

AGENDA ITEM # IV.

Bryan Thiriot

From: Eric Parry [EParry@uca911.org]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 12:05 PM
To: Bryan Thiriot
Subject: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - JUSTIN GRENIER
Attachments: GrenierSupport26AUG16.pdf

Bryan – please find attached a letter of recommendation in favor of Justin Grenier concerning his re-appointment to the State of Utah 911 Advisory Committee.

Justin is completing a four-year term on the Committee, and I would appreciate your consideration to keep him involved, and renew him for another four-year term.

Let me know if you need any further information in this regard.

Thanks,

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August 26th, 2016

Five County Association of Governments
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Attn: Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director

Dear Sir:

RE: JUSTIN GRENIER – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the letter is to provide you with a recommendation of support concerning the referenced member of the Utah 911 Advisory Committee.

The terms of the participation and representation of the Five County Association of Governments is authorized and defined in Utah **§63H-7a-307(1)(b)(v)** - 911 Advisory Committee - Membership - Duties.

I have had the privilege of working with Justin for the past four years.

In 2015, Justin served as the elected Chair of the 911 Advisory Committee. During this period, I worked closely with him in dealing with several major 911 public safety communications issues that affected the delivery of emergency services throughout Utah.

As a respected employee of the St. George Police Department 911 Center, his professionalism and dedication to serve both the citizens of Utah and our emergency responders is exemplary.

In short, I have no hesitation whatsoever to highly recommend that he be given the privilege to continue to serve in his current capacity as the 911 Advisory Committee representative from the Five County Association of Governments.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at (801)857-5825.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric N. Parry', written in a cursive style.

(Eric N. Parry)
Program Manager,
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45 years

WORKING TOGETHER
TO SERVE BETTER

UTAH'S

Associations of Governments



WHAT DO UTAH'S ASSOCIATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS (AOG'S) DO?

Aging Services

(Six AOG's are "Area Agencies on Aging")

- Fund and assist senior centers
- Keep frail elderly and the adults with disabilities independent in their homes
- Support caregivers
- Recruit and train volunteers to help seniors and disabled adults
- Be an advocate for older adults
- Counsel seniors and disabled adults about long-term care options and financing
- Outreach to veterans to provide information about long-term care options and Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits
- Counsel older adults regarding health insurance

Community Development & Planning

(Seven AOG's are "Regional Planning Agencies")

- Help plan and fund community projects
- Provide community planning technical assistance to local governments
- Coordinate planning efforts among cities, towns, and counties within their regions
- Conduct general transportation planning
- Coordinate transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income families and individuals.
- Help local governments with pre-disaster mitigation planning assistance
- Prepare emergency response interoperable communications plans
- Develop regional plans for mobility management, housing planning, and broadband planning

Economic Development & Job Creation

(Seven AOG's are "Economic Development Districts")

- Assist and coordinate local government economic development efforts
- Prepare regional economic development plans
- Help start and expand businesses through Business Resource Centers
- Help local businesses obtain government contracts
- Provide gap financing to local companies
- Promote heritage tourism and products
- Help plan and fund job creation projects
- Contact businesses to assess needs and offer assistance

Housing

(Seven AOG's are involved in affordable housing planning and two are Regional Housing Authorities)

- Provide on-going rental assistance to low-income households
- Provide housing and support to victims of domestic violence and those with mental illness
- House and support the homeless
- Provide funding for emergency home repairs and furnace replacements
- Weatherize homes of lower-income families to reduce utility bills and conserve energy
- Provide financial assistance to first-time home buyers
- Make loans for major home repairs
- Develop and manage affordable housing projects

Human Services

(Five AOG's are "Community Action Agencies")

- Provide crisis assistance to low-income households
- Help low-income families pay winter utility bills
- Operate and/or fund food pantries
- Provide funding to human service agencies
- Volunteers prepare income tax returns for lower income families

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Transportation Planning

(Three AOG's are "Metropolitan Planning Organizations")

- Perform long-range transportation planning
- Help prioritize highway, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facility investments
- Assess air quality impacts of transportation projects
- Provide forum for local governments to work together on transportation planning
- Coordinate with UDOT and other transportation partners
- Participate in development of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan

In General

- Facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration
- Provide an efficient shared regional staff
- Bring state and federal resources to their regions to meet local needs

ABOUT UTAH'S AOG'S

WHAT IS AN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OR AOG?

An extension of city and county governments with a shared staff to conduct various types of planning and delivery of a wide array of services.

HISTORY

- 1960s: Several factors at the national level including expanding urbanization, increasing social problems, an expressed desire by local government officials to manage new federally funded planning and service delivery, along with various academic studies describing the benefits of "sub-state regionalism" led to a movement for locally controlled regional organizations.
- 1970: Governor Calvin L. Rampton issued an executive order establishing eight multi-county districts or regions in Utah; in 1973 the number was reduced to seven.
- 1969-1973: Local government officials in Utah organized seven regional associations of governments with support and encouragement from the state under authority of Utah's Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1965.

AOGS IN UTAH WEAR MANY HATS

- Utah's seven associations of governments wear many hats or have multiple designations and roles including area agency on aging, community action agency, economic development district, regional planning agency, metropolitan planning organization, rural transportation planning organization, regional housing authority and others.
- The variety of roles and funding sources provides for greater efficiency through economies of scale with the advantage of control and oversight by local elected officials representing 29 counties and 243 cities and towns.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF UTAH'S AOGS

The AOGs in Utah have been and continue to be highly effective in—

- Providing an opportunity for local government officials to meet regularly and work cooperatively together;
- Creating efficiencies and cost savings to the taxpayers by having a shared regional staff to carry out designated functions of government;
- Helping eliminate duplication of effort and providing a stronger role for local government officials in planning, coordinating and administering state and federal programs at the local level;
- Bringing resources to the area (especially rural areas) that might not otherwise be available and ensuring that those resources address local needs; and
- The associations are a vital part of the high quality and extremely efficient government that the residents of Utah expect and deserve.

**Snapshot of
Utah's Regional Associations of Governments (AOG's)
September 2016**

AOG	TOTAL FULL & PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	TOTAL FTE's	TOTAL FUNDING ALL SOURCES	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL FEDERAL THAT COMES DIRECT	TOTAL PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES & CONTRACTORS
BRAG	55	44	\$7,632,000	\$6,104,840	\$2,835,135	35
MAG	80	47	\$12,300,000	\$8,200,000	\$3,900,000	80
UBAOG	57	44	\$5,059,831	\$2,980,339	\$1,588,000	4
6-COUNTY	71	41	\$4,198,676	\$1,906,086	\$301,161	0
5-COUNTY	61	49	\$7,475,441	\$5,578,175	\$647,376	20
SEUALG	62	44	\$3,237,826	\$2,716,873	\$382,000	10
WFRC	28	28	\$6,428,365	\$4,292,835	\$60,000	24
TOTALS	414	297	\$46,332,139	\$31,779,148	\$9,713,672	173