Meeting August 13, 2026

REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RHSOC)
SCOCOG CONFERENCE ROOM
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RHSOC members present:

Sector	*Primary*	*Present*		*Alternate*	*Present*
Mayor or City Administrator					
	Ron Scheets (Cabool)	X		Beverly Hicks (Willow Springs)	
County Commissioner					
	Terry Newton (Ozark County)			Scott Long (Texas County)	X
Private Industry/Public Utility					
	Vacant			***Vacant***	
Emergency Medical Service					
	Jack Davis (Willow Springs)			Frank Steelman (TCMH)	X
#911					
	Jeff Holman (Wright County)			Nick Heavrin (Mountain View)	X
Director of Emergency Management	Mike Coldiron (Howell County)	X		Chris Johnston (Oregon County)	
Chief of Police					
	Brian Bunch (West Plains)	X		Danny Bledsoe (Mountain Grove)	
County Sheriff					
	Cass Martin (Ozark County)	X		Matt Roberts (Howell County)	
Chief of Fire					
	Kevin Piland (Gainesville VFD)	X		Andy Logan (Willow Springs)	
County Health					
	Justin Frazier (Howell County)	X		***Vacant***	
Homeland Security Response Team					
	Chris Sterner (West Plains)	X		Wayne Cormier (West Plains)	X
City or County Public Works					
	Tyler Shehorn (Cabool)	X		Stacey Monter (Cabool)	
Agricultural Sector					
	Joe Marsillo (Texas County)	X		Amber Stanley (Ozark K9 Team)	X
Volunteer Sector					
	Melissa Forester (Ozark K9 Team)	X		Jerry Lewis (Pumpkin Center)	
Education Sector					
	Brad Cooper (Plato)			Stephanie McKinney (Success)	
GIS					
	David Jens (Howell County)			***Vacant***	
	Kristin Kayser	OHS			
	Kent Barnes	Ellington VFD			
	Mike Burgess	Region G K9			
	Kent Edge	SEMA			
	Andy Logan	Willow Springs Fire Department			
	Joshua Wichowski	West Plains Police Department			

	Brandon Romans	West Plains Police Department		
	Curtis Ledbetter	Ozark County		
	Kevin Faulkner	Salutes WP		
	Bethany Faulkner	Salutes WP		
	Frank Vogel	Summersville Fire		
	Roger Strope	MOSWIN (phone)		
	SCOCOG Staff Present:			
	Melanie Barnett	Assistant Director		
	Angie Ball	Marketing Coordinator		

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll of voting members was taken and there was a quorum.

Scott Long moved to approve the August 2026 agenda. Mike Coldiron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Scott Long noted a duplication of the phrase "to the West Plains" in the April 9, 2026 minutes in the Grant Updates section. I said I would remove one of the phrases and make the correction.

Ron Scheets moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting. Kevin Piland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business

RHSOC Committee Status

Curtis said that the Private Industry/Public Utility Primary and Alternate sectors were both vacant, and the County Health Alternate sector was vacant as well as the GIS Alternate sector.

Grant Updates: FY2022 – FY2023 – FY2024 – FY2025

Melanie said that in regard to FY2022, specifically the Canine search team drone, she has submitted the additional paperwork for FEMA approval. In regard to FY2024, she has submitted paperwork for FEMA approval for the Ozark County Sheriff's Drone, and she is purchasing additional collars for the Region G Canine Search Team. She said that the Summersville Fire & Rescue Radios and Repeaters have been installed, and the claim has been submitted. She also submitted a claim for the West Plains Fire Department Sustainment and Supplies. Regarding FY2025, the subaward agreements have been signed, but supplies cannot be ordered without approval of the agreements from OHS.

Region G Training & Exercise

Kent said that on August 17 and 18, from 6:00-10:00 there will be a class in Gainesville about handling LP gas. On September 10, the regional coordinators meeting will be held from 9:30-12:00. On September 21-22, from 6:00-10:00 an LP gas class will be

held in Hartville. On September 23-25, the SEMA Conference will be held in Columbia. On October 14, there will be a livestock rollover training in West Plains.

