

MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 2014

Kanab, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Cox for Commissioner Jim Eardley
Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair
Mayor Nolan Davis
Carolyn White
Commissioner Clare Ramsay
Mayor Jerry Taylor
Ken Platt
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for
Mayor Connie Robinson
Commissioner Jim Matson
Mayor Robert Houston
Cai Durfey
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Doug Heaton
Gary Webster
Lisa Taylor
Bette Arial
Bill Swadley
Jake Hardman
Walt Steinvorth
Andrea Moser
Stephen Lisonbee
Erin Robinson
Cindy Staszak
Warren Barlow
Bryan Thiriot
Allison McCoy
Gary Zabriskie
Sherri Dial
Diane Lamoreaux

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Becki Bronson, Excused
Wendy Allan, Excused
Mayor Tracy Dutson

REPRESENTING

Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Mayor Representative
Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Schools Representative
Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative

Kane County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Washington County Schools Representative
Dixie State University

Kane County Commission
Congressman Stewart's Office
Congressman Stewart's Cedar City Office
Senator Lee's Office
Senator Hatch's Office
Governor's Office of Economic Development
Utah Department of Transportation
Bio-West (with UDOT Planning)
Department of Workforce Services
Department of Workforce Services
BLM, Grand Staircase Escalante Natl. Monument
Hildale City Corporation
Five County Association of Governments
Five County Association of Governments

Iron County Schools Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington County Mayor Representative

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were provided. Those asking to be excused include Ms. Wendy Allan, Kane County Schools Representative and Ms. Becki Bronson, Iron County Schools Representative. Mayor Dutch

Deutschlander was representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative and Mr. Dean Cox was representing Commissioner Jim Eardley, Washington County Commissioner Representative.

I. MINUTES APRIL 9, 2014 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair, indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval. Ms. Diane Lamoreaux provided a correction on the front page listing the meeting location as Cedar City.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSEY, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2014 MEETING AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS - MAY 23, 2014 AND JUNE 6, 2014

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reviewed actions of the Finance Committee for the May 23, 2014 meeting as follows: **1) FY 2015 Budget Fringe Benefit Package for Employees--** Includes social security match, Utah state retirement, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, holiday, sick and vacation leave; **2) Merit System Implementation--** A 3.5% increase, based on performance evaluations, recommendations of Executive Director, and final approval by the Finance Committee; **3) Health Insurance--** To remain with Select Health with a 9% decrease in premiums, PEHP and Local Governments Trust benefits for dental, vision & life insurance; **4) Cost-of-Living Adjustment--** A 2% COL with an equal amount calculated to each employee; **5) County Participation--** To remain at \$15,000 annually; **6) Indirect Cost Allocation Plan--** Approved at 12.2% rate for FY 2015; **7) Mileage Rate--** Increased to \$.28 for motor pool vehicles and individual vehicles in lieu of motor pool vehicle; **8) Rental Rates--** Increase in charges to cost centers to \$.50 per square foot to provide for maintenance and operation of facilities; **9) Board Appointment--** Appointed Dean Cox to serve as the Five County Representative on the Utah Communications Agency Network Board; **10) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)--** Authorized Bryan Thiriot to serve on the Dixie National Forest Resource Advisory Committee; and **11) Personnel Actions--** Approved a promotion and staffing for case management as per Executive Director recommendation.

Mr. Thiriot reviewed actions for the June 6, 2014 Finance Committee including the following: **1) FY 2015 Budget--** Reviewed and recommended the FY 2015 budget for Steering Committee approval; **2) FY 2014 Budget Revisions--** Reviewed and approved FY 2014 budget revisions for Steering Committee approval; **3) Mutual Self-Help Program--** Approved completion of the program to complete the contract for 13 homes. Five are in progress and the remaining eight to be completed by December 2015, subject to program review every six months; **4) Color Country Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) 501c3--** Approved staff examination of utilization of this non-profit organization as an opportunity to seek and receive grant funding for various projects.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MAYOR ROBERT HOUSTON, TO APPROVE FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS FOR THE MAY 23, 2014 AND JUNE 6, 2014 MEETINGS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux indicated that today's meeting agenda was revised and posted on the Utah Public Meeting site and AOG website to include agenda item # 2 for discussion of the non-profit organization.

