

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Washington County Council of Governments (COG) Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Iverson at 1:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022, in the Downstairs Conference Room of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 East Tabernacle Street, St. George, UT 84770.

Members Present:

Commissioner Victor Iverson
Commissioner Gil Almquist
Mayor Chris Hart, Ivins
Mayor Pam Leach, Rockville
Mayor Kress Staheli, Washington City
Mayor Barbara Bruno, Springdale Town
Mayor Gary Chaves, Toquerville City
Mayor Bill Hoster, Leeds Town
UDOT Commissioner, Naghi Zeenati

AGENDA

WELCOME

Commissioner Iverson welcomed all in attendance and it was determined that a quorum existed for voting on action items.

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 15, 2022

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Kress Staheli to Approve the Past Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022. Motion seconded by Mayor Chris Hart and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Washington County Internal Auditor Susana Arias presented the financial update as of August 8, 2022:

Total bank balance of \$47,302,977.70

Obligated funds of \$2,813,683.92(unspent funds e.g. Kwavasa Dr., 3000 East Corridor, etc.)

As of August 8, 2022 the COG has the following unobligated fund balances available:

\$ 460,556.77 in the Preservation Fund
\$ 857,891.80 in the Construction Grant Fund
\$ 170,845.43 in the Construction Revolving Loan Fund
\$ 1,489,293.78 Total available unobligated funds

ACTION ITEM: ST. GEORGE CITY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM COG TO PAY CLOSING AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION COSTS HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED FOR THE RIVER ROAD (RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO 1450 SOUTH) CORRIDOR

St. George City Cameron Cutler explained that St. George City is requesting a revision to their River Road request originally made on August 19, 2020. In completing the right-of-way reimbursement request, it was determined that the closing costs and property acquisition costs were slightly higher than the original estimate. An additional \$10,619 is being requested in order to cover those costs.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Chris Hart to Recommend \$10,619 be Allocated from the Construction Grant Fund to be used for Additional Costs for the River Road Corridor Project in St. George City. Motion seconded by Mayor Gary Chaves and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

ACTION ITEM: UPDATE & APPROVE THE 2022 MASTER PRIORITY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION PROJECT LIST

This item was tabled at the previous COG meeting wherein the following requests were made:

St. George City is requesting Heritage Bridge be removed from the project list.

Santa Clara City is requesting that Chapel Street be removed from the Project List, since that corridor is complete.

Santa Clara City is requesting that Claude Drive be added to the Project List. This would include the alignment from Santa Clara Drive to Arrowhead Trail.

Santa Clara City is requesting that Gates Lane be added to the Project List. This would include the alignment from Clary Hills Drive to Western Corridor.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Chris Hart to Approve the 2022 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Project List as Presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Gary Chaves and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION: PURGATORY ROAD DEDICATION PLAT AND REMAINING PROPERTY / HURRICANE CITY

Hurricane City Engineer Arthur LeBaron explained that several years ago, lots were acquired for the proposed Purgatory Road project. The property would be used for a road dedication plat, any excess property would then be disposed of. A formal application will be brought before the COG for reimbursement in the future.

It was clarified that COG and Hurricane City jointly own the property related to the proposed Purgatory Road dedication. COG will quit claim the property to Hurricane City, and the City will effect a roadway dedication plat for the Purgatory Road connection to 5300 West. The City will follow its procedures to sell the remaining property, after the roadway dedication, and return the sale proceeds to COG. COG will pay the fees for the roadway dedication plat process but no other costs or amounts.

It was clarified that when the excess property is disposed of, state code must be followed.

Commissioner Iverson thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm.

CHEYENNE BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK

VICTOR IVERSON
CHAIRMAN