

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
AUGUST 27, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
75 EAST MAIN STREET
CASTLE DALE, UTAH 84513**

Attendees: Commissioner Ethan Migliori, Mayor Hilary Gordon, Mayor Pat Brady, Green River City, Mayor Trent Jackson, Ferron City, Mayor Roger Swenson, Orangeville City, Verla Jensen, representing Cleveland Town, and Leslie Bolinder, Acting Secretary.

The meeting was called to order and the agenda was followed as posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COG MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2014

A motion was made by Mayor Hilary Gordon to approve the COG meeting minutes of May 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mayor Roger Swenson and approved by all mayors present.

UPDATE/DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Commissioner Migliori expressed the continued need for cities and towns to have training on how to proceed with economic development. He wanted to take a few minutes to discuss the following points:

- a. Cash is King. The need to put some cash towards economic development is essential. This could be incentives, fee waivers on business licenses or building permits, etc. He asked the mayors to look hard at their budgets and find some money to budget towards economic development.
- b. Jobs will follow.
- c. Assets will come.
- d. Population will increase.

The cities and towns need to come together to create a more comprehensive economic development approach and create some diversify. In the past Emery County has had

more of a single approach to economic development. This will no longer sustain counties in rural Utah.

Three things will aid in this effort

- a. Education/training.
- b. Use technology and be innovative.
- c. Strengthen leaders - drop boundaries, collaborate and utilize resources available. He noted how Green River is leveraging the available resources for grant writing.

The private sector has to lead. Government's role is supportive.

DISCUSSION OF CIB PRIORITY LIST

No new business.

DISCUSSION OF ZAP/RAP TAX

Commissioner Migliori gave an update on the Zap/Rap Tax and procedure on how to implement this tax in Emery County. This tax issue will have to go through a general election vote. He is pushing to get it on the ballot for November. He is trying to clarify, through a UAC contact, if a public hearing should have been held in the spring to comply with Truth in Taxation laws. If a public hearing was/is needed, it will probably be best to wait until the next general election since voter turnout is usually higher.

A discussion was held on where the money would be collected and dispersed. The county would collect the tax and then disperse it to the cities. An interlocal agreement will be needed between the county and the cities outlining this process.

Mayor Swenson asked if the tax should be allocated on a per capita basis instead of how much each city generates. Ethan will run these numbers and mail it to the mayors.

DISCUSSION ON PARLANT TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL/SERVICES

Parlant Technology made a presentation several months ago for a service to notify city/town/county residents when an emergency situation arises. There was discussion that the school district and sheriff already have a similar service and maybe it could be utilized for town/city use. Cleveland Town reported that they have this service, but it is with another company. Verla Jensen will get the name of the company to the Commission Office. Mayor Jackson inquired if Emery Telcom had been contacted about providing this service. Commissioner Migliori will check with Emery Telcom and report back next meeting.

TRAILS UPDATE

Green River: An open house was held on proposed non-motorized trails in and around Green River. National Parks Service is doing a study and will help with grants for funding.

Huntington: The city has begun construction on a trail from Huntington Reservoir to the city.

Cleveland: No formal plans, but want to begin the process. It was suggested that the town create an informal committee and discuss possible trails.

Ferron: There is some BLM activity for a trail around Millsite.

Ethan suggested that the Mayors delegate the responsibility for trails to a city council member who has more time and less responsibility.

DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL APPROACH FOR BUSINESS LICENSING

The BEAR committee has applied for a grant to create a regional approach for business licensing. There are several advantages to a regional business licensing approach. This idea is not to take power from cities/town, but to streamline the process for businesses. If and when the grant is approved, each city/town needs will be addressed.

MAYORS ROUNDTABLE

Orangeville

Mayor Swenson inquired where the county-wide dog/cat ordinance was? The commissioner has a draft ordinance and just wanted to know how to proceed. He will dust it off, update and email a draft to each mayor a month before the next COG meeting. Mayor Brady wanted to include language about animal abuse penalties in the proposed ordinance. Mayor Gordon was concerned that the city/towns will never agree enough to adopt a common ordinance.

Green River

Mayor Brady reminded the mayors that the Utah League of Towns/Cities conference will be the second week of September. He encouraged all to attend.

Huntington

No new business.

Ferron

Millsite Dam rehabilitation is about a year out.. The 3rd and 4th holes of the golf course will be wiped out and have to be rebuilt. This is an NRCS project.

Cleveland

No new business.

The next COG meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emery County Courthouse.

Approved: _____



Date: _____

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