

**Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda –Via Zoom**  
**February 23, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**  
**(Recorded)**

**Call to order**

Dwayne called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members: Dwayne McFall, Rusty Granzella, Kevin Day, Devin Rowe, and Ryan Stevens

Staff Members: Heather Evans, Audrey Sandefur, Carol Gindro, Vicky Casey, Amanda Morelli, Julie Peek, Tom McConaghy, and JoBeth Palmer

Guests: None

**Introductions**

Devin Rowe, Buena Vista Trustee

Excited to give a voice for Buena Vista/Chaffee County.

Heather Evans, UAACOG Executive Director

Heather gave a brief introduction of herself.

**1) Consent Agenda – action item**

- a) Minutes UAACOG Board of Directors meeting 12/22/2021
- b) Financial Statements
- c) Loan Reports
- d) Signature Authority
- e) Self-Help Custodial Account

Kevin moved to accept the consent agenda with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rusty. No discussion. Motion approved.

**2) Additions/changes to Agenda**

Heather wants to give an update on the response from the Attorney Agenda.

Rusty moved to approve the agenda with the one addition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan. No discussion. Motion approved.

**3) Program Manager Reports – Director’s overview of Program Manager’s Reports**

Heather gave a brief overview of the program managers reports.

Rusty asked that the amount of Section 8 vouchers be sent to him for Chaffee County.

**4) New Business**

- a) 2022 Board Roster & Officers – action item

This will be tabled until the April meeting.

- b) Head Start Continuation Grant 2022-2023 – action item JoBeth

JoBeth stated they will be receiving the same amount of funding this coming year. She will be expecting a COLA increase amount but at this time that is unknown and when it does become available, JoBeth, will write a grant for that. This past year the funding has been blended with CPP funds along with Head Start funds which helped the Head Start budget. The succession plan is to have Chris Henager take over and she will have

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her BA degree by July. JoBeth stated there is a shift in job duties and wages for the grant this year. The amount of the grant is \$1,294,389.00 with T &TA of \$19,327.00 and non-federal share \$324,529.00.

Kevin moved to approve the continuation grant with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan. Heather will send out the revised report with one sentence corrected in the narrative. No discussion. Motion approved.

c) Self-Assessment Report 2021-2022 – action item Jo Beth

JoBeth indicated they are using the Federal monitoring tool to do our own self-assessment. This report shows the areas of strength/weaknesses or areas of improvement/recommendations. This year there were no non-compliance in any of the areas. JoBeth said there was great participation even though it was conducted by Zoom.

Rusty moved to approve the self-assessment for 2021-2022 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan. No discussion. Motion approved.

d) Contract Extension for Audit Firm – action item Audrey/Heather

Carol stated we are in the last year with our auditor and would like to be able to offer a contract extension to our current audit firm. Right now, UAACOG is going to be on the verge of being high risk due to having a new Executive Director as well as several new program manager position changes as well as the Fiscal Office being understaffed. Ryan made the motion to offer to extend the contract with the audit firm pending the cost provided by the auditor with an 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin. No discussion. Motion approved. This will be tabled to the April meeting.

e) Hidden Benefit: AAA Connection with EMS – Tom Informational Update

Tom stated in the wake of the Marshal fire the AAA's had been involved in the response to the fire. The AAA can be beneficial to the emergency management departments in our region. The emergency management offices were not aware of the lists that we would have of the homebound seniors or those that may need additional assistance in the event of an emergency and our relationship with these seniors. Tom has met with two county management teams at this time and will be contacting Lake and Custer soon.

**5) Old Business**

a) Proposed AAA Building Project/Senate Bill 21-290 – Tom Informational Update

Tom said there is not much to update as the decision deadline of January 31 has come and gone. They are saying that a decision should be ready in the next few weeks.

b) Energize Colorado Gap Fund Loan – Heather Informational Update

There is an email chain in the board packet pertaining to the loan fund. Jessica stated that we would have to take out a loan to get the funds which the board previously approved. However, once the paperwork was submitted, they said it was too long since paperwork and had to re-submit this again. Submitted two times. Now we understand

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we do not have to take the loan to be eligible for the funds. We are bowing out of the loan portion. There has been no promissory note made by the UAACOG.

- c) Attorney General update response –Heather Informational Update  
The letter was shown on the zoom meeting and Heather will send the letter to the board members.

- 6) **Director's Report** General Information – written report included in the packet  
Heather gave a few highlights to her written report.

**7) County/Community Reports**

- a) Custer County – Kevin Day  
Road and Bridge position posted and filled  
Admin Assistant has been filled  
Ambulance service in Wetmore--with Florence Fire District mil levy approved they will be hopefully covering Wetmore when they get the 2<sup>nd</sup> crew up and running.  
Broadband project still going but have not applied for the EDA grant and re-apply for the DOLA grant.
- b) Westcliffe/Silver Cliff – Buck Wenzel
- c) Florence/Cañon City –Anthony Esquibel/Ryan Stevens  
Hiring has been a challenge.  
Hiring staff with CDL is a challenge.  
Move along with approving a plat for sixty-eight units  
UTV's allowance on city streets, will be tabled to another meeting time.
- d) Lake County – Jeff Fiedler
- e) Leadville – Greg Labbe
- f) Chaffee County – Rusty Granzella  
Morphew case has been moved from Chaffee County to Fremont County courts.  
Chose a consultant for a land use update.  
Sales tax remain strong.  
Enjoying the snow.
- g) Buena Vista – Devin Rowe  
Excited to learn more about UAACOG.  
Working on short term rental regulations.  
Affordable housing project building will be moving forward.  
Now contracting fire services through Chaffee County Fire District.  
Water plant expansion.  
Recycling is needed for citizens.

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- h) Fremont County – Dwayne McFall
  - Pathfinder Park has a CO and events are occurring. Hired an event planner for Pathfinder.
  - RFP for a barn went out and costs came in higher than thought so they will revise their plans.
  - HR position open.
  - AARPA fund requests are open.
  - Looking at special districts and how the county can help.

**8) Adjourn Board meeting**

Dwayne adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.