

MINUTES

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 8, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Kane County Emergency Services Training Facility/Search & Rescue Building
30 West Airport Drive, Kanab, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair
Carolyn White
Commissioner Dell LeFevre
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Harold Haynie for Becki Bronson
Commissioner Jim Matson
Mayor Robert Houston
Wendy Allan
Commissioner Victor Iverson
Mayor John Brammall
LaRene Cox
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lowery Snow
Commissioner Dirk Clayton
Mayor Phillip Barlow
Raymond Barlow
Dean Cox
Kelly Stowell
Bette Arial
Lisa Taylor
Adam Snow
Courtney Brinkerhoff
Mark Tilby
Bryan Thiriot
Jo Seegmiller
Allison McCoy

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Nolan Davis, Excused
Mayor Jerry Taylor
Ken Platt
Mayor Connie Robinson
Donna Law

REPRESENTING

Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Schools Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Mayor Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative
Dixie State University

Utah State Representative
Kane County Commission
Hildale City
Hildale City
Self
Kane County Economic Development
Senator Lee's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Senator Hatch's Office
Department of Workforce Services
Five County Association of Governments
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Beaver County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Schools Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative
Southern Utah University

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Mr. Harold Haynie was representing Ms. Becki Bronson, Iron County Schools Representative; Mr. Mike Olson was representing Frank Lojko, Dixie State University Representative; and Mayor John Brammall

represented the Washington County Mayors. Mayor Nolan Davis, Beaver County Mayor Representative, asked to be excused.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mike Dalton led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

II. MINUTES APRIL 20, 2016 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair, indicated that a quorum was present to conduct business and presented minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

One correction to the minutes was noted on page seven under congressional updates to read: "... National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board".

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNE 8, 2016 RATIFICATIONS

Commissioner Mike Dalton presented the following promotions and/or pay for performance increases as recommended by Bryan Thiriot and approved by the Finance Committee: **1) Myron Lee, Transportation--** Promotion from MPO Planning Manager to the position of MPO Planning Director. This includes a salary increase from \$5,429 a month to \$5,683 per month; **2) Tammy Douglas, Care About Child Care--** Promotion from Quality Improvement Specialist to Training Supervisor, with a salary increase from \$2,447 to \$2,844 per month; **3) Nathan Reeves, Care About Child Care--** Pay for performance increase from \$2,447 to \$2,597 per month; **4) Joshua Weaver, Weatherization--** Promotion from Weatherization Energy Technician to Weatherization Energy Auditor, with a salary increase from \$2,772 to \$2,844 per month; **5) Scott Bolander, Weatherization--** Promoted from Weatherization Coordinator to Inventory Control Specialist UCI Inspector, with a salary increase from \$3,075 to \$3,247 per month; **6) Janeil Jackson, Aging--** Increase from 20 to 29 hours per week, with a salary increase from \$2,221 to \$3,296 per month. Janeil has been with Five County for 21 years; **7) Kristi Lasson, Aging--** Increase from 24 to 29 hours per week, with a salary increase from \$2,466 to \$ 3,053 per month. Kristi has been with Five County for 16 years; **8) Megan McCourt, Aging--** Increased from 3/4 time to full time, with a salary increase from \$2,318 to \$3,247 per month. Megan has been with Five County for five years and is opting out of the health insurance coverage.

Commissioner Mike Dalton commented that the pay for performance increases and/or promotions would be reflected in the FY 2017 budget that will be reviewed and considered as a separate agenda item.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, TO APPROVE FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

IV. FY 2016 BUDGET REVISIONS

Commissioner Mike Dalton opened a public hearing to discuss FY 2016 budget revisions. Ms. Allison McCoy reported that copies of the FY 2016 budget revisions were provided in the Steering Committee packet for review prior to today's meeting. These revisions were discussed and approved by the Finance Committee earlier today. The main change in the budget is reflected with the National Community Service organizations request for Five County to extend the Rural Foster Grandparent Program through the end of the new fiscal year. Continuation of this program will not include any match requirements for the Five County AOG. Revisions in the Aging Division reflect increased funding into specific program budgets. Some of the other program budgets have slightly increased and/or decreased funding. Noting no specific comments and/or questions, Commissioner Mike Dalton declared the public hearing closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HAROLD HAYNIE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, TO ACCEPT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET REVISIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