II. COLOR COUNTRY RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Commissioner Doug Heaton, Kane County, reported that he was representing the American Lands Council which was formed two years ago and has experienced a fair amount of success to date in promoting HB 148 dealing with the transfer of federal lands to states. There are currently five states that are studying or have asked for transfer of federal lands. These states understand the dynamics and benefits of what they are proposing. Without a substantive argument, groups in opposition are now targeting four persons most intimately involved with the American Lands Council. It has become necessary to move these individuals, specifically Representative Ken Ivory, away from the controversy and personal attacks. The best way to accomplish this is utilization of a non-profit organization to collect and disburse monies in accordance with the rules governing a 501c3 organization. The Color Country Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) non-profit organization has been held inactive for a number of years but is still on the books. The request today is for the Five County Association of Governments to revive this organization with a Board of your choosing for educational and research purposes. The 501c3 organization can in no way participate in any lobby activities. He explained legal analysis of 1957 for jurisdictional analysis under President Eisenhower. This provided an analysis down to one-half acre of estates. Opportunities are immense in terms of education but an organization is needed to manage funds and keep things honest under the 501c3 non-profit. The American Lands Council will solicit grant funds into the non-profit and make suggestions to the Board of Directors in terms of how these funds could be utilized. Commissioner Jim Matson commented that utilization of the 501c3 could also enhance opportunities available to the Human Services arm of the Five County Association of Governments. There is a set-aside account already in place held by the Color Country RC&D non-profit, all reporting to state and federal agencies is current and an accountant located in Cedar City has kept all paperwork and bookkeeping current. Commissioner Heaton met with the Five County Finance Committee last week to make this request and that group has forwarded his request to the Steering Committee for consideration. Bryan Thiriot has obtained a copy of the bylaws which are currently being reviewed by attorneys with Washington County. The current bylaws of this organization would have to be amended to some extent for Five County to assume ownership of the non-profit organization. The account will be established for pass through of funds received from grants for education and research purposes. Final decisions would be made by the governing board of the non-profit organization with recommendations made by the American Lands Council. The attorney for the Utah Association of Counties has reviewed the bylaws and indicates that it appears to be a good fit and there is the ability to amend the bylaws.

Mr. Dean Cox asked why the American Lands Council does not make application for their own 501c3 status. Commissioner Heaton indicated that it is difficult to obtain 501c3 status, it takes a long period of time before the status is effective, and it would also remain too close for individuals involved with the American Lands Council. The main reason for today's request is to remove the 501c3 to another organization, such as Five County, to provide distance from the American Lands Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, INSTRUCTING STAFF TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH ASSUMPTION OF OPERATION OF THE EXISTING COLOR COUNTRY RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 501c3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE PRIOR TO ANY ACTION. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. FINANCIAL

**A & B. FY 2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, REVIEW & APPROVAL; AND
FY 2014 BUDGET REVISIONS**

Chairman Eardley entertained a motion to enter into the public hearing to discuss the FY 2015 budget and FY 2014 budget revisions.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR ROBERT HOUSTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF TO ENTER INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE FY 2015 BUDGET AND FY 2014 BUDGET REVISIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Allison McCoy, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the proposed FY 2015 budget and FY 2014 budget revisions were reviewed extensively by the Finance Committee on June 6, 2014. As a result of that review and the announcement that Lis Barker would be retiring effective June 30, 2014, two pages of the FY 2015 budget have been revised. The Care About Child Care program budget has been reduced by \$30,000 because the starting salary of a new director will be less. This also necessitated changes on the Consolidated Budget page. Copies of the two revised pages were provided. Copies of the FY 2015 budget were included in the packet to all Committee members. Ms. Carolyn White questioned the increase in salaries and fringe benefits included in the Consolidated Budget. Ms. McCoy indicated that increases reflect some additional program staff that were hired throughout the previous year. It also includes the cost-of-living adjustment and merit increases that are programmed into the FY 2015 budget. Commissioner Mike Dalton explained that the Finance Committee reviewed FY 2014 budget revisions and the FY 2015 draft budget last week and approved both actions for consideration of the Steering Committee. Vice-Chairman Dalton noted no additional questions or comments from members of the committee or audience and entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY MR. CAL DURFEY, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, TO APPROVE THE FY 2014 BUDGET REVISIONS AND FY 2015 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

