

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2024**

The Washington County Council of Governments (COG) Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gil Almquist at 1:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room of the Washington County Administration Building, 111 East Tabernacle Street, St. George, UT 84770.

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Adam Snow  
Commissioner Victor Iverson  
Commissioner Gil Almquist  
Mayor Chris Hart, Ivins  
Mayor Nanette Billings, Hurricane City  
Mayor Justin Sip, Toquerville City  
Councilman Richard Hirschi-La Verkin City  
Mayor Kress Staheli-Washington City

**WELCOME:**

Commissioner Almquist welcomed all in attendance and it was determined that a quorum existed for voting on action items.

**CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES: December 19, 2023**

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve the Minutes of December 19, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Washington County Senior Staff Accountant Camille Hastings presented the financial update as of December 19, 2023:

Total bank balance of \$5,706,652.64.

Obligated funds of \$2,933,549.51 (unspent funds e.g. Kwavasa Dr., 3000 East Corridor, etc.)

Available unobligated funds of \$2,773,103.13.

As of December 19, 2023 the COG has the following unobligated fund balances available:

\$ 851,182.23 in the Preservation Fund

\$ 1,394,239.71 in the Construction Grant Fund

\$ 507,681.19 in the Construction Revolving Loan Fund

\$ 2,773,103.13 Total available unobligated funds

**ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL & UPDATE OF THE 2024 MASTER PRIORITY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION PROJECT LIST**

A request was made from COG members to update the 2024 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Project List, by adding or amending the following corridors:

1. 400 South Street – From Western Corridor to Kwavasa Drive – Ivins
2. 1400 West - From 1300 2300 South & 600 North – Hurricane
3. 2100 West - From 900 South to 5000 South – Hurricane
4. Desert Canyon Parkway – North of the Southern Parkway – St. George
5. Gap Canyon Parkway – St. George
6. Pine Valley Highway – SR 18 to Pine Valley Town – Washington County
7. Sand Cove Road – SR-18 to Gunlock Road – Washington County
8. Southern Hills Parkway – South of Copper Hills Drive – St. George
9. Sunset Boulevard/Santa Clara Drive – SR-8 – UDOT, St. George and Santa Clara
10. SR-7 Frontage Roads – 2400 West and 3000 West – 100 S to 5000 S Hurricane
11. SR-7 Southern Parkway – UDOT
12. Turf Sod Road – Washington Dam Road to Sand Hollow Road - Hurricane

All other corridors will remain as they were on the 2023 Project List.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve the Updated 2024 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Project List. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

**ACTION ITEM: HURRICANE CITY REQUESTS \$125,000 FOR A RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE FOR THEIR 2300 SOUTH CORRIDOR**

Mayor Nanette Billings from Hurricane asked Hurricane City Engineer Arthur Lebaron to introduce the purchase opportunity presented to Hurricane City. Mr. Lebaron explained the purchase would help acquire their full future buildout right-of-way for a portion of 2300 West Street.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Hurricane City Request of \$125,000 for a Right of Way Purchase for Their 2300 South Corridor. Motion seconded by Mayor Hart and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

**ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUESTS \$100,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR AN ALIGNMENT SURVEY AND ROAD DEDICATION PLATS FOR THEIR SAND COVE ROAD CORRIDOR**

Public Works Director Todd Edwards shared Washington County has the possibility of obtaining some right-of-way for Sand Cove Road. The land is currently mostly undeveloped. An existing gravel road will be used as the basis for the alignment. This alignment survey and road dedication plats would help make sure that the alignment is accurate and provide dedicated right-of-way at very low cost.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Sip to Approve Washington County request for \$100,000 funding from the COG to Pay for an Alignment Survey and Road Dedication Plats for Their Sand Cove Road Corridor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

**ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUESTS \$100,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR AN ALIGNMENT SURVEY AND ROAD DEDICATION PLATS FOR THEIR GUNLOCK ROAD CORRIDOR**

Public Works Director Todd Edwards described that Washington County has the possibility of obtaining certain right-of-ways for the Gunlock Road Corridor. The Gunlock Road Corridor will connect the cities of Dammeron and Gunlock once completed. The land is currently undeveloped. An existing gravel road will be used as the basis for the alignment. The County is requesting up to \$100,000 be obligated to complete the survey and prepare road dedication plats or legal descriptions to aid in property acquisition. This alignment survey and road dedication plats would help make sure that the alignment is accurate and provide dedicated right-of-way at very low cost.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Sip to Approve Washington County request for \$100,000 funding from the COG to Pay for an Alignment Survey and Road Dedication Plats for Their Gunlock Road Corridor. Motion seconded by Councilman Hirschi and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

**ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON CITY AND HURRICANE CITY REQUESTS \$325,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR AN ALIGNMENT SURVEY AND 40% DESIGN FOR THEIR PURGATORY ROAD CORRIDOR.**

Mr. Edwards stated Washington County, Washington City, and Hurricane City are attempting to determine the precise alignment of

Purgatory Road, so that property may begin to be purchased. The land is currently undeveloped mostly, so maybe purchased with less cost and disturbance to residents. A conceptual alignment was determined in 2019; however precise surveying was not completed. \$300,000 has previously been obligated by the COG for right-of way purchase. This alignment study and design would help make sure that funding is used more efficiently. The County and Cities are cooperatively requesting up to \$325,000 be obligated to complete the study, design and prepare road dedication plats or legal descriptions to aid in property acquisition.


**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Washington County, Washington City and Hurricane City's request for \$325,000 funding from the COG to pay for an Alignment Survey and 40% Design for Their Purgatory Road Corridor. Motion seconded by Mayor Sip and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

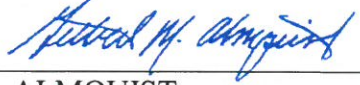
**ACTION ITEM: WASHINGTON COUNTY REQUESTS \$200,000 FUNDING FROM THE COG TO PAY FOR AN ALIGNMENT SURVEY, ROAD DEDICATION PLATS AND ACQUISITION FUNDING FOR THEIR SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD CORRIDOR.**

Mr. Edwards explained Washington County has the possibility of obtaining some right-of-way for Sheep Bridge Road for reduced cost. These right of ways are important due to potential funding becoming available to pave the road later this year. The land is currently mostly undeveloped. Much of the land is through BLM property. An existing gravel road will be used as the basis for the alignment. This alignment survey and road dedication plats would help make sure that the alignment is accurate and provide dedicated right-of-way at low cost. Some funds may be needed for purchase of some right-of-way. The County is requesting up to \$200,000 be obligated to complete the survey and prepare road dedication plats or legal descriptions to aid in property acquisition and possibly buy some right-of-way through the private property.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Hart to Approve Washington County's request for \$200,000 funding from the COG to pay for an Alignment Survey, Road Dedication Plats and Acquisition Funding for Their Sheep Bridge Road Corridor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

Commissioner Almquist thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

  
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JAYANNE LEWIS  
DEPUTY CLERK

  
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GIL ALMQUIST  
CHAIRMAN