

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTER
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wheeler led the Regional Council, guests and CAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mayor Terry Wheeler, Supervisor Michael Pastor, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Tommy Lagunas, Mayor Darryl Dalley, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Joel Belloc, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Sam Hosler, Mayor Don Jones, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Robin Benning, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Members Absent: Councilmember Andy McKinney, Mayor Kenny Evans, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Ed Honea, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie, William Antone

Staff: Ken Hall, Andy Smith, Alan Urban, Brad Mecham, Angela Gotto, Randy Simms, Amber Garza, Andrea Robles

Guests: Jess Knudson, Matt Busby, Jamie Bennett, Bob Flatley, Daniel Hinojos, Tim Wolfe, Dave Rueters

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Lagunas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes

The Regional Council and Economic Development District Board minutes from June 19, 2015 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hall updated the Regional Council on his activities over the summer. He reported that CAG is currently working with Paychex in an effort to update several tasks in CAG's Human Resource Department. He stated that the CAG WIOA office is now located in Apache Junction. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. York presented the Financial Report. She informed the Council that CAG has switched over to a new Financial System, so she will be generating and presenting new reports at the next meeting. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve CAG's Financial Report. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Confirm Regional Council Voting Membership

Mr. Hall explained at this time that not all CAG Assessments have been paid. He stated that every year in September the Regional Council Voting Membership is confirmed. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Rankin made a motion to approve the Regional Council Voting Membership. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Confirm members of CAG Committees

Mr. Hall presented CAG's Committee memberships and explained that the memberships for all CAG committees are reviewed every year in September. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Supervisor Pastor made a motion to approve and pass CAG's Committee Memberships. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Appointment of Regional Council members to a CAG Strategic Planning Committee

Mr. Hall explained that during the last Executive Director's evaluation, a Subcommittee was appointed to assist with the development of goals and objectives, and to develop an overall CAG Strategic Plan to ensure the long-term viability of CAG as an agency. The members appointed to this Subcommittee were Mayor Belloc, Councilmember Benning, Councilmember Waldron, Mayor Hosler and Councilmember Manfredi. He stated that the CAG Regional Council requested that this information should be brought forward at an upcoming meeting, preferably in September. He noted that staff has attempted on multiple occasions to schedule a meeting with the Subcommittee members, but has not been successful due to unavailability and non-response. Mr. Hall requested additional members be appointed to the Committee to ensure a meeting in the near future. Mayor Rankin, Mayor Dalley, Mayor Wheeler, Councilmember Benning, Mayor Thompson, Mayor Jones, Mayor Hosler, Mayor Belloc and Councilmember Manfredi volunteered to serve on this Committee. Councilmember Benning made a motion to appoint the Regional Council members listed to the CAG Strategic Planning Committee. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Method of Distribution (MOD)

Mr. Urban explained that each year CAG is required to approve a MOD for its distribution of CDBG Regional Account funds allocated by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for rural Councils of Government. He stated that a change was made by ADOH this year to move the submission of CAG applications to September 1, 2015, and no other schedule changes will be made unless requested. Mr. Urban reported that the ADOH also decided to begin approving the Method of Distribution for three years rather than one year. He stated that the CDBG allocation total of \$2,118,676 and the annual allocation of \$132,417 will be used for planning the next cycle of applications until updated by Congressional action in the budget cycle. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Benning made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Method of Distribution. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Smith provided an update on current activities in the Transportation Planning Department, which included the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the CAG Region and the 5310 Mobility Management Program. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

G. White Mountain Apache Tribe Request for Membership

Mr. Hall informed the Council that the White Mountain Apache Tribe was requesting membership to the Central Arizona Governments. He reviewed the letter submitted by Chairman Ronnie Lupe informing CAG of the fact that the White Mountain Apache Tribe was formally seeking membership, and also provided CAG with a formal Resolution that was passed by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council requesting membership. Questions, comments and discussion followed. The Council asked Mr. Hall to place this item on the next meeting agenda to allow the Council to discuss and vote on this item. This item was for information only.

H. Designation of the Central Arizona Governments as the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority

Mr. Hall stated that CAG has been in discussion for several months with the Pinal County Manager's Office concerning the formation of a Regional Transportation Authority. He reported that this was due to the considerable growth occurring throughout Pinal County, and concern over the ability to provide the necessary transportation infrastructure to accommodate projected traffic levels in the future. A.R.S. § 48-5302A authorizes the Board of Supervisors of a county with a population of less than 400,000 people (according to the most recent census) to form a Regional Transportation Authority. Mr. Hall informed the Council that the Pinal County Board of Supervisors voted to formally establish the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority at their meeting on August 5, 2015, which, in accordance with A.R.S. § 48-5302, establishes the Central Arizona Governments to oversee the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority; and in accordance with A.R.S. § 48-5302C, membership of the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority shall consist of Pinal County, the municipalities within Pinal County and the other members of the Central Arizona Governments. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

I. Election of Officers

Mayor Rankin nominated Councilmember Benning as Chairman. Mayor Wheeler seconded the nomination. Councilmember Benning nominated Mayor Thompson as Vice Chairman. Supervisor Pastor seconded the nomination. Supervisor Pastor nominated Councilmember Hinojos as Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Wheeler seconded the nomination. Mayor Wheeler made a motion to close nominations. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. Mayor Wheeler made a motion to approve Councilmember Benning as Chairman, Mayor Thompson as Vice Chairman and Councilmember Hinojos as Secretary/Treasurer of the Regional Council. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

IX. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2015 in Apache Junction.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Approved on _____