

Police Station Steering Committee Minutes December 13th; 2023

Members Present:

Bill Baldwin: Co-chair
Tim Crowley: Atkinson Police Chief and Co-chair
Sam Butler: Secretary
Dave Cacciotti
Matt Casey
Bob Connors
Karen Steele

Also present – Will Gatchell from Harriman
Keith Kelley from Harvey

Meeting Called to order at 5:10

Minutes

Minutes for the September 7, October 5, October 26, and November 2 meetings were approved unanimously.

Oscar Presentation

Co-chair Baldwin presented Co-chair Crowley and David Williams, Atkinson's Director of Communications, with Oscar statuettes in appreciation of their terrific video tour of the current police station. He gave a short speech: "I'm proud to announce that we've been notified that the Academy Award for best short documentary film actor and director goes to Chief Tim Crowley and Dave Williams. Great job, gentlemen! We have to apologize, guys – we wanted to have them engraved but we ran out of asset forfeiture and ARPA funding."

Warrant and Bond Update

Co-chair Baldwin stated that warrant language is not yet finalized. Bond counsel is reviewing. During a general discussion of the dollar amount to be included, Mr. Kelley indicated that Harvey is comfortable with the \$9.2M - \$9.5M GMP that has been discussed. The committee discussed a possible final number of \$9.4M to include the proposed streetlight, but no final decision was made.

Offsets

General discussion of a possible \$4M federal 2024 grant that needs to be applied for as soon as possible. Final application cannot be made until a budget is passed. Co-chair Baldwin noted that the total amount of the bond can be reduced if grants are received before the final auction date. He also indicated that he planned to send an email to Representative Kuster's office tonight or tomorrow. Harriman and Harvey do not offer grant writing services. Mr. Kelley mentioned a possible green energy consultant.

The committee also discussed using money from possible sales of town land. Discussion of possible parcels that might be sold, as well as drawing money from the general fund balance, with land sale proceeds replenishing the fund.

The meeting ended with a general discussion of building costs that might be reduced. Site work was a strong possibility. Harvey's Contingency Fee percentage will also decrease over time. Total cost of the project was again discussed, with \$9.4M again the most likely possibility.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PSSC will be the Public Hearing at the Community Center on Monday, January 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.