V. FY 2017 BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair, declared the FY 2017 Budget hearing open to discuss, present and approve the FY 2017 budget for the Five County Association of Governments. Ms. Allison McCoy reported that copies of the draft FY 2017 budget were included in meeting packets for review prior to today's meeting. This is pretty similar to the FY 2016 budget. She referenced several new programs including the Continuum of Care under the Human Services programs, a new Veterans Direct program, and the previously discussed Foster Grandparent Program that will be continued through this fiscal year. It was also noted that the Mutual Self Help program was discontinued and is no longer included in the budget. Mr. Harold Haynie asked a question about the administrative budget with regard to the decreased amount of funding listed under local participation. Ms. McCoy indicated that staff has been successful in providing the administrative functions with other funding sources rather than local participation monies. This is also attributed to the conclusion of lease payments on AOG vehicles. Commissioner Mike Dalton noted no additional comments and closed the public hearing.

VI. ADOPTION OF FY 2017 BUDGET

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the FY 2017 budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HAROLD HAYNIE, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE THE FY 2017 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION ON THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Representative Lowery Snow, District 74, noted that the last legislative session was a success. There are a couple of items of interest in regards to rural county government. He reported that a special session was held last month. Near the end of the veto period,

Governor Herbert elected to veto some education bills related to funding. Some of the concerns raised were valid in this regard, and these issues were addressed in the special legislative session. It is important for a greater focus on vendor technology in public education and to make sure that there is not duplication. An interim meeting was also dedicated to review these issues. Another action item during the special session included passing a resolution relating to the Bear's Ears National Monument. It is anticipated that President Obama will exercise his executive power to designate approximately 1.9 million acres to establish this new monument. This is a huge amount of land located in San Juan County that has special meaning to the American Indian tribes and Native Americans living in this area who consider certain portions of the land sacred. There is some division between the Native American population, but most of the leadership is behind objecting to the monument designation. This resolution passed both houses and was signed by Governor Herbert. The resolution is not binding, but it provides a political statement from the legislature that is supported by the majority of citizens in the state of Utah opposing designation of a new monument. It is also rumored that designation of this monument would be one of three monuments under consideration for designation in Utah. Public land issues is an area of significant attention for the Utah legislative bodies.

One item of specific interest includes appropriation of \$250,000 to initially fund the Rural Utah Alliance. The interest and focus on rural issues seems to stop south of Provo. The purpose of the alliance is to provide greater support for issues related to rural Utah. It is anticipated that the majority of rural counties will participate in this alliance. The funding will be utilized to address and provide legal counsel for rural county issues, especially in relation to the federal government. Mr. Snow discussed SB 155 which created an indigent defense commission. It was noted that Utah provides funds for indigent defense on a county by county basis. Another bill of interest is SB 246 which relates to the Community Impact Fund Board. This allows Utah to invest \$51 million in a deep water port in Oakland, California for transport of Utah Coal to foreign markets. The state of Utah would become an investor/lender to a private industry and would not own the port. San Juan, Sanpete, Emery and Carbon counties, who are suffering economically, have made application to the CIB to fund this project. The local markets have been shut down for some of the cleanest coal in the world. However, there is a market overseas for this clean coal. CIB funds are derived from mineral leases on government owned land and are typically used to alleviate the impacts of natural resource development. Funding for this project is being lent by the state of Utah with the CIB funds in place as a backup. This project has experienced a lot of controversy in Utah as well as in California. This is being done as an effort to alleviate high unemployment issues in these four counties. The current federal government administration is doing everything in their power to shut down the use of fossil fuels in the United States. This will have a direct impact on the state of Utah.

Representative Snow reported that a significant amount of funding was allocated for education. Eleven million dollars in new money was allocated to preschool programs. There was a lot of discussion about SAGE scores for utilization in rating and evaluating teachers. SAGE testing will be discussed during the next Legislative session.

