

MINUTES

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING December 9, 2015 - 2:30 p.m. The Abbey Inn, Conference Room 1129 South Bluff Street, St. George, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for
Mayor Connie Robinson
Harold Haynie for Becki Bronson
Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair
Mayor Nolan Davis
Carolyn White
Commissioner David Tebbs for
Commissioner Dell LeFevre
Mayor Robert Houston
Commissioner Victor Iverson
LaRene Cox
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bette Arial
Gary Webster
Mark Tilby
Raymond Barlow
Richard Barlow
Bryan Thiriot
Allison McCoy
Diane Lamoreaux

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Platt
Mayor Jerry Taylor, Excused
Commissioner Jim Matson, Excused
Wendy Allan
Mayor Tracy Dutson
Donna Law

REPRESENTING

Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative

Iron County Schools Representative
Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Mayor Representative
Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative

Kane County Mayor Representative
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative
Dixie State University

Senator Lee's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Department of Workforce Services
Hildale City
Hildale City
Five County Association of Governments
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Garfield County Schools Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington Co. Mayor Representative
Southern Utah University

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Jerry Taylor, Garfield County Mayor Representative and Commissioner Jim Matson, Kane County Commissioner Representative. Mayor Dutch Deutschlander was representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative, and Mr. Mike Olson was representing Frank Lojko, Dixie State University Representative.

I. MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2015 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair, indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MAYOR ROBERT HOUSTON, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS - NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Chairman Brinkerhoff asked that Bryan Thiriot report regarding actions taken during the November 18, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reviewed four personnel actions which were approved by the Finance Committee as follows: **1) Dave Demas, Promotion-** - A promotion was approved moving Mr. Demas to Associate Transportation Planner. The monthly salary increased from \$4,215 to \$4,355; and **2) Case Managers Pay for Performance Increases-** - Heather Cox, Kristi Lasson, and Lisa Anderson received pay for performance increases. The salary for Kristi Lasson, who is 60% time, increased from \$2,387 to \$2,466 per month. The monthly salary for Heather Cox, full-time employee, increased from \$3,075 to \$3,175 per month. Lisa Anderson is one-half time, and the salary increased from \$1,587 to \$1,639 per month. He reported that approval by the Finance Committee was a unanimous vote.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO RATIFY PERSONNEL ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FOUR EMPLOYEES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

III. FY 2015 AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Bryan Thiriot explained that the auditor has been experiencing health issues and was unable to complete the annual audit as planned. It is anticipated that the audit will be completed by December 21, 2015 and copies of the document will be emailed out to Steering Committee members for review. The audit has to be completed and provided to funding agencies by December 31, 2015. Staff is proposing that the Finance Committee meet on December 30, 2015 to receive the audit presentation and a conference call with the Steering Committee will be scheduled for that afternoon to ratify the Finance Committee approval. The Five County Association of Governments is required to have an annual audit completed within six months of the end of each fiscal year which is June 30th.

IV. SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTATION - ADVANCED CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Chairman Dale Brinkerhoff welcomed Mr. Mike Deal and Mr. Michael King and turned the time over to Mr. King to provide their presentation. Mr. King outlined the Advanced Childhood Experience Study and implications. This study resulted from a cooperative effort of the Keiser Health System and the CDC to address a theory that was emerging about

