



SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION  
MINUTES

September 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
751 E. 100 N., Price, Utah  
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1. Welcome (Jae Potter)  
They do not have a full Quorum, but they plan for this to be informational.
2. Consider potential legislation for infrastructure related to rural economic development (Mike Mckee)  
Priorities for the coalition.  
(Jake) talked about the diverging prosperity between urban and rural Utah. In Carbon County, the population has not shifted dramatically, but the pay wage has declined. Every one voted to show these statistics to the Governor to help make changes.  
  
(Mckee) The Play Book has 60 items on how to improve economy in rural Utah they boiled that down to 10 things to focus on. Governors Partnership, Bringing technology jobs to rural Utah. TIF money could be recouped through state taxes, put fast tracks in for Ma and Pop shops. Small shops may need small funds which are not available at the moment.  
  
Have support for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition. When we work together it helps everyone. Enhance rural Utah Lobby efforts. They were hoping for funding.  
  
Hire a State Rural Development Director. There are individuals helping with that but they need to be in higher positions to really help make things happen. Try to recruit people in state, rather than bring people in from out of state.  
  
Local Building codes: It is one size shoe fits all, and that does not fit rural Utah. They want to allow a governing body of a community have the ability to opt out of some building codes that don't fit, that are not in regards to safety. Incentives for existing businesses in Rural Utah. Utah State University has come out to rural Utah, which is great but they are trying to channel people to their main campus. They need to teach the skills that communities need.  
  
RDA's hits the TIF items.  
Incentive to State and Fed to locate to Rural Utah. Maybe this is a wish list, because the communities don't have taxes to put into. It could help the staff of some of these organizations that deal with rural Utah, understand rural Utah. The Urban areas are going to have the lion's share of the agencies, but we need to make a case by case basis. For Uintah Basin, they brought

10 jobs at \$15 an hour and it has made a difference of a million dollars in the economy for the Uintah Basin. It is about one job at a time and relationships. We have to show that this would not make tax payers pay more.

Review of burdensome regulations.

The board members will fill this out a little more.

We need to get this up immediately. Need to get bills going.

3. Closed (executive) session pursuant to §52-4-205  
none

4. Motion to adjourn  
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Burdick, by acclamation.