Other items of interest from the 2016 Legislative session included the medical marijuana bills, collection of sales taxes on Internet purchases, and large water projects. Representative Snow answered questions regarding the indigent defense commission and goals to address this issue moving forward in an effort to avoid litigation. Further discussion included the overreach of the federal government and designation of

monuments. Representative Snow explained that President Obama would utilize the Antiquities Act for designation of new national monuments, the same act that has been used in past designations. Governor Herbert is trying to be aggressive, but also recognizing that the state must be cautious in terms of their approach to litigation at this point. Commissioner Victor Iverson asked a question regarding an Article V convention. Representative Snow indicated that he is not afraid of anything in the Constitution and a lot of work has been ongoing to develop a framework in terms of the procedure, if an Article V is called. Other groups are working on amendments regarding term limits, a balanced budget, etc.

VIII. MEALS-ON-WHEELS VEHICLES - PROPOSAL

Ms. Allison McCoy presented a proposal developed by Ms. Carrie Schonlaw, Director of Aging Programs for the Five County Association of Governments. A one-time allocation has been provided by the state of Utah from Older American Act funding in the amount of \$160,000 to Five County for allocation of one-time purchases and not to include ongoing expenses. The funding can be utilized for capital expenses in support of nutrition services. This amount of funding has been included in the FY 2017 budget under the nutrition program cost center. In discussion with the County Aging Coordinators, the most critical need was determined to be meals-on-wheels vehicles. This funding would require local match that would determine the number of vehicles could be purchased. Several scenarios were presented and discussed. Commissioner Victor Iverson concluded that Washington County has the match in place and they would take all five vehicles if permitted. There needs to be an established process in place for allocation of this funding. Ms. McCoy indicated that the cost of each vehicle would be \$45,000 and all of the counties are in need of new vehicles. It was the consensus of the Committee that a working group be established by Ms. Schonlaw, consisting of the County Aging Directors, to discuss this issue further to develop a recommendation for presentation to the Steering Committee for their consideration.

IX. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Bryan Thiriot indicated that two out-of-state travel requests were included in the packet as follows: **1) Gary Zabriskie**-- To attend the Western Planner Conference in Great Falls, Montana on August 10-12, 2016; and **2) Carrie Sigler**-- A request to attend the National Association for Family Childcare Yearly Conference July 6-9, 2016 in San Diego, California. Funds are included in the FY 2017 budget to cover associated costs for both travel requests.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY MS. LARENE COX, TO APPROVE THE TWO OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

C. CONGRESSIONAL UPDATES

Ms. Bette Arial, Senator Lee's office, reported that Dan Love, Chief Law Enforcement Officer for Utah and Nevada with the Bureau of Land Management, has been transferred and is now working out of the State BLM office in Salt Lake City. According to a BLM News Release, his position as a BLM Special Agent includes the oversight of BLM facilities nationwide. Zachary Oper, who is based in Nevada, will assume Love's old position. Of interest, the U.S. Forest Service does not have, nor do they plan on having, a similar position. It was noted that this was a demotion which included a three step salary reduction. Senator Lee's staff is working on SB 361, The Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act. This legislation calls for the Secretary of the Interior to offer excess federal lands at competitive pricing. Senate Bill 2004 requires that any proclamation for a national monument appear in existing federal law. This is an interesting bill that can be forwarded upon request. Senator Lee is also working on passage of the email privacy act. This deals with the federal government being able to access private email information that is stored on electronic devices. It was also noted that Senator Lee and many other Senators have warned Loretta Lynch that the witch hunt of Obama's energy opponents must stop and that it is an abuse of power. They are also demanding that the Department of Justice cease investigation into opponents of Obama's Energy Policy. The Bureau of Land Management recently held a scoping meeting on their Coal Plan EIS. She read names of a number of coal mines and trucking companies who transport the coal that spoke in favor of coal mining. She also shared the names of several environmental groups and others speaking in opposition. The EIS included several pages of bullet points of both supporters and opponents. The scoping meeting included a very vigorous debate of those in attendance. Ms. Arial thanked all counties for their participation in their mobile office visits. Senator Lee's staff will now be visiting all of the counties they represent to meet with business owners to discuss their needs and/or issues.

