

NECALG conducts regular meeting Dec. 16

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments was held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Fort Morgan.

Executive Director Larry Worth distributed a resolution appropriating the local match of \$24,962 for FTA Section 5310. NECALG will receive \$102,224 in federal funding to purchase two vehicles to serve elderly and disabled residents of the region. The board of directors approved the resolution appropriating the local match.

A correspondence from the Colorado Department of Transportation was distributed to the board of directors. NECALG has been awarded an FTA Section 5311 grant of \$424,810 for administration and operation of a rural transit system. The board approved a resolution appropriating the local match of \$392,639.

Worth noted NECALG received an FTA Section 5316 grant for continuation of the demonstration project in the City of Fort Morgan and the purchase of one vehicle. The board approved a resolution appropriating the local match of \$92,540.

A contract to provide non-emergent medical transportation for Banner Health clients to Banner Health Hospital facilities was approved by the board. The contract may not exceed \$60,000 without a written amendment to the contract with Banner Health Hospital Systems.

Administrative and Operations Supervisor Darlene Thorndyke reviewed the November operations report for County Express. From January to November 2009, County Express provided 113,542 trips. From January to November, County Express employees drove 782,954 miles and operated 52,312 hours to provide public transportation for residents of Northeastern Colorado.

Greg Etl, regional manager for the Department of Local Affairs, distributed the NECALG contract for \$30,000 for the 2010 Community Development and Technical Assistance Program. Projects with mini-grants or projects to the City of Fort Morgan, Morgan County Economic Development, City of Sterling, Washington County, Town of Haxtun and the City of Holyoke.

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Executive Director Worth noted a contract with each of the local entities will be developed for the January board meeting. The board approved the contract with DOLA for \$30,000.

A resolution amending the 2009 budget was distributed to the board. Revenue from the state and federal governments and private foundations has increased by \$355,931 for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009. The board approved a resolution increasing the 2009 budget from \$7,143,697 to \$7,499,629 and authorized the executive director to amend the 2009 budget to include all pass through contributions through the East, Central, Northeastern Colorado Enterprise zone for the financial audit ending Dec. 31.

Worth distributed the budget message for the 2010 budget for the board. Revenue will increase from \$7,499,629 in 2009 to \$9,270,093.26 in 2010. The total increase is \$1,770,464. NECALG has received increased funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the Home Weatherization Program, Community Services Block Grant Program and Area Agency on Aging.

The budget message notes, "The following programs and services will be provided during the 2010 budget year: dental and eyecare services through the Community Services Block Grant Program; special projects through the CSBG program funded by ARRA; home weatherization and energy conservation through the governor's office of energy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; case management for the single entry point options for long term care program; services for senior citizens through the area agency on aging; public transportation and non-emergent medical transportation through County Express; technical assistance and community development through the mini-grant program funded by the Department of Local Affairs; and marketing assistance and administration of the enterprise zone through the Economic Development Commission."

The board of directors approved the 2010 budget and a resolution appropriating funds for the 2010 budget.

The monthly report for the area agency on aging was distributed to the board. In November, the Meet and Eat sites served 3,302 meals at the congregate meal sites in the region. The area agency on aging provided 4,331 home delivered meals. In November, the single entry point, options for long term care program served 668 clients.

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The accounts payable was distributed to the board. Payroll for November was \$175,977.72. Payables for November totaled \$360,937.12 for a total accounts payable of \$536,914.84.