

**MINUTES OF THE
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 1:15 p.m. – Room 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair
Rep. R. Curt Webb, House Chair
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Kim Coleman
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers

Rep. Earl D. Tanner
Rep. John R. Westwood
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Pres. Wayne L. Niederhauser
Rep. Johnny Anderson

Staff Present:

Ms. Megan L. Bolin, Policy Analyst
Ms. Christine R. Gilbert, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Joshua M. Weber, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. Rep. Walt Brooks was introduced and welcomed as the newest member of the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Westwood moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Harper, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

2. Association of Governments – Required Report

Mr. Andrew Jackson, Executive Director, Mountainland Association of Governments, and Mr. Roger Jones, Executive Director, Bear River Association of Governments, presented, "Utah's Associations of Governments." They gave an overview of the types of services that each association of governments provides. They also discussed the amount and sources of funding for 2016. They responded to questions from the committee.

3. A Performance Audit of Culinary Water Improvement Districts

Mr. Tim Osterstock, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and Mr. LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts, presented, "A Performance Audit of Culinary Water Improvement Districts." They discussed the audit's key findings and recommended amending statute to address municipal annexation and encroachment on a district's service area. They responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to open a committee bill file to address municipal encroachment on a district's service area. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Harper and Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

4. Historic Preservation Amendments – Draft Legislation

Rep. Webb gave an overview of draft legislation "Historic Preservation Amendments" (2017FL-0387/022), which would prohibit a local legislative body from delegating land use decisions related to historic properties to a historic preservation commission or board. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Lynn Pace, President, Utah League of Cities and Towns, expressed concern that the bill would increase the time for a historic property owner to receive a decision on their land use request.

5. Utah 3-1-1 Help Line

Rep. Steve Eliason and Ms. Missy W. Larsen, Chief of Staff, Utah Attorney General's Office, presented "Mental Health Crisis Resources in Utah." They discussed the pressing issue of suicide as a leading cause of death for youth in Utah and how the creation of a statewide crisis line could help reduce the number of suicides. They responded to questions from the committee.

Ms. Aimee Winder Newton, Vice Chair, Salt Lake County Council, discussed her personal experience of trying to find immediate crisis intervention services and urged the committee to take action on the issue.

Mr. Cory Norman, Deputy Mayor, Provo City, expressed his gratitude for the committee's work on addressing suicide in Utah. He also gave a brief history of the 3-1-1 phone number as it is currently used in Provo. He responded to questions from the committee.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to open the following three bill files: one to address property taxation of historic properties, one related to issues raised by local clerks and recorders, and one related to the Land Use, Development, and Management Act. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Coleman, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to open a bill file regarding the creation of a statewide crisis intervention phone number. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Coleman, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Coleman, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.