

MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20, 2010

St. George, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Denny Drake, Chair
Mayor Tom Hirschi, Vice-Chair
LuAnne Forrest
Commissioner Billie Dalton for
Commissioner Chad Johnson
Carolyn White
Commissioner Maloy Dodds
Gladys LeFevre
Commissioner Lois Bulloch
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for
Mayor Connie Robinson
Alan Adams
Commissioner Douglas Heaton
Mayor Nina Laycock
Jim Crisp for Wes Curtis
David Roos for Frank Lojko

REPRESENTING

Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Interim Mayor Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative
Beaver County Commissioner Representative

Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Garfield County Schools Representative
Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative

Iron County Schools Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Southern Utah University
Dixie State College of Utah

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marreen Casper
Bryan Thiriot
Danny Stewart
Mike Empey
Nicky Riordan
Dave Conine
Margaret Stones
Richard McEntire
Perry Mathews
Debra Meyer
Janice Kocher
Scott Albrecht
Allen Henrie
Ken Sizemore
Diane Lamoreaux

Senator Hatch's Office
Senator Bennett's Office
Senator Bennett's Office
Congressman Matheson's Office
SUU Intern
USDA Rural Development
USDA Rural Development - Cedar City
USDA Rural Development - Richfield
USDA Rural Development
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USDA Rural Development
Beaver County
Panguitch City
Five County Association of Governments
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mark Yardley, Excused
Mayor Janet Oldham, Excused
Wendy Allan, Excused

Beaver County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Denny Drake, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Mark Yardley, Beaver County Mayor Representative; Mayor Janet Oldham,

Garfield County Mayor Representative; and Ms. Wendy Allan, Kane County Schools Representative. Commissioner Billie Dalton is representing Commissioner Chad Johnson, Beaver County Commissioner Representative; and Mayor Dutch Deutschlander is representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative. New mayor representatives include Mayor Mark Yardley, Beaver County; Mayor Janet Oldham, Garfield County; Mayor Nina Laycook, Kane County and Mayor Tom Hirschi, Washington County.

II. MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2009 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Chairman Drake noted that a quorum was present and presented minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting for Board consideration and approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2009 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT - STATE PROGRAMS REVIEW

Mr. Sizemore introduced Mr. Dave Conine, State Director for USDA Rural Development, and asked that he provide information for the programs administered through their office. Mr. Conine indicated that through attendance at other local meetings it became apparent that services provided through USDA Rural Development were little known to local government officials. A packet of information was provided outlining specific programs and services. Rural Development partners with various agencies and lenders to provide funding for rural business development, community facilities and housing in rural areas of Utah. Programs are aimed at improving economic opportunity and the quality of life in rural America. Other USDA Rural Development staff members were introduced as follows: 1) Margie Stones, Cedar City Office; 2) Debbie Meyer, Community Facilities; 3) Janice Kocher, Housing Program Director; 4) Perry Mathews, Business and Cooperative Program Director; and 5) Richard McEntire, Business and Industry, Richfield Office. USDA Rural Development has partnered with Color Country Community Housing, Inc. in development of self-help housing projects in various areas of southwest Utah. The business and industry program is similar to programs offered through the Small Business Administration. USDA Rural Development can fund higher loan amounts and offers lower associated fees in many cases. The organization is focused to provide services to rural communities. A listening session will be held Friday, January 22nd on the Southern Utah University Campus. The focus of this meeting will be economic job creation, introduction of programs and listening to local leaders and residents, but the primary purpose will focus on creating jobs in rural Utah. A lot of interest has been shown recently in terms of renewable energy projects, agricultural bio fuels, etc. Staff is positioned to gather information and pursue legitimate projects for renewable energy and/or agriculture.

Commissioner Maloy Dodds expressed interest in learning of possible funding sources for rehabilitation of the Garfield County Courthouse. Mr. Conine explained that the community facilities program can provide funding as a combination loan/grant for many projects. USDA Rural Development also works closely with other funding agencies to obtain grants and/or loans for specific projects. It was announced that a substantial amount of funding is available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This funding will expire September 30, 2010 and there is a push to obligate as much as possible. Staff would like

to work with jurisdictions to bring some of these funds to rural Utah for projects and business loans. Rural Utah is defined as communities of less than 20,000 in population, businesses of less than 50,000 and communities of less than 10,000 for water projects. Mr. Conine encouraged Board members to contact staff to discuss any type of potential projects.