people who were having health problems. The preponderance was that these individuals had experienced some type of difficult experience as a child which resulted in increased health problems later on. Data was collected from hospitals, doctors and other sources to determine if this theory was true. Ten specific areas were selected for data gathering, including but not limited to, swearing, yelling, hitting, inappropriate touching, divorced parents, parents who were sent to prison, mental health issues, etc. Over 17,000 individuals out of the Keiser Health population were initially surveyed. The study has been replicated, expanded and data has been validated numerous times. Events were broken down into groups for the following: 1) Abuse, 2) Neglect, 3) Depression or Suicide; 4) Smoking and Lung Disease; 5) Alcohol Use and Abuse; 6) IV Drug Use; 7) Rape; 8) HIV Risk, etc. The pattern repeated itself showing the sample of correlations. Those with a score of zero would live longer. The study showed a direct impact on those with childhood experiences where negative things happened. The implications on individuals and communities resulted in paying for the impacts of advanced childhood experiences, both short term and long term. Training becomes a very important part to prevent these types of negative experiences. Workers are being trained to be more sensitized to these experiences and ways to help make things better for these individuals. The use of inclusion or restraint had adverse impacts and re-traumatized these people. Many of these individuals end up in jail and/or in trouble with the law. Mental Health providers are now modifying their assessment tool to assist in providing better treatment. Early intervention becomes a very important part in working with these individuals as well. Many children begin to have health issues before adulthood which impact their progress in the school system.

V. UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reported that the Five County Association of Governments is proposing to move from Utah Local Governments Trust (ULGT) to the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool (UCIP) for insurance. This change in coverage will save money as well as providing for better coverage and risk training. The Utah Counties Indemnity Pool is controlled by the participating counties. The opportunity for Five County to participate in this coverage was recently opened up by the organization. Coverage is greatly enhanced under the UCIP as opposed to current coverage provided by ULGT. The coverage is expanded to Board members and covers property, crime, cyber crime, and other items. Commissioner Victor Iverson mentioned that another advantage to joining UCIP is the provision of risk management training for all staff, HR and others. The indemnity pool was established to help keep losses down. This organization became operational in the 1990s, and there are currently 23 of the 29 counties participating in this indemnity pool. This is directly tied to counties and county related organizations such as special service districts and most recently AOGs.

A. RESOLUTION

Mr. Bryan Thiriot referenced a resolution presented on pages 11-12 of the packet and read the opening statement outlining the purpose of the resolution. The resolution approves and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Directors to execute a Sixth Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with other members of the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool relating to the establishment, funding and operation of the UCIP.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY LARENE COX, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION 2015-001, EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2016, AND TO EXECUTE THE SIXTH AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

B. SIXTH AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Bryan Thiriote reference information provided on pages 13-25 of the packet. He read the opening statement as follows: "This is the Sixth Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement made and entered into by and between members of the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, each of which hereby agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Sixth Amended Agreement and all actions taken pursuant hereto". The effective date of this agreement would be January 1, 2016. He reported that the deadline to provide the resolution and agreement to UCIP is December 17, 2015. Enrollment is open one time each year. It was noted that representatives from four of the five counties serve as members of the UCIP board and this will be the first AOG to join the pool.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MIKE DALTON, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE SIXTH AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2016. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

VI. STATE AGENCY REPORTS

A. GOVERNORS OFFICE

None.

B. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

None.

C. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS)

Mr. Mark Tilby, DWS, provided several handouts to committee members containing economic data for the Southwest Region. The Local Insights publication provides information for all five of the counties. It is projected that the Southwest Region will grow faster than any other region of the state over the next ten years. Copies of county economic snapshots were provided to each county representative. This publication is updated each quarter. Economic indicators are very positive for this area. He announced that the Washington County Economic Summit "What's Up Down South" will be held on January 17, 2016 and the Kane County Economic Summit will be held on January 18th. It was noted that the job sectors showing the most growth are listed in the Local Insights magazine. Healthcare, transportation and manufacturing are all showing positive signs.

VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY & DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Mr. Mike Olson, Dixie State University, reported that Dr. Michael Lacourse has been hired as the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He has a very impressive academic resume and will assume the position on February 1st. It was learned recently that Chris Pronto, a former DSU alumni, helped to repel fighting during the Benghazi Embassy attack. A special movie depicting the attack will be presented at the end of the month. Mr. Pronto is scheduled to speak at DSU on January 25, 2016 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Gardner Center. This should be a very good event for those interested in attending. He also reported that Computer and Information Technology jobs are readily available with over 24,000 jobs posted within a 300 mile radius of DSU. Staff will aggressively promote this field for students to prepare and develop skills that will qualify them for these type of jobs. A recent event sponsored by the Department of Workforce Services on the DSU campus was successful in promoting these careers. A listing of these jobs is available on their website at www.CIT.Dixie.edu Mr. Harold Haynie reported that elementary students are taught coding in the Iron County School District. Mr. Mike Olson also noted that DSU offers camps for coding and is being very aggressive in promotion this area of expertise. A list of potential mascots was provided for review and anyone interested can go to the DSU website to vote on their favorite. A brochure on experiential learning that is offered at DSU was also provided. Three day courses are offered during the summer at Zion National Park, Grand Canyon National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park.

VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Bette Arial, Senator Lee's Office, reported that the Senate has passed legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The next step will be to build a market-based patient centered health system in America. The Land Water Conservation Bill is headed for a vote. Senator Lee, along with several other senators, has sent a letter to Senator Mitch McConnell asking that this not be included in the budget this year until they can get a handle on this. There is a \$19 million dollar backlog in maintenance projects for the national park service and \$20 billion dollars in surplus in the Land Water Conservation Fund. This is entirely broken and needs to be examined very carefully before continuing funds for something that is not working. Senator Lee has also voiced opposition for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and a lot of communication has been received from constituents in regard to this legislation. A statement read from Senator Lee states as follows: "This would be a serious setback for America's teachers and students if this legislation were to pass. The legislation has sweeping consequences that will not only be seen for students, but for years to come until they are adults. The problems is not just the particular provisions of this bill, but the dysfunctional and outdated model of education on which the bill is built. A model that concentrates authority over education decisions in the hands of politicians and bureaucrats instead of parents, teachers, principals and local school boards". Mr. Harold Haynie, Iron County School Board, commented that a lot of direction has been received from the State Office of Education and contact has been made with senators and representatives to encourage them to vote for this bill. No other legislation has been considered in the last several years that gives back more authority to states than that provided by the ESSA. It is interesting that Senator Lee is completely against this legislation. The entire statement will be provided to Mr. Haynie for review.

Mr. Gary Webster, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported that the Congressman is working hard in Washington, D.C. on the Omnibus budget bill. The deadline for the budget

approval expires December 11th, however, majority leadership and the administration have extended a 5-day continuing resolution. The major issue is that Democrats are against attaching specific riders to the legislation. Republicans are trying to attach riders involving Planned Parenthood, Abortion, and other language that would set back the Democrat agenda, particularly regarding Immigration.

Meetings with Congressman Ryan were held recently that mostly dealt with national security issues, and challenges that the country is facing with ISIS and other international issues. County Commissioners who visited Washington, D.C. last week attended various meetings dealing with wild horses and other issues with the Bureau of Land Management. One take away from these meetings will be seen in Washington County in the later part of January. More details will be released in terms of the Resource Management Plan for Washington County. Meetings with Mr. Neil Kornze also addressed issues such as law enforcement concerns with specific personnel. Voices were very strongly heard during these meetings.

Mr. Webster noted that Congressman Stewart voted to fix the Visa Waiver Program with measures to address the crisis of refugee immigration. Legislation has been drawn up again to demilitarize federal regulatory agencies. The strong arm of many agencies has been seen, and these issues can be handled through local law enforcement without involvement of these agencies.

IX. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

B. 2016 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Bryan Thiriot referenced the annual meeting schedule provided on page 26 of the packet. Ms. Diane Lamoreaux indicated that the April meeting which is typically held at the Heritage Center will need to be scheduled in another location. The Iron County Board of Realtors has scheduled all rooms at the Heritage Center for April 13th and April 14th. Mr. Harold Haynie suggested that the Board Room at the Iron County School District Office would be a good venue for the meeting. A revised schedule will be provided at the January meeting.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

None.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016 in St. George at the Five County Association of Governments Office.

**Steering Committee Meeting
December 9, 2015**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MS. LARENE COX. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY MR. HAROLD HAYNIE, AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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