

Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda – Hybrid Location—UAACOG Office
October 26, 2022
10:00 AM

Call to order

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

Board members: Buck Wenzel, Dwayne McFall, Ryan Stevens, Kevin Day, and Rusty Granzella

Board members via zoon: Jeff Feidler, Greg Labbe, Devin Rowe

Staff: Heather Evans, Audrey Sandefur, Carol Gindro, Max Hanson, Julie Peek, Chris Henager, and Tom McConaghy

1) Consent Agenda – *action item*

- a) Minutes UAACOG Board of Directors meeting 08/24/2022
- b) Financial Statements
- c) Loan Reports
- d) Policy 604 FAMLI

Rusty made a motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Ryan. No discussion.
Motion approved.

2) Additions/changes to Agenda

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

- Area Agency on Aging—struggling with staffing and volunteer drivers in BV
- Commodities—looking for additional funding for 2023.
- CSBG—outreach in Chaffee and Lake Counties.
- Loans—delinquent loans still paying but are behind; some due to Covid.
 - Rusty asked if loans could be modified so that they do not show overdue.
- Opted out of Family and will need to be re-visited in 2030.
- Transfer our insurance broker of record due to lack of response from previous broker.
- Head Start—Still enrolling children, only 18 slots not filled as of today. Chris is determined to meet the in-kind for the program year however, the mandated vaccine does pose a problem. Chris stated we are asking for non-traditional volunteers such as dads putting up sheds, working on playground, a local biker group is holding a fundraiser which is a coat and glove drive for children. Chris stated they are thinking creatively this year. Chris stated they will be able to hold Safety town in 2023 where we collect the majority of our in-kind. Over the summer there were improvements made to the center.
- Housing Counseling—slowly expanding the services into other counties.
- Housing Navigation—new staff is getting up to speed and conducting outreach.
- Housing Rehab—sent out 206 applications and 25 loans have been closed, increased the maximum loan amount with homes built 1978 and newer.
- Section 8—increased allotted vouchers. Salida Ridge has been accepting vouchers and the first building is open but waiting for the 2nd building to be open. Loaves and Fishes is applying for a grant for 20 vouchers with 15 in Fremont and 5 in Chaffee County for clients that have higher needs. Hire a new staff member to support the program.

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- Self Help—three new participants ready to get going and the appraiser has hindered the progress. These three lots are the last of the Prairie Sage subdivision. Contractors have been locked in and ready to move forward.
- Transportation—in 2023 the match comes back into play at 50% for the sub-contractors.
- WIC—operating under the public health waiver, some children are coming in.
- WIOA—substantial changes happening and is an item on the new business. Carol is the acting program manager. Vicky, Paula, and Amanda have resigned, leaving Sandra and Elaina as the remaining staff.

4) New Business

a) UAACOG 2023 Budget—*action item, Audrey Sandefur*

Audrey stated that the 2023 Annual Budget will be \$11,008,523 which is an increase from the 2022 budget by \$1,103,967.00. There is still Covid money to be spent in 2023 in the amount of \$483,064.00. The budget breakdown is as follows:

Salaries/Fringe	\$3,274,864.00
Operating	\$5,127,698.00
Client Funding	\$2,605,961.00
Total	\$11,008,523.00

Keep in mind that the budgets are fluid and ever changing depending on program needs.

Rusty moved to approve the 2023 annual budget as presented with a 2nd by Kevin. No discussion. Motion approved.

b) CRWC WIOA Contract—*informational, Heather Evans and Carol Gindro*

The contract will not be renewed and cited a statute stating the state cannot sub grant out services if they are able to do the services themselves. Our current contract goes through June of 2023 with 1.5 staff members. Carol talked with Amanda and Sandra and there are 40 client cases and Sandra can absorb Amandas cases with no problem. Carol states we should not have Pueblo enter the process at this point, then we can keep Sandra on longer and run the program until the money runs out. If staff find other employment, then the contract will then end. Rusty would like to make sure our clients are transitioned and not left out in the cold. Carol stated that if Sandra decides to leave then Sandra will transition the clients to Pueblo easily. Carol would like to see we continue the contract as it states now, keeping Sandra and Elana employed rather than de-obligate the contract now. Dwayne asked about the lease in the space in the COG building. Heather suspects that they may be looking for smaller place to rent and will do follow up.