IV. 2010 CENSUS REMINDER

Mr. Ken Sizemore provided a pamphlet regarding the 2010 Census and reminded Board members that the Census will be gearing up in the next couple of months. The 2010 Census consists of only 10 questions and other information is being collected through the American Communities Survey. It is vital that the Census count is as accurate as possible because it will determine apportionments and congressional representation for the state of Utah. Counties and cities should be participating in local count committees. It was noted that everyone in the United States will be counted regardless of citizenship. The Census is also providing a lot of temporary jobs in the state of Utah. This will be an item on the Steering Committee agenda for the next couple of months to promote participation in the 2010 Census.

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

A. CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Diane Lamoreaux reported that Association of Governments staff have been working over the past several months to develop and update the region's Consolidated Plan which covers 2010 through 2015. The plan is available in draft format on the AOG website for review and comment through January 30, 2010. In addition to the five year plan, the Association of Governments is required to develop and update a one year action plan. The 2010 Action Plan outlining the goals for the next year is also available on the website for review and comment. An open house was held this morning to encourage public involvement in the consolidated planning process, but no public was in attendance. She encouraged members to access the website to review these documents. A copy of the Executive Summary will be provided in the February packet for Board action.

B. COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITIES

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux explained that each county is asked to prioritize Community Development Block Grant projects within their respective county. Members of the Steering Committee are asked to meet immediately after this meeting adjourns to discuss and prioritize projects. Mr. Sizemore mentioned that regional priorities are determined through consultation with the Executive Committee. These priorities are as follows: 1) Housing; 2) Community Facilities; 3) Public Utility Infrastructure; 4) Public Safety Activities; 5) Projects to Remove Architectural Barriers; and 6) Parks and Recreation. The regional priorities must be determined prior to approval of the region's Rating and Ranking which is typically approved during the August Steering Committee meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF FIVE COUNTY AOG HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL OFFICERS

Mr. Ken Sizemore referenced information contained on page 11 of the packet outlining recommendations of the Human Services Council for selection of individuals to serve in the capacity of Chair and Vice-Chair. Dr. Kent Heideman, Washington County, has been selected to serve as Chair and Ms. Marsha Perkins, Iron County, has been nominated to serve in the capacity as Vice-Chair. Dr. Heideman has a family dentistry practice in Washington City. He has served on the Council since May of 2006 and his current term on the Council extends through November of 2012. Ms. Perkins works for the Department of Workforce Services in the Division of Eligibility Services. She has served on the Human Services Council since November of 2006 and her current term extends through November of 2012. Both individuals are willing to take on these additional responsibilities.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, TO APPROVE THE HUMAN SERVICE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lois Bulloch explained that the chairmanship of this Council was to rotate to Iron County in the upcoming year. The Council has traditionally been chaired by the Commissioner representative of each county. Because of commitments to chair the Steering Committee and other boards in the upcoming year, she asked that someone else serve as Chair of the Human Services Council. Council members are supportive of the individuals selected to serve in this capacity.

VII. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE

Mr. David Roos, Dixie State College Enrollment services, reported that Mr. Frank Lojko was unable to attend today's meeting. He noted that enrollment numbers from Spring are down slightly from previous reporting. Dixie State College has received approval for a bachelors program in psychology. As noted previously, upper division class enrollment has been experiencing significant increases. The College has made a concerted effort in recruitment of foreign students through visits to China. Representatives are attending international fairs in Asia for further recruitment of students. As a result, the number of foreign students has increased from 12 students last fall to 30 this spring. Total enrollment at Dixie State College is 6,000 for Spring semester, and the college has a 90 percent retention rate from fall to spring.

VIII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Jim Crisp reported that Wes Curtis and Brian Cottam were both unable to attend because of previous commitments. Background information in regard to his previous employment with the Bureau of Land Management and current involvement with SUU Regional Services was provided. The office has recently expanded its efforts and responsibilities, resulting in a new designation as the Southern Utah University Office of Government Relations and Regional Services. A handout was provided outlining current project involvement. Various opportunities are available to engage students directly with communities and agencies throughout southwest Utah.

IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that Senator Hatch voted against the large appropriations bill which included government funding for elective abortions in the District of Columbia. However, he did vote for the \$636 Billion Defense Appropriations Bill because the legislation contains more than \$75 million for Utah defense installations and industries. The Obama administration's Chief Actuary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released analysis of the health care bill which will result in a \$220 billion increase in national health spending, reduce the number of Americans with employer-sponsored coverage, raise taxes on individuals by \$34 billion, raise taxes on businesses by \$37 billion, expand a bankrupt Medicaid program, raise taxes on almost 35 million insured workers by the end of the decade, and reduce access for millions of seniors. Republican senators are hoping that the bill will die in light of last night's election in Massachusetts. The Senator's office has received a lot of calls in regard to victims in Haiti and the legitimacy of various charities. Information on assisting with relief efforts in Haiti can be found at www.usaid.gov by clicking on CIDI (Center for International Disaster Information). This site contains a registry of information in this regard. Appropriations forms are available on Senator Hatch's website and are due March 22nd.

