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Director's Dialogue

Regional economic development was a key reason that county officials created the Five County organization more than 50 years ago. The first meetings of the organization dealt with cooperative tourism marketing and business attraction.

This spirit of cooperation continued to evolve, and was enhanced with the designation of the Association of Governments as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) on March 17, 1980. This designation allowed the region to pursue regional economic development actions that included the improvement of many of the first industrial parks across the region, including the Millcreek Industrial Park in St. George, the Hurricane Industrial Park, the Cedar City industrial park near the airport, and the Milford Industrial Park. These locations have provided space for many well known home-grown businesses providing jobs to hundreds of families across the region.

One key component of regional economic development has been the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This source of supplemental business financing has helped more than 120 businesses expand to create or retain more than 900 jobs.

A relatively small planning investment grant from EDA has allowed Association staff to engage in public lands management coordination, assist county economic development professionals, strengthen ties to Paiute tribal economic development efforts, and provide internships to Southern Utah University Master of Public Administration students.

EDA representatives recently conducted "peer reviews" of economic development districts across the state. These reviews allow both EDA staff and directors from other districts to evaluate the performance of Utah districts. Mayor Jerry Taylor and I participated in the peer review of our district.

The results of the peer review generated a series of excellent ratings across more than a dozen criteria. Comments noted that "programming of the organization is impressive" and that "the Five County AOG is one of the premier organizations within the Denver region."

The region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy will be revised and updated in the coming months. Please stay tuned for information on how to participate in the process in future newsletters and at our website at www.fivecounty.utah.gov

Two new employees have joined our community development and transportation planning staffs. **Dave Demas** is a former city engineer, and will be assisting the two Rural Planning Organizations and MPO. **Levi Roberts** is a recent graduate of the Portland State Master of Urban and Regional Planning program. He will be working in mobility management and community planning assignments. Look for more details about these new arrivals in this edition. *(Kenneth L. Sizemore, Executive Director)*

Garfield County Courthouse Dedication/ Ribbon Cutting



Former County Commissioner Maloy Dodds, Commissioner Dell LeFevre, Commissioner Clare Ramsay and Commissioner Leland Pollock

On the afternoon of July 9, 2012 Garfield County officials held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the newly renovated and expanded Garfield County Courthouse in Panguitch.

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The historic courthouse building was completed in 1908. It had an addition to the east (primarily adding vaults) in 1955. A more significant expansion took place in 1984 which added much needed space to serve public service functions for the County.

It was known for a number of years ago that the historic courthouse needed to be renovated and additional courtroom, office and storage space meeting current standards was becoming necessary.

The County began a several years' long process of saving funds for the construction project that was celebrated this month. The County utilized those saved funds as well as a significant contribution from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board to complete the renovation and expansion without burdening the citizens of the County with any long-term debt. The total cost of the addition was \$5.7 million with CIB providing \$700,000 and the Court system \$86,000.



The County hired the Utah-based architectural design firm of Cooper Roberts Simonsen Architects (CRSA) from which came principal Architect on the project Ben Rodgers, a southern Utah native. The new addition is about 14,000 sq. ft., bringing the total area of the building to 30,158 sq. ft. The General Contractor on the project was Jacobsen Construction.

The thoughtful design of the addition to the historic courthouse respects and honors the heritage of the past while providing for a transition to the present through the use of creative design elements. The new north tower pays homage to the tower on the historic courthouse building while expressing an essence of modern style.

Once the arduous task of designing the addition and simultaneously planning for the renovation of the historic

courthouse was completed, the County needed to relocate all of the uses and services that were taking place in the existing facility to enable the contractor to have full access to the property. The County moved services and staff into the Garfield County Fair Building where they remained from May 2011 until July 2012.



Crowd attending dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony featured remarks by Commission Chairman Clare Ramsay and a special dedicatory prayer offered by John Yardley, Area Seventy.



Commissioner Clare Ramsay with other Commissioners and Staff

Employees are now in the process of unpacking boxes and getting used to their new surroundings. The services returning to the building include the: County Engineer (includes roads and public works), Planner, Building Inspector, Treasurer, Recorder/Surveyor, DMV (registrations daily, driver's license every other week), Assessor, USU Extension, Justice Court, District Court, Travel Council, Clerk, County Commission, and County Attorney.

