

**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**

Maureen Allred  
 Jenna Draper  
 Doug Kirkham  
 Shaun Kjar  
 Travis Kyhl  
 Shay Morrison  
 Cade Penney  
 Jess Peterson  
 Amy Rosquist  
 JaLyne Roundy  
 Tyler Timmons

**Congressional Staff**

Cindy Bulloch  
 Holly Sweeten  
 Gary Webster  
 Kyle Wilson

**Other**

Representative Carl Albrecht  
 Representative Steve Lund *Zoom*  
 Brent Boswell  
 Rebecca Dilg *Zoom*  
 Jody Gale  
 Steven Greene *Zoom*  
 Teri Mumm  
 Kenley Steck  
 Forest Turner

**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.

**SCAOG Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports**

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Action:** No action needed

Senior Nutrition Funding- Mr. Travis Kyhl reported that there may be some additional funding coming from the state for the Senior Nutrition program, but not enough to break even. In the past month, Mr. Kyhl and the Aging Director, Doug Kirkham, have presented each county commission with the figures specific to their county. They were given the amount needed to keep the program running at the same level. Mr. Kyhl asked the county commissioners to consider making the Senior Nutrition employees county employees. After some discussion, it was decided that there would be a work meeting on February 7 to discuss the possibilities. All county commissioners, along with anyone in a Human Resource role in their counties, were invited to attend.

**Action:** No action needed

### **Congressional/State Reports**

Senator Romney- Mr. Kyle Wilson reported on Senator Romney's activity. For information on Senator Romney, please refer to his website at [romney.senate.gov](http://romney.senate.gov).

Senator Lee- Mr. Gary Webster reported on Senator Lee's activity. For information on Senator Lee, please refer to his website at [lee.senate.gov](http://lee.senate.gov).

Representative Maloy- Ms. Cindy Bulloch reported on Representative Maloy's activity. For information on Representative Stewart, please refer to his website at [maloy.house.gov](http://maloy.house.gov).

Representative Curtis- No Representation. For information on Representative Curtis, please refer to his website at [curtis.house.gov](http://curtis.house.gov).

Representative Owens- Ms. Holly Sweeten reported on Representative Owens's activity. For information on Representative Owens, please refer to his website at [owens.house.gov](http://owens.house.gov).

### **State/Federal Agency Reports**

Snow College- Mr. Kenley Steck told the group the innovative agricultural center project is out for bid currently. He mentioned the Statewide Virtual Job Fair scheduled for January 11.

USU- Mr. Jody Gale gave an update about water levels in the region.

GOEO- Mr. Forest Turner gave an update on the Rural Communities Opportunities Grant selection process.

**Action:** No action requested by Congressional or State Representatives.

Clearinghouse Review- Commissioner Greg Jensen made a motion to approve the clearinghouse review. Mayor Chuck Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Action:** No action needed

**Adjourn 10:45 a.m.**