A. 2014 RATING AND RANKING

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux reported that each AOG is responsible to establish a set of Rating and Ranking Criteria for utilization in scoring applications submitted to the CDBG program. The Steering Committee of the Five County AOG has elected to serve as the Regional Review Committee (RRC) for the CDBG program. Copies of the Rating and Ranking Criteria are provided annually to counties and cities for review and to provide an opportunity for input. Efforts to solicit comment are accomplished prior to the August Steering Committee meeting. The State of Utah CDBG Policy Committee has determined that each rating and ranking criteria must contain, at a minimum, eight specific criteria as follows: **1) Capacity to Carry out the Grant**-- Grantee must have a history of successful grant administration performance; **2) Job Creation**-- Projects that create or retain full time equivalent jobs are given additional points; **3) Housing Stock**-- Projects that improve or expand a community's housing stock, based on the number of units, receive additional points; **4) Affordable Housing Plan**-- Requires applicants to address the problems associated with the availability of affordable housing; **5) Extent of Poverty**-- Points must be awarded for the percent of "low-income" and "very low-income" persons benefitting either from the project or carried out in a low-income community; **6) Financial Commitment to Community Development**-- The Five County AOG utilizes community populations to award points, whereby jurisdictions with lower populations are not required to commit the same percentage of match as larger communities who have larger revenue sources available; **7) Project Maturity**-- Each pre-application must contain a detailed scope of work that contains a narrative description and a detailed engineer/architect cost estimate. Additional points are awarded to applicants that demonstrate progress through items such as advanced procuring of engineering services, designation of a dedicated project manager, feasibility or engineering studies, design elements, etc.; and **8) Planning**- The state of Utah emphasizes the importance of incorporating planning in the operation of city government. An applicant's accomplishments consistent to these principles are to be recognized with additional points.

Ms. Lamoreaux explained that the state of Utah has also set policy that grantees with open grants from the previous year that have not spent 50 percent of their previous grant are not eligible to be rated and ranked, with the exception of housing rehabilitation projects. Regional priorities are established with consultation of the AOG Finance Committee members prior to the August meeting when the criteria will be presented for approval. In addition, information regarding multi-year and pre-approved projects must be listed on the rating and ranking criteria. This allows potential applicants the opportunity of knowing the exact amount of funding committed for the upcoming funding cycle. Pre-approved funding in FY 2015 will include \$90,000 to Five County AOG for program administration, consolidated plan update, housing planning and program delivery, and economic development technical assistance for the RLF program. Enterprise City was also approved for a multi-year project that commits \$142,308 from the FY 2015 allocation.

Ms. Lamoreaux reported that several issues will be discussed during the CDBG Policy Committee Meeting/Retreat later this month. The state of Utah is struggling with acquisition projects that are not meeting compliance with HUD completion time lines. Several of the AOGs have outstanding projects from 2007 forward for property acquisition that cannot be closed out because they have not met requirements outlined in the CDBG program. One particular county recently had to reimburse the CDBG program \$100,000 for a project that could not be completed. That county had to pursue the non-profit organization that they sponsored to recoup these funds. There are several other cities and/or counties that are on the verge of having to repay allocations for property acquisition. Gary Zabriskie and I met with the Beaver and Cedar housing authorities to discuss this issue, and will be recommending that property acquisition in the Five County Region be limited to rental housing stock. The housing authorities are very capable of carrying out these types of projects. However, it is our opinion that very few non-profit organizations would have the capacity to complete acquisition projects within the required time lines. The state of Utah CDBG staff is also struggling with limiting the amount of one-year applications to low fund amounts. AOG staff is suggesting that the maximum for a one-year project be raised to \$200,000 while leaving the multi-year amount at \$300,000. This means that multi-year projects would receive \$200,000 in the first year and the remaining \$100,000 in the second year. It is hoped that this structure will provide sufficient funding to grantees that they would seek other outside funds to complete the project in a one-year time frame. Committee members are encouraged to review the Rating and Ranking Criteria. The proposed FY 2015 criteria will be presented during the August meeting for consideration of the Steering Committee.