New Business

OHS / HSAC / THIRA – Updates

OHS

Kristin said that in most cases, they will no longer be doing extensions. She said that in regard to FY2025, get with Melanie and get those completed asap. She stressed the importance of getting started on the drone paperwork. She said that the FY2025 regionalization is ready to go, and in regard to FY2026, the award has been accepted from FEMA. She said all funding decisions have to be made today to be able to submit by the end of September. She outlined some other funding opportunities. She also said that if funded today, do not buy anything today, until you hear from them.

HSAC

THIRA - Updates

Kristin said that the THIRA is due in 2028.

Interoperable Communications / MOSWIN – DPS

Roger said that the Jefferson City simulcast is finishing up, and AT&T is currently augmenting FirstNet. He said that if any events are requested, contact the MOSWIN website. He added that the new communications plan was distributed earlier this year. He also gave his contact information.

Agency Updates – (SEMA / DNR / DHSS / DFS / DOA)

SEMA

DNR

DHSS

DFS

Chris said that Tim Beam is no longer the State Fire Marshal, and Matt Luetkemeyer is the interim State Fire Marshal.

DOA

Linda Lackman emailed out updates and hard copies were available as well.

FY2026 Grant Selection

Curtis reminded the group of the guidelines including:

Only committee members may vote on project applications. Please remember that politics and personal beliefs should not influence your vote. These projects fund

regional assets and should be evaluated on their merits. Our reviewers invested significant time scoring each application and providing comments for the committee's consideration. This is a competitive process. Please do not ask applicants questions beyond the information provided in their submitted applications. It is essential that we have a quorum, as there is no additional time available to reschedule.

Kristin also gave additional guidelines on voting and added that all items must be considered deployable. She said that all items belong to the RHSOC's and when you are done with them, those need to be turned back to the RHSOC. Items must also have Homeland Security stickers.

Curtis said that there is $71,132.21 to spend today.

The group then discussed each application.

The first application discussed was the West Plains Police Department Drone for $19,000.00 The administrative review comments said that this will require a FEMA waiver. Brandon and Joshua answered questions about how they would use the drone.

The second application was the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Interoperability Equipment including ten mobile radios with installation, ten portable radios with accessories, and ten repeaters with installation for $147,416.00. Curtis read the administrative review comments which stated that the mobile and portable radios are not allowable as encryption was not included on quote for $119,748.80, and the ten repeaters w/installation for $26,274.90 were allowable. The overage of $1,392.30 was unexplained.

The third application was from the Ellington Fire Department for five sets of turnout gear in the amount of $23,120.00. Curtis said there were no comments. Kristin added that partial funding is allowed.

The fourth application was the Howell County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security FY2026 application for one security camera, two touchscreens, one desktop computer with keyboard and mouse, one monitor, and one laser printer for $16,674.31. There were no comments.

The fifth application was the Ellington Fire Department for two portable radios with accessories and two repeaters with installation and FCC license for $18,986.08. Curtis said that the comments stated that the tax of $1,290.23 was not allowable.

The sixth application was the Cabool Police Department MDT Rapid ID system for eight MDTs with docking stations and three fingerprint scanners for $56,450.00. There were no comments.

The seventh application was the Mountain View Police Department FY2026 SHSP for two video camera systems for $5,990.00. Curtis said that the comments listed stated that the application did not include shipping costs and no installation costs were listed.

The eighth application was the Ozark County Sheriff's Office Operation Rapid Recovery sonar system for $17,995.00. The comments stated that this requires an EHP, and Kristin added that anything that disturbs a habitat, etc. required this EHP and training is required.

At this time, voting occurred.

The first application the group discussed was the Howell County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security FY2026 Sustainment and one-year Starlink subscription in the amount of $2,400.00. Motion to fully fund the Howell County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security FY2026 Sustainment and one-year Starlink subscription in the amount of $2,400.00 was made by Cass Martin and seconded by Melissa Forester. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The second application the group discussed was the City of West Plains Fire Department Region G HSRRT Sustainment 2026 for 12 Hazmat suits with shipping in the amount of $19,000.00. Motion to fully fund the City of West Plains Fire Department Region G HSRRT Sustainment 2026 for 12 Hazmat suits with shipping in the amount of $19,000.00 was made by Kevin Piland and seconded by Melissa Forester. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea

Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – abstain
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Twelve yea votes, zero nay votes, one abstained. The motion carried.