Dwayne made a motion to not de-obligate the money and run the contract until it expires with a 2nd by Ryan. No discussion. Motion approved.

c) HB22-1304 and HB22-1377—*informational, Max Hanson*

- HB 22-1304. The grant is for \$138,000,000 50% allocated to rural and rural resort communities by the end of 2023. There is a 25% match. NOFA

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released by November of 2022. Project prioritization—long term affordability, promote long term affordability, etc. Eligible activities—land banking, gap financing, energy improvements, etc. This grant would start in January of 2024 and end of spending will be December 2026. Greg asked for some additional information regarding AMI. Ryan asked if we are looking for partnerships or applying directly. Max has conducted outreach in the region and the closer to shovel ready the project is in the more likely the funding will occur. Based on the information Max has received he would apply on a stand-alone. Ryan stated the City would be a partner as had been done with involvement in the Self-Help Housing Project.

- HB22-1377. The grant is \$105,000,000 with \$250,000 to \$5,000,000 awards. There is a 50% match required. Project prioritization—greatest impact on reducing homelessness, and individual with greatest needs or barriers, etc. Eligible activities—permanent supportive housing, emergency homeless shelters, etc. NOFA released November 2022. The grant would start in February 2023 and end in December 2026.

- d) AAA Acknowledged in Obituary—*informational, Heather Evans and Tom McConaghy.*

Heather explained how Aging helped an individual/family and how there were thanked in this person's obituary.

5) Old Business

- a) Proposed AAA Building Project/SB21-290, Round 2 – *Tom Informational update*
Aging applied for funding and have been funded in the amount of 3.5 million. Tom has asked for an accelerated process. There are two options for existing building in Salida to rehab for new office space and a commercial kitchen with the third option to build new.

6) Director's Report General Information – written report included in the packet

- DOLA grant has been submitted in the amount of \$80,000
- Hiring a loan officer for UAADC
- Grants Managers position still in play and looking to give the money up-front but no contract yet
- Working on updating internal safety for IT

7) County/Community Reports

- a) Custer County – Kevin Day
- Recycling center is up and running and have expanded from cardboard to include cans
 - Hwy 96 overlay project will be delayed
- b) Westcliffe/Silver Cliff – Buck Wenzel

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- Hwy CDOT highway commissioner said they gave them a delay on overlay with fines per day and have until November to complete the part by the museum
 - Safe routes to school complete
 - CU Denver has been working on mid-cliff for the past two years
- c) Florence/Cañon City –Ryan Stevens
- Housing starts have slowed down considerably
 - Commercial development interest still up
 - City market fueling station, Maverick gas station and Loves gas station going in
 - Have hired an HR director and the Public Works Director will be starting soon
 - Police Department staffing has two vacancies and when filled which will make them fully staffed
 - Broadband project moving forward
 - CDL issue is becoming a big issue
- d) Lake County – Jeff Fiedler
- Working on a community justice center
 - Getting the City involved in wildfire mitigation efforts
- e) Leadville – Greg Labbe
- Build 12 affordable homes in the summer of 2023
 - Current need for housing is over 900 units
 - EV charging station on Harrison Drive
 - Building restrooms in the downtown area
- f) Chaffee County – Rusty Granzella
- Work on land use code update, put a temporary moratorium on large subdivision
 - Donate to a childcare center in Poncha and they must add 10-20 slots for children
 - Ongoing contract negotiations for EMS service
 - Had concert in Buena Vista for 5000 persons
 - Nixed the FAMLI
 - Selected a contractor for the new EMS building in Buena Vista, DOLA grant \$750,000
 - Water from San Luis to Denver has been nixed
 - Doing an aquifer study through USGS
- g) Buena Vista – Devin Rowe
- Hired a new town administrator; started in September
 - Ballot measure 6A will help fund Chaffee Housing Authority
 - Renewal Festival was a success 7500 tickets sold out in 10 minutes
 - Post Office—past 30 years no delivery only post-office boxes with the cost increasing to over \$250.00 per box and now the post office box fees will be waived

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- Pickleball court has been built
 - Police station groundbreaking occurring and should be complete in a few years
 - Water plan expansion
- h) Fremont County – Dwayne McFall
- Cyber-attack was ransom ware, no ransom paid. They have re-built the system.
 - County Manager’s last day is tomorrow so looking for a new county manager
 - Build, at Pathfinder, a large building hope to have it done prior to July 2023
 - Approved a contract to review zoning regulations
 - Single wide units available—must follow international building codes
 - Signed an agreement for a broadband study

Buck thanked Tom for meeting with him regarding the senior center meals and to Max for meeting with him regarding housing. He thanked Heather for her outreach.

8) Adjourn Board meeting

Dwayne moved to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Kevin. No discussion. Motion approved. Buck adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.