**VI. HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL - SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)
FY 2015 FUNDING ALLOCATION RATIFICATION**

Ms. Sherri Dial provided a handout providing background information regarding the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program. The program is a capped entitlement program that provides funds to assist states in delivering social services directed toward the needs of children and adults. These services include: 1) Preventing, reducing, or eliminating dependency; 2) Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency; 3) Preventing neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults; 4) Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care; and 5) Securing admission or referral for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate. During the past year, there were 3,870 qualified individuals who received transportation for job search, doctor's appointments, congregate meals, and education services. There were also 42 families that received assistance with youth skills building after school program for elementary age children. The program includes a parent training and information night which parents are required to attend. SSBG funding for FY 2015 totals \$69,931.

The Human Services Council, which is an advisory tripartite board, met during May to discuss and recommend FY 2015 allocations as follows: **1) County Councils on Aging--** Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties Councils on Aging will receive \$7,170; **2) New Frontiers for Families--** An at risk program in Beaver, Kane and Garfield counties will receive \$6,777; **3) Turn Community Services--** A program operating in Iron and Washington counties will receive \$6,052; **4) Five County AOG Administration--**

Funding allocation of \$6,400; and **5) Five County CAP Client Direct Services--** Funding in the amount of \$14,859 will be provided for staff training and support with case management, data management, travel, and salaries/benefits.

Ms. Dial explained that the Human Services Council based their decision on proportionality of funding that was allocated in FY 2013, with the exception of Beaver County, who was not funded in FY 2013. The calculation was made assuming that they might have been funded that year in the same manner as the other County Councils on Aging. Funding amounts were rounded up to make cleaner amounts for subcontracts, taking those portions out of CAP client direct services.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, TO APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2015 SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUND ALLOCATION. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. STATE AGENCY UPDATES

A. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Jack Hardman, Governor's Office of Economic Development, reviewed a couple of things that provide the most success for counties in terms of growing the economy as follows: 1) Support of elected officials and support of business culture in rural areas, and 2) Having full-time economic development directors to move projects forward. If counties are missing one or both of these things, they will struggle. He reviewed a pyramid chart containing the building blocks of economic development. Most people think of economic development in terms of attracting a business and the creation of jobs. A number of steps must occur before getting to this point, including the following: **1) Local and Community Support-** Local elected officials and members of the community must be supportive in order to grow the economy and create a strong foundation for entrepreneurial experiences; **2) Infrastructure Development--** The right infrastructure must be in place in order to support development of industry; **3) Workforce Development--** This has two parts, education and work ethic. People must have skills as well as a desire to work. The Department of Workforce Services has a number of programs to provide workforce development; **4) Quality of Life--** This is the second tier, especially for rural Utah. Quality of life will determine whether businesses grow and expand into an area; **5) Existing Business Development--** The business expansion and retention program helps a lot in this area. This helps the local businesses in our area to grow. Studies show that a majority of job growth in counties comes from existing businesses; **6) Entrepreneurial Development--** To provide the right resources and support to start-up businesses; **7) Business Recruitment--** Providing an attractive place to do business for companies that want to relocate. Mr. Hardman noted that every county is in a different phase of development in terms of working on projects and priorities. It is hoped that counties will review the building blocks to determine where they need help from GOED.

Mr. Hardman referenced HB 133 which gives authority to the Governor to work with federal agencies in the event of a fiscal emergency. This is in reference to the

sequestration event which occurred when the National Parks were closed. The intent is to create a plan and have it in place if another federal fiscal emergency occurs. This will allow the state to step in sooner to provide support to federal agencies. The Office of Outdoor Recreation has been tasked to determine which parks, monuments, recreation areas, etc. are most important in terms of economic impact. Those areas would be the first priority to open in this type of event. As part of this process, counties will be asked to prioritize areas of most importance. Staff is also looking for stories from the last sequestration event outlining the harmful impacts to local communities and counties resulting from the federal closures of national parks and recreation areas.

B. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS)

Mr. Steven Lisonbee, DWS, indicated that a number of the grants talked about in today's meeting are provided through the DWS divisions of Housing and Community Development and Office of Child Care. The presentation today provides a focus on grant opportunities that are available through DWS. The Workforce Development Division of DWS has recently gone through a new facelift in terms of key focus and outputs to be accomplished. The second handout, referenced as the DWS economic engine, provides benefits by program for each county in the Five County region. Programs outlined include active job seekers, job orders, employers posting jobs, child care, CHIP, food stamps, general assistance, Medicaid/Medicare cost sharing, PCN, TANF, and unemployment insurance. For example, the chart indicates a very active and robust labor exchange in Iron County during the month of May with very few individuals drawing unemployment insurance. People looking to enter the workforce are poised to take the next job opportunity. DWS provides a number of services and workshops to assist job seekers in presenting themselves to better secure employment. The work success model provides two weeks of interaction and has a 80% success ratio of participants. Several elected officials from the Cedar City area recently visited the DWS office to learn more about programs offered to those seeking employment and were surprised to learn of the many services provided through DWS. A recent underemployment study indicates that a large number of job seekers are currently employed, but they are looking for a second job or an opportunity to obtain a better job. On average in the southwest part of Utah, there are 700 individuals participating in training programs through the ATCs, universities, etc.

A third handout provides information regarding the Employer Initiatives and Programs including the following: **1) The Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership--** A program that is in its second year and provides things such as summer computer camps for website development through a 10 week course. The camp consists of approximately 30 participants in the program that goes Monday through Friday. Participants are guaranteed a job when they finish the course and they compete for which job they will ultimately get; **2) The Small Business Bridge Program--** This program is also in its second year of operation. Businesses under 100 employees can receive up to \$4,000 for each new job created as an incentive to create new jobs; **3) Science, Technology, Engineering, Math K-12th Grade Grant Programs (STEMLINK)--** TANF and Job Growth funds are utilized to offer two grants to those in K-12 education to help pay costs needed to create and expand STEM based curriculum. Applications have been submitted for in-school and after-school grants.

The after school program provides a safe environment for skill development; and
4) Utah Clean Air Small Business Assist Program-- A grant program that provides up to \$15,000 to small businesses that are required to upgrade equipment to become compliant with state regulations.

Mr. Lisonbee explained the request for applications for TANF grant funds from organizations to provide services. These funds are available to provide a variety of services to income eligible clients. A number of services are also available to clients with no income eligibility requirements. Services to non-income eligible clients include items such as financial responsibility/credit management, out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention, parenting/relationship skills, youth mentoring, domestic violence, etc. The program does not require a minimum number of clients or services. These grants will extend over a three year period of time. The fund availability was announced on Monday, July 7, 2014 and applications are due Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Specific information regarding this program will be provided to Steering Committee members via e-mail.

C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Walt Steinvorth, UDOT, reported that staff is seeking comments on the state of Utah Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Copies of the existing LRTP were provided to committee members for review and comment. The plan is updated every four years and covers a 30-year time period. A handout was provided that depicts the update process. The new plan will be a 2015-2040 plan. The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization will also be developing a plan update as a partner with UDOT. The Unified LRTP is a compilation of all transportation projects throughout the state of Utah. He noted that Utah is the only state in the country that does planning in this manner, and the state has been recognized with various awards for these planning efforts. A sophisticated travel demand model is utilized to forecast projects that will be needed in the future. Inputs into this model include population, and employment. Numbers are divided into travel analysis zones (TAZ) as sub-allocations. An origin destination study was conducted statewide last year to better understand where people are traveling to and from. This information is compared with existing roadways to identify future transportation needs. The plan will take into consideration where people live and work, modes of travel, etc. Committee members were encouraged to visit UDOT's website at: <http://udot.utahgov/go/lrp> to review data that has been sub-allocated. He asked that each county provide information for a specific person that UDOT can contact for coordination purposes and to obtain feedback. Ms. Andrea Moser provided a demonstration depicting how to utilize the website and interactive mapping. Jurisdictions are asked to review information and provide input to UDOT staff.

VIII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY AND DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Southern Utah University did not have a representative in attendance.

