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Council of Governments Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2025

Tooele County Council Chambers, 47 S Main St., Room 308

06:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Olson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

Maresa Manzione, Kendall Thomas, Jared Hamner, Scott Wardle, Michael Resare, John Olson, Kathleen VonHatten, Nando Meli, Sheldon Birch, Christopher Damour, Amy Jensen, Grant Sunada, Joe Johnston, Brittany Lopez, and Andy Welch.

3. Public Comment

No public comment

4. Minutes

A. September Meeting Minutes

Agenda Attachments

1. Draft COG Meeting Minutes 9.18.25.pdf

Nando motioned to approve the September meeting minutes and Kendall Thomas seconded the motion.

5. New Business

A. Elect 2026 Chairman and Vice Chair

Scott Wardle will be the chair, and Kathleen VonHatten will be the vice chair for 2026. Wardle motioned to close the nomination, and Jared Hamner seconded the motion.

B. Appoint Board of Health Representative

Sheldon Birch was nominated as the Board of Health representative. Scott Wardle motioned to approve the nomination and Maresa Manzione seconded the motion.

C. Appoint Economic Opportunity Board Representative

There were two positions open. One position is for someone from a small municipality.

Kathleen VonHatten was nominated, Scott Wardle motioned to approve, and Kendall Thomas seconded the motion.

The other nomination was for Michael Resare to represent Grantsville City. Kathleen VonHatten motioned to approve, and Scott Wardle seconded the motion.

D. Justice Court Commission Nomination

Maresa Manzione was nominated to fill the municipal representative seat on the Justice Court commission. Scott Wardle motioned to nominate, and Jared Hamner seconded the motion. All in favor.

6. COG Committee Reports/Updates

Dugway: The committee was informed that the Department of the Army has issued a request for proposals

inviting private companies to bid on an enhanced use lease for the development of a data center. Dugway Proving Ground has been selected as one of several Army installations identified nationwide for this opportunity. The Army has identified three parcels on the installation for potential use. One parcel is located on the eastern side of the installation, just north of the Cantonment English Village, near the installation boundary, close to Skull Valley, and adjacent to the nearby state highway. Two additional parcels were identified in the eastern and far northwestern portions of the installation; however, based on access and utility considerations, they were deemed to have a very low likelihood of selection.

An Industry Day has been scheduled for January 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and will be held in the auditorium at Dugway's headquarters building. The purpose of the Industry Day is to provide interested companies with information about the opportunity and to answer questions related to the request for proposals. The Army has invited the county and the state to attend in an observational capacity, with the potential to make economic development connections. The committee was advised that this opportunity is on a very short timeline, as notification of Dugway's selection occurred approximately two weeks prior, and the process is moving forward during the holiday season.

It was clarified that the Army Corps of Engineers is serving as the contracting agent for this effort, as it acts as the land agent for the U.S. Army. The request for proposals was published on the federal government's procurement website, and additional information is available upon request. Dugway is one of five installations nationwide selected for this opportunity, alongside Fort Huachuca, Fort Hood, Fort Bliss, and Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas. It was explained that this is not an Army-operated data center; instead, a private company would lease land on a military installation to develop and operate a data center, and that different companies could pursue development at one or multiple locations.

Stockton: Mayor Meli introduced the new Mayor of Stockton, Joe Johnston.

Lake Point: Kathleen gave an update on I-80 construction. Hoping that it might be open by January.

Grantsville: They have been in touch with the Romney group, and the railroad spur should be completed by the beginning of January. They will get the gates and everything set up. We should see traffic on 138 slow down at least once a day. It should be midday.

Tooele County: The committee received an update from the Wasatch Front Regional Council indicating that the coming year is expected to be particularly busy. One of the primary challenges discussed relates to population growth and its implications for the county's designation. According to federal population data, Tooele County may be approaching a threshold that could affect its ability to retain certain rural classifications. This matter is anticipated to be an essential topic of discussion in the coming year. Scott expressed appreciation, which was shared with council members and municipal leaders who will be transitioning from their roles. Recognition was given for the perspectives and contributions they brought to the council, along with gratitude for their service to the community. It was noted that the county and its communities have experienced significant change over time, underscoring the increasing complexity and responsibility associated with public service. Council members were thanked for stepping forward to serve and for their continued dedication to the residents of Tooele County.

County Manager: The committee received an update regarding two transportation-related projects previously approved through the Council of Governments' road project process. These projects include a transportation utility fee study and a road assessment study. It was noted that the initiation of both studies had been pending budget approval, as expenditures could not begin until January. With the budget now approved, work on both projects is expected to commence within the next month.

Staff reported that preliminary GIS work is currently being finalized for the road assessment study. This study will evaluate roadway conditions for all participating jurisdictions, except Erda, Lake Point, and Tooele County, as those entities completed similar assessments in the previous year. Once underway, updates on the study's progress will be provided to the committee.

To answer a question about anticipated timelines, it was shared that the road assessment study is expected to take about four to five months to complete, with results likely available by summer. The transportation utility fee study timeline is less specific at this time. However, the firm under consideration has extensive experience conducting similar studies for other cities. Based on prior examples of their work, it is anticipated that the survey will be completed efficiently. So that you know, the committee will be informed as soon as more definitive timelines are established.

7. Adjournment

Nando Meli motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Scott Wardle seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting ended at 6:30 pm

