

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 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 3rd 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
Councilwoman Patti Wise, La Verkin, Utah
Mayor Kress Staheli-Washington City
Mayor Bill Hoster, Santa Clara City
Mayor Justin Sip, Toquerville City
Mayor Barbra Bruno, Springdale City
Mayor Jean Krause-Virgin 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: January 16, 2024

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve the Minutes of January 16, 2024.
Motion seconded by Mayor Hart 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 \$6,103,983.34.

Obligated funds of \$3,336,839.39 (unspent funds e.g. Kwavasa Dr., 3000 East Corridor, etc.)

Available unobligated funds of \$2,804,944.76.

As of February 29, 2024 the COG has the following unobligated fund balances available:

\$ 1,132,971.76 in the Preservation Fund

\$ 1,072,684.08 in the Construction Grant Fund

\$ 599,288.92 in the Construction Revolving Loan Fund

\$ 2,804,944.76 Total available unobligated funds

ACTION ITEM: Hurricane City requests \$100,000 Funding from the COG to pay for right-of-way for their 1100 West corridor.

Hurricane City is attempting to buy a 0.67-acre parcel and 0.22-acre Public Utility Easement to help acquire their full future buildout right-of-way for a portion of 1100 West Street. The road construction maybe many years away, but has become available at the request of the property owner. The land is currently undeveloped farm land. An appraisal has been performed and paid for by the city that gives a value to the land of \$92,800. Hurricane City is requesting up to \$100,000 be obligated to include up to \$7,200 in acquisition and closing costs. The total request from the COG is \$100,000.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Hurricane City Request for \$100,000 funding to pay for the right-of-way for their 1100 West corridor. Motion seconded by Mayor Hoster and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

ACTION ITEM: Ivins City requests \$602,300 funding from the COG to pay for right-of-way for their Old Highway 91/Main Street/Western Corridor Roundabout corridor.

Ivins City is attempting to buy 2.28 acres in two parcels along Old Highway 91 to help acquire room for a future roundabout at the intersections of Old Highway 91, Main Street and the future Western Corridor. The road construction maybe many years away, but the land has become available. An appraisal has been performed and paid for by the city that gives a value to the land of \$596,300. Ivins City is requesting up to \$602,300 be obligated to include up to \$6,000 in acquisition and closing costs. There was a request to amend the total request from the COG to \$604,000.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve Ivins City Request for \$604,000 to pay for right-a-way for their Old Highway 91/Main Street/Western Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson. Carried by Unanimous Vote. Mayor Hart abstained.

ACTION ITEM: De-obligating funds for \$7,877.92 back to the Preservation Fund for the Apple Valley SR-9 to SR-59 Smithsonian Butte corridor.

The COG obligated \$20,000 to Apple Valley for this realignment of Smithsonian Butte Road (Main Street) in 2019. The road dedication was completed, signed and recorded in 2020. No further funding is anticipated to be needed so staff requests that this funding be de-obligated and returned to the Preservation Fund

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to Approve De-obligating funds for \$7,877.92 back to the Preservation Fund for the Apple Valley SR-9 to SR-59 Smithsonian Butte Corridor. Motion seconded by Mayor Rosenberg and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

ACTION ITEM: De-obligating Funds for \$24,444.00 back to the Construction Grant Fund for the Washington County SR-18 path between Veyo and Central

Todd Edwards stated the COG obligated \$40,000 to Washington County for the acquisition of a 25' wide strip to land along State Highway 18 for the construction of a multi-use path in 2023. The land acquisition was completed, signed and recorded in January 2024. No further funding is anticipated to be needed so staff requests that this funding be de-obligated and returned to the Construction Grant Fund.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Rosenberg to Approve de-obligating funds for \$24,444.00 back to the Construction Grant Fund for the Washington County SR-18 path between Veyo and Central. Motion seconded by Mayor Hart and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

SS4A Update Slide Show

Rick Thornock from UDOT presented a slide show showing the most recent results from the SS4A driving safety survey. He shared the most common profiles for safety focus. (See attached)

Commissioner Almquist thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

JAYANNE LEWIS
DEPUTY CLERK

GIL ALMQUIST
CHAIRMAN