The third application the group discussed was the West Plains Police Department Soft Target Drone, three drone kits, for $24,000.00. Motion to partially fund the West Plains Police Department Soft Target Drone, one drone kit, for $8,000.00 was made by Cass Martin and seconded by Brian Bunch. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – abstain
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Twelve yea votes, zero nay votes, one abstained. The motion carried.

The fourth application the group discussed was the Douglas County Sheriff's Office interoperability equipment including ten mobile radios with installation, ten portable radios with accessories, and the ten repeaters with installation, for $24,000.00. Motion to deny funding to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for interoperability equipment including ten mobile radios with installation, ten portable radios with accessories, and the ten repeaters with installation, for $24,000.00 was made by Melissa Forester and seconded by Frank Steelman. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea

Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The fifth application the group discussed was the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for five sets of turnout gear, for $23,120.00. Motion to partially fund the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for one set of turnout gear, for $4,624.00 was made by Ron Scheets and seconded by Frank Steelman. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The sixth application the group discussed was the Howell County Sheriff's Office for one security camera, two touchscreens, one desktop computer with keyboard and mouse, one monitor, and one laser printer, for $16,674.31. Motion to partially fund the Howell County Sheriff's Office for one touchscreen, one desktop computer, one monitor, and one laser printer, for $6,125.66 was made by Brian Bunch and seconded by Kevin Piland. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The seventh application the group discussed was the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for two portable radios with accessories and two repeaters with installation and FCC license for $18,986.08. Motion to partially fund the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for two portable radios with accessories and two repeaters with installation and FCC license for $17,695.85 was made by Mike Coldiron and seconded by Scott Long. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The eighth application the group discussed was the Cabool Police Department for eight MDTs with docking stations and three fingerprint scanners for $56,450.00. Motion to partially fund the Cabool Police Department for one MDT with docking station and two fingerprint scanners for $10,291.70 was made by Chris Sterner and seconded by Frank Steelman. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The ninth application the group discussed was the Mountain View Police Department for two video camera systems for $5,990.00. Motion to partially fund the Mountain View Police Department for one video camera system for $2,995.00 was made by Chris Sterner and seconded by Joe Marsillo. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – yea
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – yea

Thirteen yea votes, zero nay votes, zero abstained. The motion carried.

The tenth application the group discussed was the Ozark County Sheriff's Office for Operation Rapid Recovery for sonar for $17,995.00. Motion to deny the Ozark County Sheriff's Office for Operation Rapid Recovery for sonar for $17,995.00 was made by Chris Sterner and seconded by Ron Scheets. Roll call vote of the representatives present is as follows:

Ron Scheets – yea
Scott Long – yea
Frank Steelman – yea
Nick Heavrin – yea
Mike Coldiron – yea
Brian Bunch – yea
Cass Martin – abstain
Kevin Piland – yea
Justin Frazier – yea
Chris Sterner – yea
Tyler Shehorn – yea
Joe Marsillo – yea
Melisssa Forester – abstain

Eleven yea votes, zero nay votes, two abstained. The motion carried.

At this time, motion was made by Chris Sterner that any savings from today's voting total up to $1,290.23 be given to the Ellington Fire Department for the rest of the radios and repeaters. Frank Steelman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FYI and Other Items

Any other items that may come to the Board

Scott Long asked Kristin about breaking down the costs for each item on the spreadsheet before the meeting; Kristin said that she could not do that, as it would be too time consuming.

Announcements

Melanie asked those present if there would be a better/different way to send out invites to get a quorum. It was decided that I would still send out the email, and she would send a group text before the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting date is October 8, 2026 at SCOCOG at 1:00 p.m., with the option to call in for guests only.

Cass Martin made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Melissa Forester. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Approved for content
Curtis Ledbetter

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Date