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Steve DeCecco
Chairman

Public Safety Communications Commission

Administration and Funding Work Group
Minutes of February 7, 2007

Chairman Steve DeCecco called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

Members in attendance: Steve DeCecco – PSCC Chairman – Phone Conference, Bill Westerfield – PSCC Vice Chairman, Jerry Kennedy – PSCC Secretary/Treasurer – Phone Conference, Earl Atwood – PSCC Executive Director, Dave Johnson – WAM Representative – Phone Conference and Bob Symons – PSCC Administrative Support.

PSCC Dispatch Center Connectivity Grants

Discussion of awarding PSCC Dispatch Center Connectivity grants to twenty-seven dispatch centers. The following grant applications have been received, listed by agency and grant application amount: Thermopolis/Hot Springs County - \$316,395.00; Riverton Police Department - \$330,154.00; Park County Sheriff's Office - \$439,398.00; Platte County Communications - \$432,702.00; Fremont County Sheriff's Office - \$360,849.00; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Afton - \$325,354.00; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Kemmerer - \$325,354.00; Campbell County Sheriff's Office - \$342,436.00; Sheridan Police Department - \$354,373.00; Carbon County Sheriff's Office - \$277,911.00; Hanna Marshal's Office - \$297,163.00; Saratoga Police Department - \$223,200.00; Rawlins Police Department - \$439,398.00; Buffalo Police Department - \$72,500.00; University of Wyoming Police Department - \$303,363.00; Rock Springs Police Department - \$337,314.00; Lander Police Department (New) - \$168,922.00; Lovell Police Department - \$149,998.00; Torrington Police Department - \$438,588.00; Glenrock Police Department - \$312,230.00; Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office - \$330,754.00; Casper Public Safety Communications Center - \$150,000.00; Sublette County Sheriff - \$324,754.00; Big Horn County Sheriff's Office - \$149,998.00; Weston County - \$172,850.00; Crook County- \$325,403.00; and Uinta County - \$250,000.00.

Bob Symons made a recommendation to the Administration and Funding Work Group to award \$150,000.00 to each of the grant applicants that submitted a grant over \$150,000.00 and award \$149,998.00 to Lovell Police Department and Big Horn County Sheriff's Office and \$72,500.00 to the Buffalo Police Department. The total recommended grant awards would be \$3,972,496.00. There were ten (10) grants awarded on December 12, 2006 for a total of \$1,500,000.00. With these grants the total awarded would be \$5,472,496.00 and there would be \$977,504.00 grant funds remaining.

There are two grant applications that are outstanding – Pine Bluffs and Fort Washakie and should be receiving them soon.

A review of grants was made to review the individual grant requests. Questions were asked about the costs associated with equipment costs and installation costs. A review of one of the applications to indicate how the grant applications were developed to indicate the work that would be involved in the upgrades. Most of the applications included consollettes for wireless back-up.

Discussion on the remaining grant funds and the methodology that could be used to disperse the funds to the grant applicants. One suggestion was to divide the remaining funds equally between all of the dispatch centers that applied for funding over \$150,000, approximately \$19,926.00 to each dispatch center. Another suggestion was to review the grants funded and the percentage funded by the grants awarded and award the funds to those agencies in an inverse proportion to the percentage of grant awarded. Earl and Bob will continue to review the grants and the grant awards and present some options on the second round grants. A population based review of the grant applications will also be developed.

Letters will be sent to the agencies that receive grant funds to inform them of the grant awards and those agencies can use when making their annual budgets. The grant agreements will be sent out after the award letters.

Bill Westerfield made a motion to approve the twenty-seven grants that were presented for a total of \$3,972,496.00. Jerry Kennedy seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote. Copies of the grant award letter will be sent to the work group members for their reference.

Discussion on the grant agreement. Bob has presented a grant agreement to the Wyoming Attorney General's office for approval and the agreement has been returned approved for content. The first grant agreement with Laramie County has been signed by the Attorney General's Attorney and is waiting for the signature of the Laramie County Commission. All of the grant agreements will have to be signed as approved by the Attorney General's office.

Bill Westerfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Jerry Kennedy seconding the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons
PSCC Administrative Support

Attachments: PSCC Dispatch Center Grant Summary
PSCC Dispatch Center Grant Spreadsheet