

Development:

I have sent Notifications of Intent, maps, and project descriptions to each the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey and the State Historic Preservation Office as well as copies to Tourism & Recreation to continue our process with the Land & Water Conservation Fund for our golf course irrigation. We now await their project area reviews and approvals or the lack thereof. Although the awards were selected MUCH sooner than they had projected, I am told that we realistically still have a couple years. (as a reminder, this is a \$297,000 project; our award is \$148,500).

Regarding the Recovery Act funding (COPS grant) I'm working on for an additional police officer, we are requesting \$121,817. This covers 3 years of all costs (well, base salary, benefits; possible raises) for one officer. Our commitment will be to pay at least one year at the end (year #4) at least at the rate he/she is receiving at the end of year #3. (Base pay of \$21,600. plus total of benefits \$16,741. = \$38,341. Multiply this by 3 years and add estimated possible increase percentages for insurance, etc. This equals \$121,817. IF there were increases each year equal to program estimates, this would have us paying the COPS officer \$23,814. with benefits costing \$18,957., a total of \$42,771, at the end of his/her third year. Therefore, we would be agreeing to pay him/her the fourth year at at least that level.)

Our sales tax revenue for February was \$21,384. The highest total for February we've had previous was \$16,920. (which was in 2008).

Well, that's all the news that IS news from around the world, across the Nation, and up your street! In the event I've not managed to explain the COPS thing clearly do not hesitate to ask.

James