

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Washington County Council of Governments (COG) Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gil Almquist at 1:00 p.m. on October 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 Justin Sip, Toquerville City
Councilwoman Patti Wise, La Verkin, Utah
Councilman Kurt Ivy-Washington City
Mayor Jean Krause-Virgin City
Mayor Chris Hart-Ivins
Councilman Ben Shakespeare-Santa Clara City
Mayor Nanette Billings- Hurricane 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: August 20, 2024

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve the Minutes of March 19, 2024. 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 \$6,184,177.71.

Obligated funds of \$2,927,754.60 (unspent funds Western Corridor, 3000 East Corridor, etc.)

Available unobligated funds of \$3,256, 423.11

As of August 7, 2024 the COG has the following unobligated fund balances available:

\$ 1,463,693.53 in the Preservation Fund
\$ 1,723,612.57 in the Construction Grant Fund
\$ 69,177.01 in the Construction Revolving Loan Fund
\$ 3,256,423.11 Total available unobligated funds

Total amount of requests on this agenda are:

Asking for \$2,100,000 from the Construction Grant Fund

Western Corridor – Black Desert in Ivins City - \$700,000

Western Corridor – Retreat at Snow Canyon in Ivins City - \$1,400,000

ACTION ITEM: Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Preservation Fund to the Construction Grant Fund.

There are more funding requests from the Construction Grant Fund (\$2,100,000) than we have available funding in that fund (\$1,723,612.57). Sufficient funds need to be transferred in order to allow for full funding of the following agenda items.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve Transferring 1,000,000 from the Preservation fund to the Construction Grant Fund. Motion seconded by Mayor Sip and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

ACTION ITEM: Ivins City requests \$700,000 funding from the Construction Grant Fund to pay for right-of-way for their Western Corridor along the Black Desert Property.

Ivins City is attempting to buy 2.30 acres for a 110' wide right-of-way along the alignment of the Western Corridor (Hamblin Parkway). The road construction is planned for the next year or two. An appraisal has not yet been performed. Ivins City is requesting up to \$700,000 be obligated to include acquisition and closing costs. The total request from the COG is \$700,000.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Ivins City Request of 700,000 from the Construction Grant Fund to pay for right-of-way for the Western Corridor along the Black Desert Property. Motion seconded by Mayor Sip and Carried by Unanimous Vote with Mayor Hart abstaining.

ACTION ITEM: Ivins City requests \$1,400,000 funding from the Construction Grant Fund to pay for right-of-way for their Western Corridor along the Retreat at Snow Canyon Property.

Ivins City is attempting to buy 4.38 acres for a 110' wide right-of-way along the alignment of the Western Corridor (Hamblin Parkway). The road construction is planned for the next year or two. An appraisal has not yet been performed. Ivins City is requesting up to \$1,400,000 be obligated to include acquisition and closing costs. The total request from the COG is \$1,400,000.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to Approve Ivins City Request of \$1,400,000 from the Construction Grant Fund to pay for right-of-way for the Western Corridor along the Retreat at Snow Canyon. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and Carried by Unanimous Vote with Mayor Hart abstaining.

Commissioner Almquist thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

JAYANNE LEWIS
DEPUTY CLERK

GIL ALMQUIST
CHAIRMAN