from Kraft regarding the status of that building. Kurt/Nate updated the board on that.

A-2. Update on 911 Telephone System replacement

Nate Olson updated the Advisors. Meeting 8/7/2014 with AT&T. In process of developing screen templates. Equipment is supposed to be shipped to bay area 8/25/2014 for staging for AT&T and then will contact us to set up install times and training times. Looking at mid-October for installation.

A-3. Consultant Update

Lt. Parker updated: Matrix Consulting has been hired to conduct an efficiency study for

SR 9-1-1. Upper management has already met with consultant, and he has had several interviews with several members of personnel. Due to be back to continue interviews in about a week. Moving along well, looking forward to recommendations to implement any changes.

A-4. Newman Fire Contract

Chief Ridge updated: Cost allocations have caused concern with customers. Met with Newman Chief of Police, City Manager, and Finance Director. They have determined to change to Oakdale due to tremendous cost savings. Said they expected to save close to \$1,000,000 over next five years with Oakdale. \$200,000 per year savings. Wendy Silva attended with Chief Ridge. Newman said they didn't even want to respond to SR 9-2-2 with a counter offer because they knew it was below what we could do it for. Expected to go back to Newman Council to firm up the deal. Will be leaving at the end of the calendar year.

Chief Ridge went through some background explaining why costs seem to be 'all over the map' since the onset and formation of the JPA. Asked them to please share their thoughts with Matrix.

Looking for a method to charge City of Newman Fire for 6 months while consultant report leads to better methodology to charge customers. Lt. Parker reviewed the formula to charge Newman in the meantime.

Asked Advisory to authorize recommendation to go to CEO to create a contract for Newman for \$30.00 per call for the last 6 months of this year.

Chief Skiles spoke toward needing an analysis for cost sharing in order to establish methodology and standard as this gets reconstructed.

Chief Ridge suggested building a work group to get a head start for input on the study

A-5. Yearly Audit

Brown Armstrong provides only balance sheets including assets and liabilities. They want to know if this group wants the full statement which includes the income, revenue and expenditures. After discussion, it was decided that Lt. Parker will recommend at next JPA Commission meeting that we receive a full disclosure statement, once it's determined what the costs will be.

A-6. Staffing Update

Wendy Silva presented. There are 5 openings for dispatchers. Continuous recruitment underway. Looking at revamping entire recruitment process. Taking another look at CritiCall to see if it's screening out too many potentially qualified people. Advertising in other places for

this recruitment besides the Stanislaus County web page. Besides this, we will be seeing a senior dispatcher retire in March, so we will also look to overfill to not suffer additional staff loss.

II. Closed Session

B-1 Discussion regarding current Labor Negotiations; Agency Negotiator: Cari Griffin;
Employee Organization: Stanislaus Regional Emergency Dispatch Association.
Government Code section 54954.5(f).

III. Adjournment