The Association staff congratulates Garfield County's officials and all of those involved in this endeavor. Everyone should be proud of this newly renovated and expanded facility which has preserved an important part of the history of Garfield County and should serve the needs of the County for many years to come. (Gary Zabriskie, Director of Community and Economic Development)

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Grant & Loan Program



The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (usually just referred to as "CIB") is a program of the state of Utah which provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development (primarily coal, oil, and natural gas) on federal lands.

The primary source of funding through the CIB is mineral lease royalties paid by developers of those resources. Half of the overall royalty funds are returned to the state by the federal government and approximately 1/3 of the state's half goes to the CIB to allocate.

The CIB will consider only those applications submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project. Eligible applicants include: counties, cities, towns, school districts, housing authorities, building authorities, special service districts, water conservancy districts, county service areas, special improvement districts, water or sewer improvement districts, and public post secondary institutions. Indian Tribes, individuals, corporations, associations, private nonprofit organizations are not eligible for financing from the CIB.

The CIB can fund the following types of activities: planning, construction and maintenance of public facilities, and certain provision of public services. Under most circumstances CIB participation in funding is generally limited to a maximum of \$5,000,000, regardless of grant/loan mix.

Planning, study or design requests require a 50 percent cash contribution from the applicant. Applicants cannot count the use of in-kind funds as local matching funds unless the in-kind participation has a demonstrable value, such as real property. Donated labor or staff time cannot be counted as local matching funds.

The CIB's policy is that any entity's project, in order to be considered for funding, must be on a county-wide, prioritized, 1-Year Capital Improvement List. The CIL development and prioritization for each county's list is facilitated by the CIB Regional Planner. The CIL documents are used for funding decisions by the Community Impact Fund Board. The current lists developed earlier this year are being used for CIB applications submitted in the CIB trimester application cycles of June 2012, October 2012 and February 2013.

For more information on the CIB program in this region you can contact CIB Regional Planning Program planner Gary Zabriskie; telephone (435) 673-3548 or e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

Staff Spotlights



Cindy Rose

Cindy is the newest member of the Volunteer Center of Iron County staff. Cindy works as the new Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Youth Volunteer Corps Coordinator, replacing Carrie Bittmenn, who left Five County AOG to pursue full-time employment in the private sector. She joined the Volunteer Center of Iron County in April and has

been a wonderful addition to the staff there.

Cindy was born and raised in Southern California and moved to Cedar City in 2004. She, and her husband Evan, own Parowan Auto Body and have five children. All but one of their children live in Cedar City and they love having their family close. She and her family are expecting a seventh grandchild in October.

Cindy has been involved in many volunteer activities throughout her life, including serving as a PTA president and a secretary of a Chamber of Commerce in California.

Cindy has enjoyed getting to know people in the community in her role at the Volunteer Center. She loves her job and is excited to continue to learn, meet new people, and help the Volunteer Center continue to grow. The Volunteer Center is very excited to have someone as passionate as Cindy.



Levi Roberts

Levi is excited to be the newest member of the Community and Economic Development Division of the Five County AOG as a planner in the St. George Office.

Levi brings with him a strong interest in planning for livable communities, coordinating transportation

and land-use planning, and developing alternative transportation options. He recently graduated from Portland State University with a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning. While in Portland, Levi worked on projects related to GIS, commercial revitalization and coordinated veterans' transportation. He is also a proud "Aggie", having received a Bachelor's degree in Geography at Utah State University. Throughout both his under-graduate and graduate studies Levi drove city and para-transit busses, thoroughly getting to know the systems and the communities of Logan and Portland.

Levi was born and raised in Tooele. He enjoys bicycling, traveling, and horsing around with his two year-old son. Levi and his wife, Christine, are currently awaiting the August arrival of their second child.

Bryce Canyon City Public Safety Building



Congratulations to Bryce Canyon City on the recent “fire hose cutting” and building dedication ceremony for their new Public Safety Building that took place on June 22, 2012.

Project funding was provided by the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, Garfield County, Bryce Canyon City and Ruby's Inn. The architectural firm was MESA Group, Inc. with engineering services from Jones and DeMille. The general contractor was Busk, Inc. This wonderful new facility will serve local residents and businesses and the approximately 1.7 million visitors who come to this scenic area of our region.

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