

MINUTES
SIX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 3, 2024
PLACE: 250 North Main, Richfield
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Executive Board

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew	Mayor Chuck Bigelow
Commissioner Roger Brian	Mayor Michael Holt
Commissioner Greg Jensen	Mayor Noreen Johnson
Commissioner Trevor Johnson	Mayor Justin Seely
Commissioner Clinton Painter	Mayor Ron Torgerson
Commissioner Sam Steed	

Staff	Congressional Staff	Other
Maureen Allred	Cindy Bulloch	Representative Carl Albrecht
Jenna Draper	Holly Sweeten	Representative Steve Lund <i>Zoom</i>
Doug Kirkham	Gary Webster	Brent Boswell
Shaun Kjar	Kyle Wilson	Rebecca Dilg <i>Zoom</i>
Travis Kyhl		Jody Gale
Shay Morrison		Steven Greene <i>Zoom</i>
Cade Penney		Teri Mumm
Jess Peterson		Kenley Steck
Amy Rosquist		Forest Turner
JaLyne Roundy		
Tyler Timmons		

Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Clinton Painter welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes- Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 Executive Board Meeting. Mayor Chuck Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Legislative Update

Representative Carl Albrecht began his report by expressing appreciation for the local leaders. He gave a brief update on some of the bills he is working on for the next session. Some of the topics he talked about were mental illness, Agri-tourism, a state monument at the Butch Cassidy childhood home, Colorado's introduction of wolves, the high-cost infrastructure tax credit, and changes to the rural Economic Development grant program. Representative Steve Lund reported on water rights and access. He encouraged public comment on the matter. The legislators answered questions asked by board members.

49 SCAOG Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports

50 AOG Support for Broadband Challenge- Ms. Teri Mumm, Digital Access Program Manager, gave an
51 update on the five-year digital connectivity plan. She explained the state challenge process. Mr. Travis
52 Kyhl asked what role the AOG should play in the process. County leaders voiced their support of the
53 AOG Community Advisors helping the communities participate in the challenge process.

54 **Action:** No action needed

55 Centrally Assessed Update- Commissioner Clinton Painter briefly explained the issue many of the
56 counties are having. He updated the group on possible solutions.

57 **Action:** No action needed

58 Central Utah Agri-Park Update- Mr. Shaun Kjar reported that the search for the site continues. He also
59 reported that there is \$20 million in the Governor's budget for the project and explained that it is not a
60 guarantee of funding, but it helps. He also talked about his efforts to secure federal funding for the
61 project.

62 **Action:** No action needed

63 Building/Agency Update- Mr. Travis Kyhl told the group that the employees are scheduled to move into
64 the new building in March. He reminded them that the new entity, R6 Regional Council, has been
65 created, but the contracts won't officially change until July 1.

66 **Action:** No action needed

67 Financial Update- Ms. JaLyne Roundy gave a report on the financial situation of the agency. Board
68 members followed along as she highlighted key points of the agency's combined financial report. There
69 were no concerns. Mayor Michael Holt made a motion to accept the financial report. Commissioner
70 Clinton Painter seconded the motion. Motion approved.

71 **Action:** No action needed

72 Recognition Banquet- Mr. Travis Kyhl asked the group for feedback on the Recognition Banquet, and
73 everyone agreed it was successful.

74 **Action:** No action needed

75 HCAP Update/Board Members- Ms. Maureen Allred reported that she is seeing an uptick in need in the
76 region. There are many citizens with income too low to afford the high rent expense. Ms. Allred gave a
77 brief summary of the makeup and duties of the HCAP Advisory Board. There was a discussion about
78 replacing Commissioner Darin Bushman's seat on the board. Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a
79 motion to remove Commissioner Darin Bushman from the board and add Commissioner Roger Brian in
80 his place. Mayor Ron Torgerson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

81 **Action:** No action needed

96 Senior Nutrition Funding- Mr. Travis Kyhl reported that there may be some additional funding coming
97 from the state for the Senior Nutrition program, but not enough to break even. In the past month, Mr.
98 Kyhl and the Aging Director, Doug Kirkham, have presented each county commission with the figures
99 specific to their county. They were given the amount needed to keep the program running at the same
100 level. Mr. Kyhl asked the county commissioners to consider making the Senior Nutrition employees
101 county employees. After some discussion, it was decided that there would be a work meeting on
102 February 7 to discuss the possibilities. All county commissioners, along with anyone in a Human
103 Resource role in their counties, were invited to attend.
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105 **Action:** No action needed
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107 **Congressional/State Reports**

108 Senator Romney- Mr. Kyle Wilson reported on Senator Romney's activity. For information on Senator
109 Romney, please refer to his website at romney.senate.gov.
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111 Senator Lee- Mr. Gary Webster reported on Senator Lee's activity. For information on Senator Lee,
112 please refer to his website at lee.senate.gov.
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114 Representative Maloy- Ms. Cindy Bulloch reported on Representative Maloy's activity. For
115 information on Representative Stewart, please refer to his website at maloy.house.gov.
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117 Representative Curtis- No Representation. For information on Representative Curtis, please refer to his
118 website at curtis.house.gov.
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120 Representative Owens- Ms. Holly Sweeten reported on Representative Owens's activity. For
121 information on Representative Owens, please refer to his website at owens.house.gov.
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123 **State/Federal Agency Reports**

124 Snow College- Mr. Kenley Steck told the group the innovative agricultural center project is out for bid
125 currently. He mentioned the Statewide Virtual Job Fair scheduled for January 11.
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127 USU- Mr. Jody Gale gave an update about water levels in the region.
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129 GOEO- Mr. Forest Turner gave an update on the Rural Communities Opportunities Grant selection
130 process.
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132 **Action:** No action requested by Congressional or State Representatives.
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134 Clearinghouse Review- Commissioner Greg Jensen made a motion to approve the clearinghouse
135 review. Mayor Chuck Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion approved.
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137 **Action:** No action needed
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139 **Adjourn 10:45 a.m.**