Mr. Bryan Thiriot, Senator Bennett's Office, reported that the Senate is back in session. Senator Bennett sponsored legislation in regard to the Census and reapportionment of Congress that those counted be U.S. Citizens, but this bill failed to pass. It was announced that the Senator's Rural Business Conference will be held February 18-19 in Price with an evening reception the first day. The conference is free of charge and will focus on energy development and economic growth for rural businesses. Appropriation forms are available on Senator Bennett's website and are due March 1st. Mr. Thiriot introduced Mr. Danny Stewart, new staff for the Cedar City office. His schedule will be on a part time basis.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that the House Representatives are busy but are mainly in a holding pattern to see where Senate legislation goes. Congressman Matheson voted against the health care bill because of concerns with long-term costs and other issues. The election in Massachusetts may change the direction for health care reform. Staff is estimating that Cap and Trade legislation passed by the House is less likely to progress in the Senate. As an alternative, it is possible that an energy bill will be introduced. The Congressman continues to work with the U.S. Department of Interior in terms of energy development in Utah and to balance permitting processes and public land issues. It appears that the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies are more supportive of collaborative processes developed in dealing with public lands and wilderness designation. Appropriations forms are available online for submission on or before February 17th. Mr. Empey introduced Nicole Riordan, a Political Science student at SUU, whom he invited to attend and observe the Five County Steering Committee meeting.

X. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Sizemore presented one out-of-state travel request for Gary Zabriskie to attend the National American Planning Association Conference in New Orleans on April 10-14, 2010. Because conference sessions focus on hazard mitigation, training will assist in development of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Funding is available to cover associated costs and approval is recommended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MR. ALAN ADAMS, APPROVING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR GARY ZABRISKIE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED ON APRIL 10-14, 2010 IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. MOTION CARRIED.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sizemore indicated that a number of applications were received for Board consideration. Those applications include: **1) Beaver County SSD in Milford--** for construction of an ambulance maintenance building next to the new hospital (\$423,000 grant); **2) Boulder Town--** Town Hall/Community Center Construction and Rehabilitation (\$470,000 loan/grant); **3) Parowan City--** Main Street Revitalization project (\$900,000 loan/grant); **4) Big Water--** Code enforcement support to address deteriorating mobile homes (\$100,000 grant) **5) Washington City--** Drainage project (\$1.1 million dollar loan); **4) Leeds Town--** Drainage Study (\$10,000 grant and \$10,000 city match). The Board has the option to support, not support or remain neutral.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, SECONDED BY MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI, TO SUPPORT ALL APPLICATIONS TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Maloy Dodds reported that money is flowing quite freely through the Community Impact Board and funding is available for projects moved to the funding priority list. There is more funding available in the form of loans but some grants are approved. He encouraged jurisdictions to make application, especially for loans.

D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE

None.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ken Sizemore mentioned that Mayor Dutch Deutschlander will celebrate his 80th birthday next week and in honor of his birthday carrot cake is provided. He wished him a happy birthday and thanked him for his willingness to represent Iron County in Mayor Robinson's absence.

Mr. Sizemore explained that oftentimes requests are made by federal or state funding partners for Five County to undertake new projects. Information was received by the Area Agency on Aging after the packet was mailed out last week requesting that Five County administer a pilot project focusing on a Chronic Disease Self Management Program. This is a two-year pilot project running from April 2010 to 2012 for a total contract amount of \$90,000. The majority of funds received through this contract will be pass through funding to other partnering agencies. Training would be provided through senior citizens centers, long term health care facilities, etc. The program would consist of 15-20 training workshops around the region in the two year period to serve approximately 200 individuals. A training guide book set would be utilized in conjunction with the training workshops. Ms. Carrie Schonlaw, Area Agency on Aging Director, indicates that the AOG has the staff capacity to administer this pilot project without hiring additional staff. Mr. Sizemore explained that the program will not include a lot of overhead and he is comfortable that staff move ahead to pursue this funding application.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, SECONDED BY MS. GLADYS LEFEVRE, TO APPROVE PURSUIT OF THIS PILOT PROGRAM AS OUTLINED. MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER DOUG HEATON AND MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI OPPOSED.

Discussion continued in terms of who would be involved and how the program would be carried out. Some Board members felt that information was too vague and that additional discussion should occur prior to accepting the pilot program. It was questioned if there would be any specific requirements for Five County at the termination of the project. It was pointed out that at the end of projects, there are often requirements of the agency to create additional positions. The Board was in consensus that this is a pilot project for a two year duration and it would not be necessary to amend the motion. Upon project termination, the Board would have to vote to extend the project should additional funds be appropriated.