Mr. Mike Olson, Dixie State University, reported that the University has recently hired a new retention coordinator that will be coming on board July 1, 2014. Enrollment is up 5 percent from last year in upper division courses. Full time equivalent students are at 4,306 and the head count is at 5,384, an increase from last year. ACT scores for students have increased

and student GPA's average 3.2 at the University. This shows that students enrolling at the University are coming prepared. It is anticipated that the new President for Dixie State University will be hired by the end of July 2014.

IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Bill Swadley, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the Environmental Protection Agency has a proposed rule expanding their authority under the Clean Water Act. Senator Hatch is concerned about the expansion of this jurisdiction, requirements for additional permits, increased time and cost associated with projects, etc. In addition, there was not a lot of consideration or consultation with states and local government in terms of the impacts of expanding these rules. The Senator has joined 45 other members of the house and senate in writing a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency administration requesting that they back off of the proposed rule and to encourage consultation with states and local government in terms of how issues are handled. These proposed rules will have a broad impact on farmers, ranchers, and business owners. Senator Hatch is also very concerned about issues that have surfaced with the Veteran's Administration. He has joined with Senator Rubio on a bill titled "The VA Management Accountability Act of 2014", which has been introduced to cut through the red tape to allow firing or demotion of high level senior executives that are not running the organization properly. The Senator believes that the Veteran's Administration should be able to take care of veterans, and they should be accountable for their actions and the way they operate.

Ms. Bette Arial, Senator Lee's Office, reported that Senator Lee is excited about Representative Rob Bishop's land bill that is being developed. Senator Lee would like to sponsor this bill once it gets through the House. The proposed legislation will negotiate exchanges for mining, lands transferring to the state, grazing, wilderness, etc. The waters of the U.S. are also a grave concern to the Senator. Several pieces of legislation have been introduced to deal with these issues. The local office has seen a large increase in case loads in assisting local veterans with various issues. Some well deserved awards that should have been received much earlier are now being presented to Veterans. Senator Lee is focusing on an anti-cronyism bill as part of his reform agenda for free market reforms over tax loopholes, government subsidies and federal bailouts. It is hoped that this will move American families forward by improving tax reform, higher education reform, transportation reform, comp time, etc. Staff is available to discuss issues at any time and appreciates receiving letters and resolutions from cities and counties.

Mr. Gary Webster of Congressman Stewart's Office reported that Representative Cantor, House Majority Leader, did not win his primary election. This will result in a shake up in House leadership. Congressman Stewart is very concerned regarding the Veteran Administration issues. Information brought forward indicates that 57,000 veterans have had to wait in excess of three months for medical appointments to receive care. It is important that all facts are brought forward to determine what has actually been occurring. Next week county commissioners and technical advisers will gather in Congressman Stewart's office to meet with Dan Ash, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This meeting will specifically address Prairie Dog issues, appropriate numbers, and management going forward. After five years of managing dogs at appropriate levels, the Prairie Dogs would be de-listed. A follow-up report regarding this meeting will be provided. Congressman Stewart as a member of the Budget Appropriations Committee will oversee the Environmental Protection Agency from a budget standpoint. The Congressman believes

that a goal of reducing carbon emissions by 30 percent would hinder economic development. He announced that two of the seven events in conjunction with the Tour of Utah will be held in southern Utah. The economic impact to the area will be significant.

X. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reviewed correspondence from the Bureau of Land Management announcing that Timothy Burke has been named as the new district manager for the Arizona Strip District. A copy of the resolution from the Five County Association of Governments to the U.S. Forest Service regarding their Travel Management Plan is included on pages 44-45 of the packet. The resolution requests that the U.S. Forest Service reopen and provide coordination status to Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties for the Dixie and Fishlake National Forest Service Travel Management Plans.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Bryan Thiriot indicated that one out-of-state travel request was received after the packets had been distributed. Ms. Carrie Schonlaw and Ms. Tracy HeavyRunner have requested consideration to attend the National Home & Community Based Services Conference in Arlington, Virginia in September 2014. The Utah Division of Aging & Adult Services has strongly recommended that administrative and program staff working with the Aging Waiver Medicaid Program attend. The total cost is estimated at \$2,746. Funds are available in the FY 2014 budget to cover conference and travel expenses.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KEN PLATT, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR CARRIE SCHONLAW AND TRACY HEAVYRUNNER AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD

