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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL GRANT PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Date and Time: 2:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Location: Home Loan State Bank Community Room

Attendees:
Quint Shear
Craig Springer
Bobbie Daniel
Dusti Reimer
Chloe Lomprey
Charles Balke
Brian Chervey
Brian Woods
William Baker

Agenda:

I. Call to Order at 2:33 pm.

II. General Public Comment.

a. D. Reimer shared the grant presentation format. Each presenter will be allowed 5 minutes to present. She will hold up the sign at the 1-minute remaining mark. If the board has any questions, they will ask after the presentation. Thank you all for being here.

III. Presentations by Fall 2026 Grant Cycle applicants:

a. Traditional Grants:

i. 2026-FT-01 Clifton Regional Public Safety Facility from Clifton Fire Protection District

1. Grant Request: $500,000

2. Presenters: Brian Woods & Brian Cherveny

a. Questions:

i. C. Springer said your existing facility is out growing. From a time, perspective its almost too old to be functional. Will you be remodeling or redoing the existing station?

ii. Yes, we want to maintain the two station model. This new one will be the main station model. The existing will be a satellite station. You can tour the facility – it's been remodeled several times and its beyond its useful life.

iii. C. Springer asked how far you extend towards Palisade?

    1. About to 35 Road.

iv. Q. Shear asked about staffing?

    1. Chief came on in 2024 and they have 18 full-time personnel. They've added up to 21. We are at 12 part-time personnel. With the new station, we're looking to add at least part-time personnel to help staff. We're going south more and more and this will help with that. Right away we need more part-time personnel. There will be at least 6 at this station and at least 3-4 at the other station.

v. Q. Shear asked if this maintenance be covered by the tax increase?

    1. Yes, this will be covered by that.

vi. B. Daniel said I like the sign, and you talked about the boundaries. You go farther than that with the mutual aid agreement.

    1. Yes.

vii. B. Daniel asked about it being shovel ready. When do you want to start?

    1. We are moving at a quick speed; we'd like to get started in January.

viii. B. Daniel asked if they didn't get the funding, would you still be able to build this on this scale.

    1. The answer is yes.

ix. B. Daniel asked when the voters approved it, was it this design?

    1. We didn't have this design, but we had 67% support in the most economic deprived area of Mesa County.

x. B. Daniel asked if there was a training facility included with this?

    1. Yes. It's getting harder and harder to get into the Whitewater Facility. So, we included one

here in the plans. We would offer this regionally as well. We keep referring to this as a regional plan and center to be used by other departments as well.

xi. C. Springer said we have a lot of money invested in that other training facility, what are the challenges?

1. It's just harder and harder to book it and get access. It gets used a lot.

ii. 2026-FT-02 Planning and Design of Future Police Annex by City of Grand Junction Police Department

1. Grant Request: $500,000
2. Presenters: Deputy Chief William Baker.
    a. Questions:
        i. C. Springer said if planning ends October 22nd and you want State Occupancy in 2028; can it be built that quickly?
            1. We are trying with our road map to have it tied in with our budget to be planning for next year. A lot depends on how much comes in on design and how big we need to be. We're trying to be strategically think this through, unlike we did with our current facility. This should be a 25-year facility. We don't know what we don't know until design and architecture. By October we should have that finalized plan completed with some fairly good budgetary direction for the city to move forward on that. It will be up to the city to decide what budget to use. Our plan is to break ground early 2028. I don't know what I don't know. I'm not sure how big the design will be and if it can be done in 2028 or continue into 2029. I know it's not a great answer, but I won't know until we get more design portions done.
        ii. C. Springer asked how far away will this be away from the original building?
            1. Half a block. It's that big dirt lot where CDOT parks a lot of their stuff.
        iii. C. Springer asked if the back and forth will be an issue?
            1. No. We've had to play that out quite a bit. Our vision, and again it's subject to architects, is to have the short-term traffic stuff to do drop off.

A lot of training stuff like classes we can have off site. We don't have any room for patrol vehicles right now. Everyone right now, we don't have space for employees to park personal vehicles. A lot would be shifted over there. All primary duties will stay at the regular department, so we don't get silo from having people split up. A lot of facility and storage would move off site.

iv. Q. Shear said you're getting a million from the city budget. Is that the 2027 budget and has it been approved?

    1. No, the budget is still pending.

v. Q. Shear said so that is not approved.

vi. B. Daniel said it was planned but shelved for years?

    1. Yes, it's been moved several times. In the last 5 years it has been a real hot topic for the city, and the council is in full support to move this forward. It has just been, as everyone knows, the financial side is tough, when you're looking at a multi-million-dollar facility. We have got to do something, because we have no additional space. Personnel we have grown. We were supposed to be at 142 swore officers, when we did the 2012 initial tax increase. This was the first year we've actually reached that number. The city has grown exponentially. We were 81,000-82,000 calls this last year. We've added personnel, and we are absolutely out of room for those personnel to be there.

vii. B. Daniel said if they do the planning and design, how confident do you feel the city will include that in their budget?

    1. From the conversations I've heard, fairly well. The funding mechanism, with speaking with Jay Valentine, they feel that it can be sustainable.

viii. B. Daniel said with a bond?

    1. Yes.

ix. B. Daniel asked if they would go to the voters for that.

    1. They are not sure if they will go to the bond.

x. B. Daniel said the funding mechanism is still in play but won't know until the planning is done.
    1. Yes, because that will be in 2027 when they finalize and will know what funding mechanism makes sense based on what everything costs. Nothing on the construction side is cheap. The only time it was cheap was four years ago or last year. It goes up every year.

iii. 2026-FT-03 Radio Equipment from Town of Palisade Fire Department
    1. Grant Request: $79,741
    2. Presenter: Chief Charles Balke
        a. Questions:
            i. Q. Shear asked if they were able to get the radios serviced locally?
                1. Yes, we have a local vendor and programmer.
            ii. Q. Shear asked what the life is on the radios.
                1. We are being told a ten-year warranty. If we stay on top of our maintenance. We've tried replacing radios over the years and batteries don't match and service capabilities don't match.
            iii. B. Daniel asked if that warranty will be able to include the battery?
                1. Batteries have a two-year warranty.
            iv. B. Daniel asked if there is any issues they can exchange?
                1. Yes, and if they have a prorated program, after the two years. We've done that before when we've had some end of service batteries.
            v. B. Daniel asked if you get a better deal with buying more?
                1. Yes, we get a higher discount when buying bulk.
            vi. B. Daniel asked what the VHF stands for.
                1. Very High Frequency.
            vii. B. Daniel said you referred to the federal partners, who are they?
                1. It includes the Forest Service, the BLM, UNC, UCR, Division of Fire Prevention and the Mesa

County Wildland team. They do have a few DTR radios. Wildland and brushfire. Other ones, besides Mesa County Fire Departments, get shifted to VHF radios. We've had resources on Turner Gulch, the Sniger Fire and all the larger fires. It's been a busy couple of years.

viii. Q. Shear said the 800 is all the other agencies?

1. Yes. We'll be able to communication with the 800 radios, and we could go anywhere in the state and communicate with anyone on that system. We can talk with Law Enforcement other fire agencies.

b. Unscheduled Business.

i. Q. Shear said thank you to everyone. We will look at the awards on October 21st to see the results of the process in scoring. Good luck everyone.

c. Workshop closed at 3:07 pm.