**Meeting Chair:** Mayor Randy Lewis

## Members present:

Mayor Randy Lewis, Bountiful
Mayor Mark Shepherd, Clearfield
Mayor Mitch Adams, Clinton
Mayor John Pohlman, Fruit Heights
Mayor Katie Witt, Kaysville City
Council Member Joyce Brown, Layton
Mayor Len Arave, North Salt Lake
Mayor Jo Sjoblom, South Weber
Mayor D. Howard Madsen, Sunset
Mayor Erik Craythorne, West Point
Mayor Rick Earnshaw, Woods Cross
Commissioner Randy Elliott, Davis County
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, Davis County
Angie Osguthorpe, Davis Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Davis County

## Members excused:

Mayor Jim Talbot, Farmington
Mayor Mike Gailey, Syracuse
Col. NEW, HAFB
Mayor Ken Romney, West Bountiful
Gordon Eckersley, Davis School District

## Staff present:

Rob Sant, DC CED
Megan Christensen, DC CED
Kent Andersen, DC CED

**Visitors:** Wayne Bennion – WFRC, Curtis Koch – Davis County Clerk/Auditor, Beth Holbrook – UTA, Andrew Gruber – WFRC, Scott Hess—WFRC, Chris Roybal—EDC Utah

### 2. Welcome to COG –Chair Mayor Randy Lewis

Mayor Randy Lewis declared a quorum present.

**2.1 Prayer**: Rob Sant

**2.2 Pledge:** Megan Christensen

**2.3** Venue Introduction: Mayor Len Arave welcomed everyone and thanked all who helped make the Tour of Utah finish line possible in North Salt Lake. It was a great event.

### 3. Business/Action Items

**3.1 Consent Item: Minutes** from June 19, 2019; there was no meeting in July.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2019 as written. Mayor Mitch Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Presentations/Informational Items

**4.1** China sister-city discussion led by Commissioner Bob Stevenson. He had handouts and asked the COG board if they would be in support of becoming a sister city to Huanggang, China. No monetary commitment needed by the COG. The board members in attendance are positive about the county participating in something like this initiative.

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Mayor Pohlman suggested if we plan to participate we should plan it out well and have great activities lined up to showcase our community.

**4.2** Regional Economic Development Initiative: Chris Roybal was introduced by Commissioner Bob Stevenson as the new Executive Director for Northern Utah with EDCUtah. Chris explained why Davis and Weber Counties have agreed to work together on regional economic development. He is working on putting together a board with members from both counties. There will be a brand and logo put together as well as a marketing plan. The goal is to get the region more active and have companies give us a better look when trying to relocate their businesses. Branding and marketing to be completed hopefully in the next 45 to 60 days.

We export 90,000 people out of the two county region and we import 50,000 workers daily. With the two counties working together (and hoping other northern counties will participate soon) the goal is to get more attention for northern Utah.

Mayor Pohlman asked how we deem this a success?—Chris answered with job creation and hope to push and drive a few different industry sectors. EDCUtah will be tracking what they do. They plan to get the group together quarterly but will work with individual cities and county staff regularly.

Mayor Lewis asked Chris to return in February to give an update on the efforts. Megan to send out Chris Roybal's information to the group.

**4.3** Safe Harbor Community Report: postponed for a later meeting.

**4.4** UTA Service Choices: Beth Holbrook gave a presentation on whether the county/cities would like to have a ridership based or coverage based public service with UTA. As it stands right now, Davis County is 30% ridership, 63% coverage and 7% duplication. Beth posed the question to the board "what do you think the percentage of funding split should be between ridership and coverage service?

Question were asked by the board about what the costs would be for either option. UTA currently doing some studies. The overall feel from the board was to work towards switching the ratio but be cognizant about how it will affect the citizens. Beth asked that she or Mayor Crathorne be sent information on what each mayor thinks would be good for their community. More coverage or more ridership?

**Other:** Curtis Koch working on presentation of county tourism dollars and how they are spent. County paid off the conference center in April. We are debt free when it comes to conference center. By doing this it opens up other opportunities to bring in regional tourism to the county. Ie mountain bike parks, corner canyon. Gives us a chance to give back to the community. Hope to develop and expand the legacy center but also to give back to the community.

**Motion to adjourn:**
Mayor John Pohlman made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Katie Witt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:30 pm.

**The next meeting is September 18, 2019 at 5 pm at Davis County Animal Care & Control**

**Future Agenda Items:** Send future agenda items and any handouts to Megan Christensen mchristensen@daviscountyutah.gov *Items must be received at* ***least one week prior to the meeting***

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**Future Meeting Dates:**

September 18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019
December 18, 2019

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