

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY MORGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
IN REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF
THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET, MORGAN, UTAH**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair London, Steve Gale, Kelly Preece, Ron Blunck, Blaine Fackrell, and Bret Heiner

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jared Andersen, Doug Jacobs, and Jeffery Richins

GUESTS PRESENT: Denise Woods, COG Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT
ELECTRONICALLY:** Ty Bailey, City Manager

This meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman London

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 19, 2022

MOTION: Board Member Fackrell moved to approve the minutes of the Morgan Council of Governments meeting held on September 19, 2022, with a correction to the last paragraph on page 3 by changing County Councilman to County Commissioner.

SECOND: Board Member Heiner

The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes with the correction on page 3 by changing County Councilman to County Commissioner.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

NEW GROWTH UPDATES – YTD BUILDING PERMITS & OCCUPANCY – CITY / COUNTY

Chair London discussed the new growth in the City. He stated there was 2 single family building permits in October 2022 for the City. He stated the installation of the infrastructure in the Rupp Subdivision had begun and Pheasant Run was almost built out.

COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX – JARED ANDERSEN / BLAINE FACKRELL

Board Member Fackrell stated the Local Option Sales Tax for the County wouldn't go into effect until April of next year.

YOUNG STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – TY BAILEY

Ty Bailey, City Manager, updated the members regarding the Young Street Bridge Construction Project. He explained the project had been sent out for bid and the bid closed this week. He stated it would take a couple of weeks to evaluate the bids and select a contractor. He said once the bid was awarded it would give us the contractor, the time frame, and the funding. Once the City knew the bid amount the City could begin the process of securing appropriate funding for the project. He mentioned three funding options for the project: 1) the City had requested a \$2 Million appropriation from the Federal Government which had passed the House

for the October budget cycle, but they did a continuing resolution, so the City hasn't found out if the Senate was on board or not. The City wouldn't find out until they passed their budget in December if we would receive those funds; 2) the City would begin the process of a revenue bond; and 3) the COG would be the next option and the City needed to put a plan in place and come back to the COG with possible financing proposals.

Chair London stated last month Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council, mentioned that one of the quarter precepts from the local option sales tax would go through the COG and COG would distribute those funds. It was estimated the COG would receive approximately \$500,000.00.

Ty stated once the City had the price of the project, they could get an estimate on the amount of the annual bond payment. He stated it was a lot of work to get the project moving forward without the City having the funding for our match identified. He said UDOT required your match be in place before they put it out to bid but they had agreed to this process since the City was waiting on the money from the Federal Government. He stated he would be able to give more information next month to the COG.

REPORTS – WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

BLAINE FACKRELL / ROBERT MCCONNELL – WASATCH FRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (WFEDD) – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Board Member Fackrell expressed his frustration with the WFRC in that the monies were going to the Wasatch Front and Morgan didn't receive anything. He stated he had expressed his opinion to Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, and also to the Regional Economic Development group at the summit a couple of weeks ago.

Chair London concurred with Board Member Fackrell's concerns.

Board Member Fackrell mentioned the safety issues which he had discussed with WFRC and Bret Heiner, Morgan County, i.e., widening of roads for the larger vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, etc. He suggested that those issues be considered in upcoming road projects.

MATT WILSON / MIKE NEWTON – REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE (RGC) – OCTOBER 20, 2022

No report given as Board Members Matt Wilson and Mike Newton were not in attendance at the COG meeting.

BLAINE FACKRELL / ROBERT MCCONNELL – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC) – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Board Member Fackrell reported the preliminary final plan would be coming out after the meeting on November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission room. He invited the members of COG to attend and mentioned Teresa Shope from the City and Scott McMillan from the School District also attended those meetings. He stated Governor Cox had requested we work on a complete trail system throughout the whole state which joined cities together. This was one of the Governor's priorities and he was working on funding. He stated the project was called the State of Utah Trails Transportation Initiative. He stated he was looking forward to it because it meant starting to put trails between Morgan County and all the different areas along Highway 66, Jeremy Ranch, East Coalville, Weber Canyon, and over Trapper's Loop to mention a few areas. He mentioned a trail up and down the Weber River and through different parts of the fairgrounds which he would like to begin working on this next year.

Ty updated the Board regarding the trail along Commercial Street. The City had received a grant from Outdoor Recreation with a 50/50 match and the City had two years to complete the trail. He suggested the City and County do the projects at the same time, if the County receives a grant, and share a contractor.

Board Member Fackrell stated the County had budgeted up to \$400,000.00 which was all from tourism dollars. He stated the biggest goal was to keep Morgan County as rural as much as we could and still bring in the economic development needed to increase the sales taxes revenue.

JARED ANDERSEN / ROBERT MCCONNELL – TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TRANS COM) – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

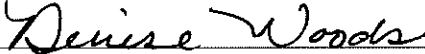
No report given as Board Members Jared Andersen and Robert McConnell were not in attendance at the COG meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Heiner mentioned a Safe Routes to School Grant he had applied for. He said it was for a Cottonwood road in the location of the LDS Church, which didn't have any sidewalk. He stated the price was \$362,000.00 and the match was 6.7%. He mentioned a new irrigation ditch needed to be piped with this project. He explained the progress on the Lost Creek Bridge/Croyden Bridge. He said the bridge would be closed on November 15th and reopen on March 15th. He said the speed limit had been reduced and different school bus stop signs had been put up. He said the School District had added two additional routes for the school buses.

Board Member Fackrell asked the Board's opinion on bringing transit to Morgan, i.e., UTA bus route. Discussion whether there would be enough interest to make it feasible. Board Member Fackrell asked if the residents of Morgan County in 10 years would be interested in it. He mentioned the interchange and the economic development coming into Mountain Green and asked if we should plan some type of a transit in the area. Board Member Preece mentioned a park and ride station in Mountain Green where you could get a UTA bus into Salt Lake could work, but he didn't feel it would work coming all the way into Morgan City.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.


Denise Woods, COG Secretary

These minutes were approved at the November 21, 2022 meeting.