XI. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Commissioner Drake reviewed the two A-95 reviews contained in the packet for Board consideration. Both reviews have supportive staff recommendations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, TO APPROVE THE TWO AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Ken Sizemore explained that the Utah Department of Transportation has been awarding Enhancement Grants for many years but has recently asked that the Association of Governments review applications similar to areawide clearinghouse reviews. Even though applications were due last week, Ken determined that applications should be reviewed prior to submission. Enhancement applications were reviewed as follows: **1) Parowan City--** Main Street Revitalization Project; **2) Bryce Canyon City--** Pedestrian access; **3) Springdale Town--** Trail system expansion project on State Route 9; **4) Washington City--** Landscaping project on Telegraph Street; and **5) St. George City--** Landscaping and trail

restructure project in conjunction with the new Dixie Drive Interchange. He asked for Board authorization to sign enhancement applications.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, SECONDED BY MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI, TO AUTHORIZE MR. SIZEMORE'S SIGNATURE ON ALL ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. ACTION ITEM: MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING

Chairman Drake entertained a motion for the Board to enter into a closed meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI, SECONDED BY MR. ALAN ADAMS, TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Commissioner Maloy Dodds, Aye
Commissioner Billie Dalton, Aye
Commissioner Denny Drake, Aye
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander, Aye
Ms. Carolyn White, Aye
Mr. Alan Adams, Aye**

**Commissioner Lois Bulloch, Aye
Commissioner Doug Heaton, Aye
Mayor Tom Hirschi, Aye
Mayor Nina Laycock, Aye
Ms. Gladys LeFevre, Aye
Ms. Luanne Forrest, Aye.**

XIII. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting session resumed with discussion of a Kane County proposal. Commissioner Doug Heaton explained that Kane County would like to assume sponsorship of the Kane County Volunteer Center and would like to contract with the National Senior Corps directly for funding support. This would allow Kane County to provide direct supervision of the Kane County Volunteer Center employees who are currently under Five County personnel policies and procedures. Commissioner Mark Habbeshaw noted that his understanding is that the National Senior Corps administers three programs: 1) Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP); 2) Foster Grandparent Program; and 3) Senior Companion Program. Kane County's primary interest is the RSVP program. The county is proposing that in cooperation with Five County an application would be made to the National Senior Corps for Kane County to assume a portion of RSVP funding to provide services in Kane County directly under the county's supervision. This would allow Terra Sue Honey to become an employee of Kane County as the Volunteer Director within Kane County. The Five County Association of Governments would still handle the other two components of the Senior Corp programs. The State Director of Senior Corps programs has indicated that if an agency were to apply for a program grant and the agency had previously had an RSVP program in the area, it would most likely be denied. However, if the Five County AOG and Kane County cooperated in separation of the RSVP portion of the sponsorship to Kane County this could be accomplished. Kane County is requesting that the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee meet to discuss administration and personnel and provide a recommendation for a course of action to the Steering Committee.

Commissioner Maloy Dodds commented that fracturing this program appears to be the first step in breaking up the Five County organization. He noted that counties rely heavily on

the support provided by all of the individual counties as well as the Association of Governments. In considering this request, it is important to analyze all aspects of pulling out services from the organization. His personal opinion is that it would be moving in the wrong direction to pull any services from Five County. Commissioner Habbeshaw responded that counties manage aging programs and the care and share services with county employees. This option would allow Kane County to have that same option for the RSVP program.

Chairman Drake entertained for a motion to schedule an Executive Committee meeting to discuss and deliberate pertinent issues involved in this proposal. Recommendations would be presented to the Steering Committee for ratification.

Mayor Tom Hirschi mentioned that when Commissioner Doug Heaton was asked if this was the only program that would be deleted, he responded "for now". It appears that future direction would be to eliminate additional programs. Commissioner Heaton shared his personal philosophy in regard to government programs which in his belief have moved from a Republic to a Socialist Republic. This Broad is the vehicle by which money is dispensed back to the public. In his personal belief, everything this Board does in terms of dispensing funds is harmful as a whole to the public, and allocation of these various government funds is breeding public irresponsibility.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI, SECONDED BY MS. GLADYS LEFEVRE, TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE ISSUES. STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TO ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lois Bulloch commented that Iron County could also pull out of the RSVP program and this could perpetuate other counties to follow. Mayor Dutch Deutschlander mentioned that Kane County would likely have difficulties administering services with the amount of funding which would be available and it could also place a strain on services provided by the Five County Association of Governments.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Kane County Courthouse in Kanab beginning at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. GLADYS LEFEVRE. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.