

WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023

The Washington County Council of Governments (COG) Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snow at 1:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the St. George City Offices, 175 East 200 North, St. George, UT 84770.

Members Present:

Commissioner Adam Snow
Commissioner Victor Iverson
Mayor Chris Hart, Ivins
UDOT Commissioner, Naghi Zeenati
Doug Heideman, Hurricane City Council
Mayor Just Sip, Toquerville City
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Commission
Mayor Donia Jessup, Hilldale City
Mayor Kress Staheli, Washington City
Mayor Brandon Humphreys, Enterprise City – by phone

Myron Lee, Five County Association of Governments
Nickolas Gayer, Five County Association of Governments
Victoria Hales, Washington County Attorney
Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer
Camille Hastings, Washington County Auditor
Chris Hall, UDOT
Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
Sharice Walker, Avenue Consultants
Rick Torgerson, Avenue Consultants
Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
Jeremy Pickering, Hurricane City Engineer

Excused

Commissioner Gil Almquist
Mayor Bill Hoster, Leeds Town
John Bramhall, LaVerkin City
Mayor Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara City Council

AGENDA

WELCOME

Commissioner Snow welcomed all in attendance and it was determined that a quorum.

existed for voting on action items.

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 21, 2023

MOTION: **Motion by Just Sip to approve the Past Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023. Motion seconded by Chris Hart and carried by Unanimous Vote.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Washington County Clerk/Auditor Camille Hastings presented the financial update:

The previously stated obligation of funds stated was incorrect.

Total bank balance of \$5,414,605.07

Obligated funds of \$3,763,000

Available unobligated funds of \$1,693,401

Camille Hastings explained that the Construction revolving fund has never been used. Camille would like to review its future use; the balance is \$808,000.

Mayor Chris Hart asked if it could still be used as a funding source. He recommended that we keep it.

Camille recommended review over the next year.

ACTION ITEM: HURRICANE CITY REQUESTS \$80,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THEIR 300 WEST CORRIDOR

Hurricane City Engineer Doug Heideman explained that Hurricane City would like to purchase a 0.36 acre parcel recently made available by the owners for future 300 West improvements. This is vital for the nearby elementary school. Appraisal values the land at \$75,000. Hurricane City is requesting \$80,000 to be obligated from the preservation fund to include acquisition and closing costs.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Just Sip to approve the Funding Request coming from the Preservation Fund. Motion seconded by Victor Iverson and carried by Unanimous Vote.**

ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUESTS \$40,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE SR-18 CORRIDOR.

Washington County Engineer Todd Edwards stated there is a twenty-five-foot-wide strip of property for multipurpose trail along SR-18 between Veyo and Central. The parcel is 0.824 acres at approximately \$25,000 per acre. Washington County is requesting \$40,000 to purchase the land from the Construction Grant Fund to include acquisition and closing costs.

MOTION: Motion by Dania Jessop to approve the Funding Request coming from the Construction Grant Fund. Motion seconded by Victor Iverson and carried by Unanimous Vote.

ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUESTS \$675,000 DE-OBLIGATING FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE WASHINGTON PARKWAY (NORTHERN CORRIDOR) ALIGNMENT THAT WAS RECOMMENDED FOR OBLIGATION BY THE COG IN ITS MARCH 21, 2023, MEETING.

Washington County Engineer Todd Edwards explained that after discussions with SITLA it has been decided to delay acquisition of this property for some time, Washington County would like to de-obligate the funds so they may be used for other right-of-way needs.

MOTION: Motion by Adam Snow to approve the De-obligation Request coming from the Construction Grant Fund. Motion seconded by Just Sip and carried by Unanimous Vote.

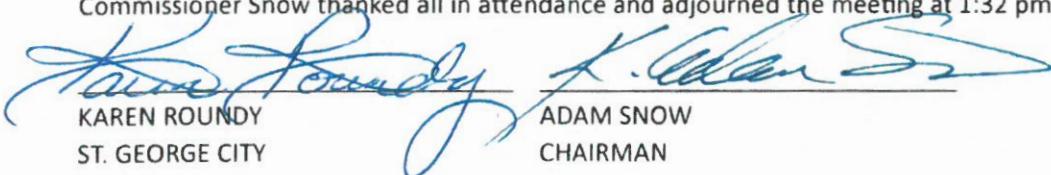
ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY SS4A ACTION PLAN PROGRESS W/ FIVE COUNTY AOG STAFF AND AVENUE CONSULTANTS

Five County Association of Governments and The Dixie MPO have been awarded a \$1 million Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant by the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Safety Action Plan for Washington County. The planning grant required a 20 percent match. The COG recommended granting the DMPO \$200,000 in COG Planning Fund. The safety action plan grant may open opportunities to receive additional grants (up to \$50 million) for project implementation. Rick with Avenue Consultants explained that this is a comprehensive approach to overall safety. We will identify how to reduce injuries and fatalities. The overall project schedule and phasing were discussed. Safety goal setting and leadership commitment project set up.

Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Just Sip to Adjourn. Motion Seconded by Chris Hart and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

Commissioner Snow thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.



KAREN ROUNDY
ST. GEORGE CITY

ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN