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**** M E M O R A N D U M ****

TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: COMMISSIONER JIM EARDLEY, CHAIR

DATE; APRIL 2, 2014

SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014, BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M.** THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HERITAGE CENTER, ROOM #1, LOCATED AT 105 NORTH 100 EAST, CEDAR CITY, UTAH.

MATERIALS ARE ATTACHED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O BRYAN D. THIRIOT. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AT 1:00 P.M. IN CEDAR CITY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014.

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**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 9, 2014
HERITAGE CENTER, ROOM #1
105 NORTH 100 EAST
CEDAR CITY, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. MINUTES MARCH 12, 2014 - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- II. 2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
- III. YOUR UTAH, YOUR FUTURE PRESENTATION**
- IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
 - A. 2014 RATING AND RANKING APPROVAL**
 - B. 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN - RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**
- V. MUTUAL SELF-HELP FY 2014 BUDGET**
- VI. STATE AGENCY UPDATES**
 - A. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**
 - B. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
 - C. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES**
- VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY & DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY - UPDATES**
- VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**
- IX. LOCAL AFFAIRS**
 - A. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**
 - C. OTHER BUSINESS**
- X. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**
- XI. PRESIDENT SCOTT WYATT, SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY**

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MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2014

St. George, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair
Commissioner Mark Whitney for
Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair
Mayor Nolan Davis
Carolyn White
Commissioner Clare Ramsay
Mayor Jerry Taylor
Ken Platt
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for
Mayor Connie Robinson
Becki Bronson
Commissioner Jim Matson
Mayor Robert Houston
Wendy Allan
Cal Durfey
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko
Wes Curtis

REPRESENTING

Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Commissioner Representative

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

Iron County Schools Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington County Schools Representative
Dixie State University
Southern Utah University

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

William Swadley
Gary Webster
Jake Hardman
Jim McConnell
Clark Fawcett
Jim Milestone
Todd Hageman
Jenn Andrs
Bryon Linford
Bryan Thiriot
Gary Zabriskie
Scott Leavitt
Diane Lamoreaux

Senator Hatch's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Governor's Office of Economic Development
Utah Department of Transportation
Hurricane City
Zion National Park
Tour of Utah
Tour of Utah
Cedar City Corporation
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Tracy Dutson, Excused
Washington County Mayor Representative

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Tracy Dutson, Washington County Mayor Representative. Commissioner Mark Whitney was representing Commissioner Mike Dalton, Beaver County Commissioner

Representative and Mayor Dutch Deutschlander was representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative. Chairman Eardley also announced that the Chief Executive Officer (CFO) position at the Five County AOG has been filled and Allison McCoy will assume that role.

I. MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2014 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair, indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

II. FY 2014 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISIONS

Chairman Eardley invited Scott Leavitt to provide information regarding FY 2014 mid-year budget revisions. Mr. Scott Leavitt indicated that information for each cost center is provided on pages 12-41 of the packet. He reviewed noteworthy revisions in the various cost centers, which mainly included additional revenue from new contracts and/or revised contract amounts. A new program under Special Contracts includes Pantry Expenses in the amount of \$58,000 to provide operation of the new food pantry established in St. George in conjunction with the Friends of the Volunteer Center. Additional funding was provide for Options Counseling (\$14,000). Another new program has been established titled Critical Needs Housing in the amount of \$20,000 to provide assistance to people that are or may become homeless. This program is directly related to the Community Action Program and TANF.

Mr. Leavitt explained that page 41 contains a newly established budget in the amount of \$160,950 for the Mutual Self Help Program. This contract is for a two year period and one-half of the funding is included in the FY 2014 budget and the remainder will be brought into the FY 2015 budget. The contract requires construction of 13 homes in the Five County Region and the first five will be constructed in Ivins. Groups of 3-5 homeowners work together to construct their homes. Commissioner Jim Matson questioned if this is the program that Five County is picking up from Color Country Community Housing and wondered who would be purchasing property for the program. Mr. Leavitt explained that some organizations have developed tracts of land for the program, but the Association of Governments will not be engaging in this concept. Individual homeowners will be responsible to purchase their own property. This will also help to intersperse the self-help housing throughout communities rather than having it concentrated into a specific area.

Other revisions were reviewed as follows: **1) Area Agency on Aging--** An additional \$31,000 has been added into this contract, and those funds have been divided out to each county; **2) Weatherization--** Revisions in the rent category are a result using the wrong number when the initial budget was established. An adjustment in the amount of \$8,000 is also necessary to procure diagnostic equipment that is now required; **3) Nutrition--** Additional funds were allocated by the state of Utah into this program. These funds have been added to meals and equipment for pass through to each of the county aging programs; **4) Volunteer Center of Washington County--** Carol Hollowell has raised an additional \$33,000 in donations into this cost center; and **5) New Choices Waiver--**

Funding for this program is established at the beginning of the year, but funds drawn down are on a cost reimbursement basis depending on the number of clients that are added to the program. Additional funding (\$31,094) comes from the state contract and carryover funds. Commissioner Jim Matson asked about the amount of funds in the HEAT program for rent. Mr. Leavitt responded that the rent amount covers rent for offices throughout the Five County area. Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff questioned expenses for the program director and specialist in the Mutual Self-Help Program. He mentioned that when the program was presented initially Mr. Leavitt indicated that he would be able to handle the work load. Some insight regarding this program can be provided by Mayor Tracy Dutton, and there needs to be further discussion regarding the budget for this program.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF TO APPROVE FY 2014 BUDGET REVISIONS AS PRESENTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MUTUAL SELF-HELP PROGRAM BUDGET, WHICH NEEDS ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION PRIOR TO APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

III. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM - CDBG 2ND PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair, entertained a motion to combine the CDBG public hearing and the Consolidated Plan public hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR DUTCH DUESTCHLANDER, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO COMMENCE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CDBG 2ND HEARING AND THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux explained that grantees are required to hold a public hearing to discuss projects that receive funding from the CDBG program. The state of Utah does not have funding allocations at this time but anticipates receiving in the neighborhood of \$4.2 million dollars for the Utah Small Cities CDBG program. The Five County AOG anticipates receiving approximately \$700,000 for regional allocation. Funding in the amount of \$135,000 has been approved for the 2nd year of the Cedar City Housing Authority multi-year application. In addition, funding in the amount of \$90,000 has been approved to the Association of Governments to provide CDBG program administration, economic development and housing program technical assistance and housing planning assistance. Work elements include program administration, housing and RLF program delivery, Consolidated Plan planning and development of affordable housing plans for select communities. These amounts will be taken off the top of the region's FY 2014 allocation.

Ms. Lamoreaux reviewed specific components of the FY 2014 work program. It was noted that in addition to the abovementioned items the work plan includes a facilities infrastructure needs assessment that will be accomplished in conjunction with jurisdictions throughout the region. Staff efforts will also focus on workforce housing newsletters and ombudsman activities. The Consolidated Plan update includes a one-year action plan as well as a five year plan. Next year's update to the Consolidated Plan will be a complete re-write. The Executive Summary for the 2014 Action Plan is included in the packet on pages 44 through 57. The plan addresses community development, economic development and housing development. The complete document is available on the Five County AOG website at the link provided in the packet. A 30-day comment period commenced March 1st and will

continue through March 31st. Steering Committee members and members of the audience are encouraged to review and comment on the document during that period of time.

Chairman Eardley entertained comments from Steering Committee members and the audience regarding the CDBG application and/or the Consolidated Plan. Mayor Robert Houston asked for a brief explanation of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Ms. Lamoreaux explained that funding for the CDBG program originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are passed through the state of Utah Housing and Community Development Division of Workforce Services. Each region receives a base amount of \$300,000 and the remainder is determined utilizing current population of the area. Cities with a population of 50,000 and over and counties with a population of 200,000 and over are designated as entitlement communities and/or counties. Entitlement jurisdictions receive funding directly from HUD and that population is deducted from the region's total population. This is the case for St. George City who gained entitlement designation and receives their own CDBG funds for allocation. The state of Utah operates the Utah Small Cities program, of which Five County participates. There are three national objectives that applicants must qualify under to receive CDBG Funds. The majority of projects in the state of Utah are accomplished under the Low and Moderate Income Benefit to individuals and families. Communities must conduct an LMI survey to determine eligibility to make application to this program. Some projects are funded through the Urgent Health and Welfare objective for things such as flooding which pose immediate threat to health or welfare of the community, such as Hurricane Katrina. HUD has also established target populations that include elderly persons, homeless persons, etc. The national objectives and target populations are listed in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures publication.

Chairman Eardley noted no further comments and entertained a motion to close the public hearings.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MR. KEN PLATT, TO CLOSE THE CDBG AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Chairman Eardley entertained a motion to table this agenda item.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY MR. KEN PLATT, TO TABLE THE HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT AGENDA ITEM. MOTION CARRIED.

V. REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Gary Zabriskie referenced information on pages 58-60 of the packet containing a brief explanation of appointments to the Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Board. Staffing to the RLF program has changed over the past year when Darren Janes resigned and Ken Sizemore retired. The memo included in the packet provides a brief history of the RLF program operated by the Association of Governments. The fund was initially established

in 1986 with the intent of providing supplemental financing to start-up and growing businesses in the Five County region. In the 25 years of operation, the RLF has injected more than \$8 million into 123 business deals, resulting in the creation of more than 800 jobs in the Five County region. The loan board is comprised of nine members as follows: 1) Two bankers; 2) Two business owners, 3) One Utah Workforce Services Western Regional Council representative, 4) One Five County Economic Development District representative (Steering Committee), 5) One equity/investment representative, 6) One Chamber of Commerce representative, and 7) One county or municipal attorney.

Mr. Zabriskie reported that individuals listed in the packet have all agreed to serve on the Board for terms as follows: **1) Darrin Duncan**-- State Bank of Southern Utah, through March 2016; **2) West Martin**-- Town & Country Bank, through March 2015; **3) Eric Clarke**-- Deputy Washington County Attorney, reaffirmed appointment; **4) Scott Jolley**-- Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, through March 2015; **5) Shaun Warby**-- MSC Aerospace, through June 2016; **6) Kris Braunberger**-- Certified Public Accountant, through June 2016; **7) Paul Campbell**-- Southern Utah SCORE, through March 2015; and **8) Jim Eardley**-- Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee, through March 2015. Terms are staggered with expirations in 2015 and 2016. He thanked Nick Lang and David Grant for their years of service to the Revolving Loan Fund program. One appointment will expire in June 2014 and that will be taken care of at a later meeting. It was noted that Commissioner Jim Matson has been serving on the Board as the Steering Committee representative. Typically the Chairman of the Steering Committee has served as the representative.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR ROBERT HOUSTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, TO SERVE ON THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reported that Commissioner Denny Drake and his wife Dawna received a mission assignment from their church, and will be leaving for the Texas Houston East Mission in July 2014. He complimented Commissioner Drake for his dedicated service on the Permanent Community Impact Board and representation of our area of the state. Commissioner Drake worked diligently to secure a favorable interest rate for non-producing areas in the state of Utah. His efforts resulted in the interest rate for CIB loans being lowered to 2.5% and then again to 1.5%. This has made it possible for a number of projects to move forward that would have likely had to wait for a longer period of time to proceed. Commissioner Drake's term expires July 1, 2016 and the Board needs to nominate a replacement for the remainder of that term.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARK WHITNEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON TO SERVE THE REMAINING TERM OF COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE ON THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Members of the Board also acknowledged Commissioner Denny Drake's service and commitment to protect the interests of our region.

VII. BIKE RACE “TOUR OF UTAH”

Byron Linford, Cedar City Corporation, introduced Jen Andrs and Todd Hageman, representing the Larry H. Miller “Tour of Utah”. Representatives provided a short presentation of the tour highlighting scenic beauty throughout the state of Utah, especially along Highway 12 taken during last year’s tour. The tour was expanded to Southern Utah last year and has now become a must for the Tour of Utah. Media coverage of the event is broadcast throughout the U.S. as well as other countries. The 2014 tour will begin on August 4th in Cedar City and will then progress to Panguitch and Torrey. This marks the 10th year of the tour. Last year’s tour was well received by counties and communities throughout southern Utah. In addition to 2014, work has begun for 2015 and 2016 to secure locations. Coordination with the Utah Department of Transportation is very important in staging this event in order to address safety, access to various roadways, permitting, and to work around construction projects throughout the state. Contact and coordination with the National Park Service and Forest Service is required as well. Consideration was given to the Kanab area, but road construction was a big concern. Commissioner Jim Earldley asked why the Washington County area has not been included in the tour. Ms. Andrs indicated that areas in Washington County, including Springdale, were taken into consideration, but the summertime heat is a major issue of concern. Many areas become a hallmark for the tour, such as Highway 12, Snowbird, etc. The course may vary somewhat from last year’s course. This is a great marketing vehicle for the entire state of Utah and a good way to highlight specific areas. Commissioner Mark Whitney, Beaver County, mentioned that “The Crusher in the Tushers” dirt bike race in Beaver County has been growing in popularity and provides incredible scenery. He noted that the road will be fully paved from Beaver to Junction within the next few years and asked that this route receive consideration as well. Ms. Andrs explained that the tour travels with anywhere from 700 to 1,000 people and lodging is big consideration when planning this event. Staff is very creative in staging housing to move and shuffle people as the tour moves across the state. The economic impact provided to the state of Utah last year was approximately \$75 million. Riders are willing to speak with spectators and sign autographs along the way. Residents of various communities along the route have become involved with remarkable displays of the American Flag, bluegrass bands, and various types of activities. Members of the board were encouraged to contact Ms. Andrs or Mr. Hageman to discuss any aspects of the tour and/or expansion into various areas in 2015-16.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY MAYOR DUTCH DEUTSCHLANDER, FOR THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE THE TOUR OF UTAH. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. STATE AGENCY UPDATES

A. GOVERNOR’S OFFICE

Mr. Jake Hardman reported that their office has been following legislation closely in terms of impacts to rural Utah. GOED staff is in the process of drafting a letter to commissioners and mayor to provide information regarding enterprise zones, recycle zones and fast track grants. One piece of legislation that passed this year addresses extension of natural gas lines into rural areas. This will reduce the cost of extending the lines and will make it much more feasible to provide service to

more rural areas in the state of Utah. Wes Curtis indicated that he would provide additional information regarding natural gas line extension. Mr. Hardman indicated that New Market Tax Credit legislation was passed today. This entices lenders to provide better terms for rural projects. Webinars and training will be available for communities as this moves forward.

Mr. Hardman provided an update for each county as follows: **1) Beaver County**-- An economic development council has been established; **2) Garfield County**-- An RFP for an economic study has been prepared; **3) Iron County**-- Southwest ATC building construction funds appear likely to pass this session; **4) Washington County**-- Working with Scott Hirschi to provide workforce training opportunities; and **5) Kane County**-- A fast track grant has been approved for one business in Kanab.

B. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (UDOT)

Mr. Jim McConnell, UDOT, provided an update of UDOT projects throughout the Five County region including the following: **1) Southern Parkway**-- Segment 3B, the connecting piece from Warner Valley to the Washington Dam Road, is close to completion of the Environmental Assessment and is funded for construction in the near future; **2) Red Hills Parkway/Bluff Street Interchange**-- The pre-construction conference has been held for this project and construction will begin within the next few weeks; **3) North of Kanab**-- This project is ahead of schedule. The project has included three hour road closures from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. that will continue through mid-April. The project has had great community involvement and is scheduled for completion at the end of August; **4) State Route 80**-- The Alton passing lane project is slated for this summer; **5) South Cedar City Interchange**-- Construction started last Monday for a Diverging Diamond Interchange similar to the structure recently opened on the St. George Boulevard Interchange in St. George; **6) Dixie Drive Interchange**-- An article in the Spectrum recently outlined the economic benefit of this interchange after the first year of operation; **7) I-15 North of Beaver**-- Replacement of the concrete section from north of Beaver to Wildcat has been awarded to W.W. Clyde to replace the concrete with an asphalt overlay. Work on this section will begin in the next few weeks; **8) Climbing Lanes**-- Construction of climbing lanes at Pine Creek Summit are slated for construction next year. Construction is moving forward on climbing lanes from the Harrisburg area to Leeds.

Commissioner Jim Matson asked about Highway 89 to Page, Arizona, and what is planned for this route. Mr. McConnell indicated that it is his understanding that work is moving forward for design of this section. There is currently a bypass road through the Navajo Reservation. It is assumed that the road will be reconstructed because the bypass route does not adequately facilitate traffic.

Mr. McConnell encouraged Board members to drive the Southern Parkway, specifically Segment 4A which connects the Washington Dam Road through Warner Valley and to Sand Hollow Road. This segment includes a large cut through solid sandstone. Segment 1 has been completed to River Road, segment 2 to the St. George Airport, Segment 3A to Warner Valley, Segment 3B to the Washington Dam Road, Segment 4A is completed from the bottom of the Washington Dam Road to the Sand Hollow Road. Segment 4B continues from

Sand Hollow Road to the Hurricane Airport. Segment 5 extends further up north and ties into 2800 West in Hurricane. Segment 6 is the final tie into SR-9 and I-15. The final segment 6 is slated to be a divided highway with interchanges and controlled access. This will be very expensive because of right-of-way costs for the interchange locations. Ultimately the roadway will provide a great benefit to southern Utah.

The annual UDOT visit schedule with cities and counties is included on page 64 of the meeting packet. Elected officials are encouraged to participate in these visits.

C. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS)

Mr. Stephen Lisonbee, DWS, asked to be excused.

IX. UNIVERSITIES

A. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Mr. Wes Curtis, SUU, provided copies of the Rural Vistas newsletter containing information regarding the Public Service Commission (PAC) ruling on gas line extensions in rural areas. The University Founders' Day is slated for March 25th. This marks the end of their fundraising campaign that garnered over 105 million dollars over the last seven years. To thank the community for their support, SUU is hosting a party that will include a Kenny Loggins concert, along with a Beatles tribute band, that will be free of charge. Everyone is invited to enjoy a good time at SUU. He indicated that an invitation will be extended to President Wyatt to speak with the Steering Committee at the next meeting which is scheduled in Cedar City. In conjunction with the Utah Center for Rural Life, information is included that focuses on some of the issues in rural Utah. The gas line extension ruling by the Public Service Commission may not look like much on the surface, but this is likely the first step in getting natural gas to places like Kane County. In addition to greatly reducing the cost of a service line extension, this includes competitive bidding on main line extensions for projects. This will make a big difference in getting lines extended into the more rural areas. It will provide an opportunity to have gas lines provided at the real cost as opposed to a greatly inflated cost. The next step in this process will be to provide communities the means for financing if they choose to run the lines themselves. Questar would still supply the gas, but would not be the entity to construct the gas line extension.

Mr. Curtis emphasized that changes that have taken place in the Fast Track Grants which are now available to smaller communities in Iron and Washington counties up to \$50,000 for the expansion of buildings, new equipment, etc. It has also been extended to retail and tourism related industries in ten different counties that include Garfield, Kane, and Beaver.

B. DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Mike Olson reported that Dixie State University is excited about a new partnership between the University, Dixie Regional Medical Center and Stanford University. This will include research internships for two students in the sciences

biomedical research areas of Stanford University. This is huge for students pursuing a career in the medical field. Based on an application process, those student selected will participate in an 10-12 week internship during the summer at Stanford University with a \$10,000 stipend included. Spring commencement will include over 1,800 degrees. The search for a new President at DSU is still open until filled, with an anticipated announcement in the fall.

X. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Bill Swadley, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the growth of federal government has been greatly expanded which causes great concern for the Senator. As a result, Senator Hatch has co-sponsored legislation titled " The Tax Payers Right to Know Act". This bill is intended to provide transparency and accountability regarding how federal agencies operate. It would require every federal agency to produce an annual report card for all of the programs it operates. The report would be posted online and would include agency recommendations moving forward. The report would also include a description of the programs operated by the agency, administrative costs, expenditures for service, number of beneficiaries, number of staff to administer programs, etc. This legislation is in conjunction with a House bill passed last month that is intended to address the same things. The bill has 18 co-sponsors in the Senate, three of which are Democrats. It is encouraging that there appears to be bipartisan support for this bill. Senator Hatch also co-sponsored the National Park Access Act that is intended to reimburse states for funds provided during the government shut down last year. There are six states involved in this legislation including Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New York, South Dakota and Tennessee.

It was acknowledged that Ms. Bette Arial asked to be excused today because she is in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gary Webster, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported that things have been very busy locally. In regards to the park reimbursement to states, Senator Stewart is on the House Appropriations Committee and has been discussing with Secretary Sally Jewel opportunities within the land conservation fund to direct the reimbursement back to the states. The Congressman is also working to craft legislation that would amend or repeal the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971 to resolve wild horse issues at state levels rather than the Bureau of Land Management. A piece of legislation is proposed titled "Amendment of Endangered Species Improvement Act of 2014" which will determine if states should have the opportunity to decide if species are endangered or threatened as well as whether the species is counted on state, federal and private lands. If this legislation is passed, the federal government would not have oversight responsibilities of endangered and threatened species. That responsibility would be in the hands of state government.

XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reviewed correspondence from UDOT outlining dates for each of the county visits as follows: **1) March 18--** Iron County; **2) March 19--** Kane and Washington counties; **3) March 20--** Garfield County; and **4) April 8--** Beaver County. He also reported that a retirement party was announced for Rene Berkhoudt's departure from the Grand Staircase-National Monument. This event

has been cancelled because he has already departed the area. A handout was provided announcing the availability of the Bryce Canyon National Park Multimodal Transportation Plan Environmental Assessment for comment. This is provided for informational purposes.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Bryan Thiriot referenced page 66 of the packet containing a request from Carrie Schonlaw, Director of Aging and Human Services at Five County, proposing reimbursement for up to \$500.00 per county to cover registration and partial travel expenses for each of the County Council on Aging Coordinators to attend the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Providers Conference in San Antonio, Texas on May 28-30th. Funding is available to provide this assistance to counties. Two counties have expressed interest in attending the conference.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$500.00 TO EACH COUNTY AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Thiriot referenced an out-of-state travel request on pages 68-69 for Doni Pack to attend USDA Section 502 Loan Packaging Certification for the Mutual Self-Help Program. The certification course will be held on March 24th through March 28th in Memphis, Tennessee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR DONI PACK AS OUTLINED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS

Mr. Gary Zabriskie provided a handout containing information regarding an application that is proposed for submission to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB) by Kanab City to address drainage issues in the Tom's Canyon area. Kanab City is proposing to submit the application out of sequence for grant/loan consideration at the next PCIFB meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, TO SUPPORT THE KANAB CITY APPLICATION TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Zabriskie briefly reviewed the status of applications from the Five County region that were reviewed at the CIB review meeting in March as follows: **1) Garfield County**-- Grant funding was provided to address the Garfield County Hospital as a critical access hospital; **2) Escalante City**-- The city was awarded a grant/loan to construct a new medical clinic; **3) Boulder Town**-- A \$79,000 grant was awarded for construction of restrooms at the town park; **4) Northwestern SSD**-- The SSD was awarded a \$148,000 grant for construction of a fire station in Gunlock. The district has also submitted an application to the Community Development Block Grant program for consideration; and **5) East Zion Sewer Improvement District**--

This application will be heard at the April CIB meeting. A copy of the CIB prioritization meeting schedule was also provided to Board members. The final handout announces the CIB 101 training that is scheduled for March 27th in Cedar City. Those intending to make application to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board are encouraged to attend this training workshop.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bryan Thiriot indicated that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee sometime during April to address FY 2015 budget items. Notice will be provided as soon as numbers are obtained regarding health insurance costs.

Mr. Thiriot announced that John Williams, former Executive Director at Five County, passed away and his funeral was held last Friday. He expressed appreciation for the many years that John served to guide the Five County AOG and his many contributions to the organization. An arrangement of flowers was provided from the Association of Governments. In addition, Senator Hatch entered into congressional record a tribute to Mr. Williams. Senator Lee and Representative Stewart provided condolences as well.

Ms. Carolyn White mentioned that she is serving on the nominating committee for a representative to the State School Board. However, this appointment excludes Iron and Washington counties. Members are asked to contact her to provide nominations for this position.

XII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

No reviews submitted for review at this time.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM # IV-A

**2014 CDBG LIST OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

APPLICANT	SUB-GRANTEE AND/OR PROJECT MANAGER	NATIONAL OBJECTIVE	CDBG \$ REQUESTED	PROJECT
Five County Association of Governments	Diane Lamoreaux Program Specialist	LMI Benefit	\$ 50,000 Pre-Approved	CDBG Program Administration, Rating & Ranking and Consolidated Plan Planning for Five County Region.
Five County Association of Governments	Diane Lamoreaux Program Specialist	LMI Benefit	\$ 40,000 Pre-Approved	Economic Development Technical Assistance, Housing/Facilities Infrastructure Planning and Housing Program Delivery for Five County AOG
Cedar City on behalf of Cedar City Housing Authority	Heidi Miller, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (Targeted - 100% LMI Eligible Households)	\$135,668 (Year two of Multi-year project Total: \$300,000)	Property Acquisition for Low Income Housing in Cedar City
Beaver City on behalf of Beaver Housing Authority	Max Anderson, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (Targeted - 100% LMI Eligible Individuals)	\$ 150,000	Construction of new office building for Beaver Housing Authority
Kane County	Karla Johnson, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (Targeted - 51% LMI Eligible)	\$ 87,122	Procurement of two Meals-on-Wheels Trucks (4 wheel drive)
Big Water	David Schmucker, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (59.7% LMI Community-wide 2013 LMI Survey)	\$ 150,000	Expansion of Fire Station**
Enterprise City	Adam Bowler, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (67.3% Community-wide 2014 LMI Survey)	\$ 150,000 (Year one of Multi-year project Total: \$300,000)	Construction of New Fire Station

AGENDA ITEM # IV-A. (Continued)

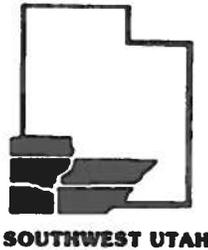
**2014 CDBG LIST OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
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APPLICANT	SUB-GRANTEE AND/OR PROJECT MANAGER	NATIONAL OBJECTIVE	CDBG \$ REQUESTED	PROJECT
Washington County on behalf of Angell Springs Special Service District	Vicki Cummins, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (55.9% Site Specific 2013 LMI Survey)	\$ 150,000	Water Project - Looping of Lines
Washington Co. on behalf of Northwestern Special Service District	Kathy Tanasz, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (77.1% Site Specific 2013 LMI Survey)	\$ 150,000	Construction of new Fire Station in Gunlock
Washington County on behalf of Utah Food Bank	Julie Adams-Chatterley, Project Manager	LMI Benefit (Targeted - 100% LMI Eligible)	\$ 90,158	Procurement of Refrigerated Box Truck
TOTAL APPLICATIONS = 10 Applications (Includes pre-approved applications for Five County AOG and Cedar City year two of multi-year application)		TOTAL: \$ 1,152,948		
**Application is incomplete and not eligible for Rating & Ranking as per state staff determination on February 14, 2014				

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS the local governments of southwestern Utah, in order to be eligible to receive certain federal funding, are required to prepare a Consolidated Plan and submit the same to the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), for inclusion in the State of Utah Consolidated Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS the local governments of southwestern Utah, through the Five County Association of Governments, have jointly prepared a five-year regional Consolidated Plan, covering the 2010-2015 program years, incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held by the Association of Governments in conjunction with its regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting on March 12, 2014 to receive comments on the draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan, Excel tool and capital improvements lists updates; and

WHEREAS the draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan, Excel tool and capital improvements lists were made available for public review during the period of March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 and public comments were solicited during that time; and

WHEREAS comments by elected officials of southwestern Utah were also solicited during that time; and

WHEREAS the Association's Steering Committee has reviewed and considered the One Year Action Plan, Excel tool and capital improvements lists updates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS that the Five County Association of Governments 2014 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan and abovementioned attachments is hereby adopted.

The foregoing resolution adopted the 9th day of April, 2014.

Commissioner James Eardley, Chair

ATTEST:

Bryan D. Thiriot, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM # V.

**MUTUAL SELF HELP
FY 2014**

	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>MID-YEAR</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>ADMIN</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REVISIONS</u>	<u>REVISIONS</u>	<u>REVISIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
512-44	-	18,000			18,000
514-44	-	28,000			28,000
520-44	-	3,519			3,519
521-44	-	7,953			7,953
522-44	-	19,800			19,800
523-44	-	1,017			1,017
524-44	-	1,131			1,131
530-44	-	5,000			5,000
541-44	-	2,000			2,000
540-44	-	1,500			1,500
542-44	-	48,000			48,000
544-44	-	500			500
545-44	-	1,500			1,500
546-44	-	5,000			5,000
547-44	-	3,400			3,400
580-44	-	9,530			9,530
650-44	-	2,500			2,500
651-44	-	2,600			2,600
	-	160,950	-	-	160,950
402-44	-	160,950			160,950
	-	160,950	-	-	160,950

FY 2013: N/A

AGENDA ITEM # IX-B.
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****MEMORANDUM ****

TO: Bryan Thiriot
FROM: Elisabeth Barker
DATE: March 25, 2014
RE: Travel Request

Dear Bryan,

I am requesting permission to travel to Boston, MA on May 1-3, 2014, for the 17th Annual Brazelton TouchPoints National Forum. I am the only TouchPoints Educator for the Southern half of the state. UACCRRA (Utah Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies) will be paying for my flight and hotel. Attending this conference will allow me to help the state make the training more current and relevant. I am on a state team to revise the 40 hour Relationship TouchPoints Endorsement to the Utah State Career Ladder Professional Development System.

I estimate the costs to our program will be:

Registration	\$400.00
Per Diem Expenses (3 days @ \$45.00)	\$135.00
Airport Shuttle	\$ 50.00
Total.....	\$585.00

I have this money in my current budget.

Thank you.

Elisabeth Barker, Director
Child Care Resource and Referral, Western Region