Mr. Gary Zabriskie acknowledged that information regarding applications to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board included in the packet contained information that was in error. He reviewed applications submitted as follows: **1) Kanab City--** The city has made applicaiton for storm water drainage improvements totaling \$1.7 million. Kanab City will provide \$343,000 in-kind for city crews to install pipe, the applicant will provide in-kind including land in the amount of \$473,000 and the remainder of funds are being requested from CIB. The city is requesting a grant of \$996,000 and a loan of \$364,000 at 1.5% interest rate; **2) Beaver County Fire District #2--** The proposed project will construct a new fire station in Minersville. Applicant will provide in-kind of \$60,000 for land purchase. The remaining funds from CIB include a loan of \$550,000 at 1.5% interest rate and a grant of \$549,288. Total project cost is \$1,159,288; **3) Hildale City--** Application for three primary emergency response apparatuses to include purchase of a new paramedic advance life support ambulance, purchase of an SUV-type vehicle with 4-wheel drive and purchase of a Type I structure fire pumper. The applicant will provide \$50,000 cash

and the remainder of funds will be requested for a ½ grant/loan combination of \$355,000 loan at 1.5% and grant of \$355,000. Total project cost is \$760,000; **4) Parowan City**-- The city is proposing to correct the deficiencies and inefficiencies associated with the current city office building and police office space by constructing a new administration and public safety building. Applicant will provide \$50,000 cash and is requesting a \$972,000 loan at 1.5% interest rate and a \$1,458,000 grant. Total project cost is \$2,480,000; **5) Beaver City**-- The project will complete the needed major renovations and improvements to the Beaver City Library. Applicant will provide \$26,339 cash and is requesting a 0% loan for \$81,000 and a \$81,964 grant. Total cost of the project is \$189,303; **6) Tropic Town**-- The town is proposing to replace the water collection boxes within the Spring Creek spring to meet current Division of Drinking Water rules. The town will provide \$10,000 cash match and is requesting a loan in the amount of \$155,000 at 0% and a grant in the amount of \$155,000. Total project cost is \$320,000; **7) Hurricane City**-- The city is proposing to hire a consultant to develop an impact fee facilities plan and an impact fee study. Applicant will provide \$35,000 cash and is requesting a \$35,000 grant; **8) Big Water Town**-- The town proposes to expand the current fire station adding an additional 2,275 square feet with three additional vehicle bays. Proposed funding includes a CIB loan for \$279,000 at 1.5% and a \$280,000 grant. Total project cost is \$559,000; and **9) Kane County Human Resources SSD**-- Applicant is proposing to purchase a replacement ambulance vehicle to replace a 1993 model that is currently stationed at Big Water. Applicant has \$10,000 in cash match and a state grant in the amount of \$24,000. Funding is requested in the amount of \$140,000 as a grant from CIB. Total project cost is \$174,000.

Mr. Zabriskie explained that the Steering Committee has the option to support, not support, or remain neutral on any of the applications submitted to CIB.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO SUPPORT ALL NINE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cindy Staszak provided an introduction and indicated that she has been appointed as the acting manager for the Bureau of Land Management Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. She indicated that a lot of opportunity exists for the BLM National Monument staff to coordinate better with county governments.

Brian Thiriot announced the retirement of Ms. Lis Barker, Care About Child Care Director, effective at the end of June. He also announced that Ms. Carol Hollowell has accepted a new position with St. George City as director of the city's resource center.

XI. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reviewed one late arrival A-95 review for Board consideration as follows:
1) Utah State Trust Lands Administration-- Garkane Energy Cooperative has submitted an easement application for a 138 kV transmission line in Garfield County. The County denied Garkane's request for an easement nearer the airport several months ago. The route described in the present proposed route will not obstruct traffic for an eventual crosswind runway at the Bryce Canyon Airport, and Garfield County is supportive of SITLA granting an easement for an overhead power transmission line to Garkane Energy. The staff recommendation is supportive.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO APPROVE THE STAFF SUPPORTIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SITLA REVIEW AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2014 in Panguitch at the Garfield County Courthouse.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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