

1 **Cache County Council of Governments**
2 **April 26, 2021**
3 **Minutes**

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5 The Cache County Council of Governments met in regular session on April 26, 2021 at 5:00,
6 Cache County Events Center, 490. S. 500 W. Logan, UT and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

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8 **ATTENDANCE**

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10 **Board Members Online:**

11 Damon Cann – North Logan
12 Todd Rassmussen – River Heights

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14 **Board Members Present:**

15 John Drew – Providence City
16 Shaun Dustin – Nibley City
17 Craig Hidalgo – Clarkston
18 David Zook – Cache County
19 David Hair – Millville
20 Ed Buist – Mendon
21 Kevin Rhodes – Newton
22 Lynn Payne – Trenton
23 Thomas Bailey – Wellsville
24 Vic Little – Paradise
25 Jeff Barnes – Smithfield
26 Charles Wheeler – Hyde Park
27 Holly Daines – Logan
28 David Wood - Amalga

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30 **Board Members Absent:**

31 Stephanie Miller – Hyrum
32 Kelly Field – Lewiston
33 Jeff Young – Richmond
34 Matt Leak – Cornish

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36 **Others in Attendance:**

37 Jeff Gilbert – CMPO
38 Jim Gass - CMPO
39 Megan Izatt - Minutes
40 Jesse Mott – Cache County
41 Matt Phillips – Cache County
42 Paul Lindhart – Logan City

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44 **Others in Attendance Online:**

45 Bill Young

1 John Powell
2 Chesnut

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4 **05:00:00**

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6 **#1 Welcome and Introductions**
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8 **John Drew** welcomed and asked for introductions.
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12 **#2 Approval of Minutes**
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14 **ACTION:** A motion was made by Executive Zook to approve the minutes
15 from March 15, 2021 and seconded by Mayor Buist. The vote in favor was
16 unanimous, 11-0.
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18 **05:03:00**

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20 **#3 Update on Bonding Proposal Discussed at March 15 COG meeting and**
21 **subsequent review by COG Executive Committee and meeting with Zion's Bank**
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23 **Mayor Drew** updated the COG on the bonding proposal and the discussion of the
24 bonding process with Zion's Bank.
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26 **05:04:00**

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28 **Mayor Charles Wheeler** arrived.
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30 **05:06:00**

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32 **Mayor Holly Daines** arrived.
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34 **Mayor David Wood** arrived.
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36 The **Council** discussed the bonding process and the current economy. Executive Zook
37 suggested, if feasible, the idea of loaning the COG the \$25 million of ARPA money for
38 road projects. The recommendation from the Executive Committee is that the COG is
39 not ready to take the steps to bond because of the requirement to spend the money in 3
40 ½ years and the lack of a plan for spending the money.
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42 Some members of the Council feel that bonding shouldn't be completely dismissed but
43 still be considered moving forward. Projects that have engineering done are better for
44 bonding then projects that don't.
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46 The **Council** discussed grant money.

ACTION: A motion was made by Executive Zook to table the bond issue and Mayor Hair seconded. The vote in favor was, 16-0.

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#4 Discussion 2021 COG Application and Process; Different Options

Mayor Drew reviewed the different options for the 2021 COG application and process.

A: No new projects considered for the current 2021 year; planning only

B: approve rural projects only

C: Fund past 2020 projects submitted and not funded, as well as rural projects

D: Do a normal call for applications as we have in the past

E: Other options the COG might discuss and consider

Mayor Drew and **Jeff Gilbert** did visit Cache Valley Bank regarding available funding from UDOT for the exchange money for the CMPO.

Wolf Pack Way, from Green Canyon to Hyde Park, was discussed and will most likely be a CMPO project. Most of the COG is interested in doing a normal call for applications this year as has been done in the past. There is just over \$4.5 million available to be spent on the projects for this calendar year. \$3.9 million will be available for any area and just over \$500,000 for the rural set aside; \$90,000 will need to come out of that to help fund the master transportation plan.

6:04:00

Mayor Shaun Dustin left.

Gilbert explained how the CMPO money works and the CMPO has full discretion of the use of those funds. There is an option that the CMPO would agree to fund the shortfall in COG requests up to the amount available. The other option is to commit the CMPO money to the Logan 100 West project, in addition to Wolf Pack Way, so that Logan does not need to apply for COG funding.

ACTION: A motion was made by Executive Zook to authorize the \$4.4 million plus the \$90,000 for the master transportation plan available for projects and do a normal call for projects. Mayor Buist seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous, 15-0.

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Mayor Damon Cann left.

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#5 Discuss funding a county-wide master transportation plan

1 The **Council** discussed writing an RFP to do a County wide transportation plan. Logan
2 City's and Cache County's plans should be done later this year. The plan would involve
3 building out the main transportation corridors of the county through the different
4 municipalities. \$60,000 was approved by the COG in 2018 to spend towards a master
5 plan; that money has not been spent but still budgeted for a plan.

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7 **ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Dustin to reserve \$90,000, in**
8 **addition to the budgeted \$60,000, of the 2021 appropriation to go towards**
9 **funding the balance of a county wide master plan and establish an initial**
10 **steering committee of the executive committee to help write the RFP and**
11 **the County Engineering Department be authorized to write the draft RFP**
12 **and once the RFP is written and accepted by the COG a final committee**
13 **would be created to work with the consultant on the master plan. Mayor**
14 **David Hair seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 16-0.**

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18 **#6 Consider allowing award of rural set-aside funds to be determined by rural**
19 **mayors; urban mayors would determine urban award assignments. Language to**
20 **be drafted by Jeff Gilbert for consideration at the next COG meeting**

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22 **Mayor Drew** explained the idea of letting the rural mayors handle the rural set-aside
23 funds.

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25 **Gilbert** explained how that would work to still meet the requirements of the law.

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27 The **Council** discussed how ranking works and where the County Executive's ranking
28 would go whether it would be a rural vote or an urban vote. Doing this would mean the
29 rural mayors would no longer vote on the urban projects and the urban mayors would
30 no longer vote on the rural projects.

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32 The **Council** discussed whether or not the CTAC score should be dropped on rural
33 projects. There is nothing stopping mayors coordinating projects to help with funding.
34 The **Council** decided to make no changes to the voting process.

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38 **#7 Consider Amending the COG Local Transportation Fund Policy Manual**

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40 **Gilbert** reviewed the suggested amendments to the COG Local Transportation Fund
41 Policy Manual.

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43 **ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Buist to approve the changes to**
44 **the COG Local Transportation Fund Policy Manual. Mayor Barnes**
45 **seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous, 14-0.**
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1 **Executive Zook** informed the COG that Mayor Daines and two of our state senators,
2 and himself testified before the State Transportation Committee regarding Logan City's
3 redesign of Main Street and it was added back to the list of projects for potential state
4 funding after initially being left off.

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6 **06:44:00**

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8 **Adjourned.**