Ms. Courtney Brinkerhoff, Senator Hatch's office, reported that the Senator recently completed his tour of southern Utah. Included in his visit was a presentation of the purple heart and other metals for a veteran in Beaver County who was killed in action during World War II and had not previously received recognition. Senator Hatch is working on legislation to protect the Hurricane Sand Dunes and to turn the dunes over to Washington County for management. Senator Hatch visited all of the national parks in southern Utah as well as Natural Bridges National Monument, which is in close proximity to the site of the proposed Bears Ears National Monument. It appears that the current Obama administration may be taking note of the opposition in Utah and that perhaps some other types of protection can be offered as opposed to designation of a national monument. Work is continuing on the Jackson Flat Reservoir in Kane County. A response from the Army Corps of Engineers is anticipated in the near future. A hearing was recently held in regard to the grazing bill and it is hoped that this bill will move forward. The Coal Creek Flood project in Iron County is now officially funded and ready to move forward. Senator Hatch is currently working on the National Defense Authorization Act.

Commissioner Mike Dalton moved to agenda Item # F to discuss CIB applications in order to accommodate committee member that will be leaving the meeting.

F. COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD (CIB) REVIEWS

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reviewed applications submitted to the Permanent Community Impact Board as follows: **1) Iron County--** Courthouse remodel; **2) Hatch Town--** Roads and Transportation Master Plan; **3) Parowan City--** Implementation Strategy; **4) LaVerkin City--** 300 West Road Project; **5) Beaver City--** Airport Runway Renovation Project; **6) Garfield County--** Public Works Facility; **7) Hildale City--** Flood Control and Storm Water Detention Improvements; **8) Santa Clara City--** Truman Drive Landslide Stabilization Improvements; **9) Toquerville City--** General Plan and Master Transportation Plan; and **10) Enoch City--** Rush Lake Well Project. Copies of the review sheets were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Mike Dalton indicated that the Board has to option to approve, not approve or remain neutral on project applications.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Commissioner Mike Dalton returned to agenda item #C. Congressional Updates

Mr. Adam Snow, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported that their office is also working on the Grazing Act. The Congressman has introduced legislation that would de-fund the BLM law enforcement efforts. Legislation to address this issue will continue to be pushed forward. Mr. Snow also reviewed important funding for equipment that is manufactured in Utah for attaching to military vehicles. A brief update of the proposed Sage Grouse listing on the endangered species list was reviewed. It was noted that legislation requires the use of the state of Utah Management Plan for this species rather than any plans of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the Bureau of Land Management. The group participated in a brief discussion of wild horses issues and the need to educate citizens as well as congress about the issues that exist with increased populations.

D. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY & DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Mr. Mike Olson, Dixie State University, reported that Frank Lojko is currently serving in two positions at DSU as Vice President of Student Affairs as well as the Vice President of Government Relations. President Williams has determined that this needs to be split into two separate positions. Mr. Lojko will continue to serve as the Vice President of Government Relations moving forward. The interview process to hire a Vice President of Student Affairs is currently underway. Construction of the new student dorms is on schedule. DSU student athletes received the community engagement award for 2015-16 for completing 125 hours of community service.

E. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

None.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mark Tilby, Department of Workforce Services, provided copies of the five year unemployment growth projections for the state of Utah. The information depicts which counties and areas of the state are projected to grow the fastest and at what rate for the next five years. Current unemployment rates are also available for each of the five counties. Unemployment numbers are also provided for the state and nation for comparison purposes. The job growth rate for the state of Utah over the last year is 3.4% as compared to 1.9% for the United States. He also referenced an article recently written by David DeMille and published in The Spectrum newspaper addressing and summarizing the intergenerational poverty initiative. Those interested in obtaining a link to the article can contact Mark Tilby at DWS. Industry projects show southern Utah leading the state of Utah for the next ten years. The number one growth industry for the next ten years is technology, which will actually outdistance health care. Health care is ranked second and it is followed by construction.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2016 in Panguitch, Utah.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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