

Eleventh meeting of Strategic Planning and Readiness Committee

held at the YCGB at 8:30 a.m. on February 3, 2023

1. Administrative
 - a. Attendance – present: Cait Grant-YCCC, Commissioner Donna Ring, Eric Wellman-YCCC, County Manager Greg Zinser, Saco Police Chief Jack Clements, Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss, Goodwins Mills Fire Chief Matt Duross, Commissioner Richard Dutremble, Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont, Sanford Fire Department Interim Chief Rick Smith, YC Fire/EMS Administrator Roger Hooper, Biddeford P. D. Officer Anthony Ciampi, Wells P.D. Officer Kevin Chabot.
 - b. Introductions
 - c. York County Manager Greg Zinser motioned to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes. York County Fire/EMS Administrator Rod Hooper seconded the motion. Passed by majority vote.
2. Architect/Engineers/Construction Manager
 - a. Reports & Status- Fire/EMS Administrator Hooper explained that no architect from the firm was present but County Manager Zinser gave a synopsis. He explained that the project has gone through the design process. The document has gone through schematic design and is now off to Landry French for high level pricing. Then, there will be additional drawings for all the mechanical services. It is a pretty comprehensive facility and we are anticipating the cost to be between \$12 and \$15 million.

County Manager Zinser continued that the site plan review before the planning board in Alfred is next Monday. We largely believe everything we are proposing fits within the zoning. The permit process is underway with Federal and State government for storm water management type stuff. The DEP permit will be what we need to get started. They are having staffing issues that will most likely delay this so it's now looking like a fall ground breaking. County Manager Zinser continued that maybe we can put portions out earlier to bid depending on how the permitting process goes with the Town.
3. CDS Request Status
 - a. Funded \$750,000 for EMS simulators
 - b. Funded \$900,000 for law enforcement simulators

Chief Hooper informed all that these funds are approved in the Federal Budget for York County.
4. Establish Subcommittees
 - a. Research EMS simulators- Fire/EMS Administrator Hooper asked Eric Wellman and others from YCCC to assist with coming up with a plan for EMS simulators. We should get the same type of equipment that was bought for the community college.
 - b. Research L/E simulators-Chief Hooper explained that the District 1 training council will come up with a spending budget that will include driving simulators among others. One room will be dedicated for use of a MILO type system.

County Manager Zinser added that one of the purposes of the facility is to offer 24/7 access.

5. Draft MOA between YCFRF and YCG-1st Responder organization- Chief Hooper stated that this organization was formed in October. He added that Dave McClean, a retired Professor from YCCC is now on the Board.

A draft MOA between the foundation and the county has been created. This organization is the charitable fundraising arm for the training center. It is a separate entity from county government, explained Chief Hooper. This foundation would be able to sell naming rights for rooms, etc.

Also, contained in this draft MOA is an agreement with the county for clerical needs. The Foundation's board needs to vote on this and then get it on the agenda for Commissioner vote, continued Chief Hooper.

There was discussion of a mission statement and the concern of law enforcement's involvement in this organization.

County Manager Zinser responded that this will be looked at by our attorneys. He added that the initial take on this from the foundation's attorney is that the MOA is worded correctly.

York County Fire/EMS Administrator Hooper stated that when we talk to the Commissioners, he will make up talking points. We will need to come up with fees. What does the vendor get and what does the county get?

6. Training Tower Vendors-

Chief Hooper referenced a memo from the sub-committee on training towers (attached as record of these minutes) and stated that it is time to start writing an RFP.

Saco Police Chief Clements stated that from a law enforcement perspective, we don't need a tower. He continued that they need a stick-built building where the walls can move. Sanford Trade school could perhaps build this, he suggested.

Chief Hooper replied that we could do two buildings that meet everyone's needs. He informed all that he did speak to the Draeger representative about this. The concerns are having law enforcement and fire training where there are fires, etc. in the same building. The representative explained to Chief Hooper that they've built some that can be separated.

Sanford Interim Fire Chief Rick Smith stated that we have the support of Sanford Regional Technical school. We have good agreements set with them already.

Chief Clements explained that for explosive breaching you want to find places that are going to be torn down.

County Manager Zinser responded that we did not have an explosive breach conversation. Buildings can be designed to encompass both fire and police. We recognize we need to do both. He continued that the burn tower is not just for fire. The primary use does not exclude police to use it for their training, he explained.

Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont commented that he toured the buildings and one that has removable walls. He explained that one can configure the structure to look like an office space, mobile home, etc. He added that it seemed pretty useful for training.

County Manager Zinser stated that we are very understanding of these issues. The conversation will be the construction of that stick-built building. You will have both options.

Commissioner Donna Ring asked the County Manager if the burn tower is included in the cost estimate? The County Manager responded, yes, but we don't know right now where this entire process is going to go. We are using primarily ARPA money but CDS money for the Recovery Center is an offset. The County Manager continued that the entire project cost is estimated to be at \$35 million. Right now, we have \$32 million. We are confident that we can close that gap in the next two years.

Fire Chief Rick Smith motioned to begin the RFP process for the training tower. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. All committee members voted in favor.

Chief Hooper informed all that the Draeger representative will be coming here next Wednesday February (8th).

7. Recent Field Trips- Chief Hooper will work on re-scheduling the trip to Brookline MA to see the burn tower that was cancelled due to inclement weather.
8. Next Meeting date- March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.