CALL TO ORDER
Chair James Restucci called the October 18, 2021 meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS
• Members present via teleconference
  Ron Anderson: Yakima County
  Janice Gonzales: Area 2 – Wapato, Toppenish, Harrah, Zillah
  John Hodkinson, Vice Chair: Area 1 – Moxee, Naches, Selah, Tieton, Union Gap
  Bill Moore: Area 3 – Mabton, Granger, Grandview
  Sherry Raymond: Member-At-Large
  James Restucci, Chair: City of Sunnyside
• Members absent
  Brad Hill: City of Yakima
• YVCOG Staff
  Chris Wickenhagen, Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Lynn Deitrick, Tamara Hayward, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson
• Others Present via teleconference
  None
• A quorum was present
  *Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY
It is the policy of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Executive Committee to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.

Consent Agenda*
1. Approval of Minutes:
   September 20, 2021, YVCOG Executive Committee Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Voucher:
   As of September 30, 2021, approve payroll voucher SEP 21-001 in the amount of $78,516.11 through electronic fund transfers.
3. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers:
   As of September 30, 2021, approve claim vouchers numbered SEP-21-002 through SEP-21-017 in the total amount of $45,470.76.
   Decision: Ron Anderson, Yakima County representative, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Sherry Raymond, Member at large representative, seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Director’s Correspondence
Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director
• AWC EXPO Conference: Networking opportunities and conversations are very important. Pooling resources for maximizing funds. Knowledgeable and motivating.
• Event Planning for Members – Community Engagement Coordinator.
• Outreach Services for Members: State and Federal funding tied to community engagement. This service will be offered to our members at low cost.
• Regional Summit in 2022: on hold for past two years. Elected and senior staff. Great experience for those who participated.
• Newly Elected Greet and Meet: January 2022, everyone invited. Sharing information and resources with each other. Where can you go for information? Who are their partners? Note: YVC may have a one-day class. May grab that program and tune it for our needs. Also for other County elected officials.
Local connection and information is important.

- Listening Tours from Members: Have met with each jurisdiction.
- ARPA Infrastructure: Vicki will present information.
- December ‘Program’ for GM Meeting: Possibly spotlight on each city and how they benefit from membership in YVCOG? Or, what does COG do? What has COG accomplished? Please submit nominations for Outstanding Service Award.

Information

**Staff Reports**

**Shane Andreas, Finance Specialist.**

- **September 2021 Budget Report**
  - Revenues: $77,951.33
  - Expenses, including payroll and vouchers: $106,956.88
  - Revenue Balance: $18,447.18
  - Cash Balance: $545,214.66

**Lynn Deitrick, Planning Manager**

- Land Use & Regional Planning Program Community Assistance Overview:
  - **Tieton:** Flood Hazard Code Amendment, mixed uses, Comp Plan rezone.
  - **Mabton:** 35 lot subdivision
  - **Union Gap:** FLU, Comp Plan amendments, rezone, zoning info and early assistance, SEPA, review codes and legislative actions.
  - **Grandview:** new subdivisions, annexations and rezone
  - **Granger:** hotel/event center application, car wash, SEPA
  - **Wapato:** addressing requirements for some structures
  - **YCDA:** city zoning maps
  - **SMP:** submitted to Dep’t of Ecology for review.

**Vicki Baker, Regional Program Manager**

- Grants and funding requiring public outreach and involvement.
- Law Enforcement Grant: improving public safety by improving communication and trust. YVCOG Community Outreach coordinator can provide this
- Kresge Grant: moving forward. Presenting to Toppenish City Council
- HAPI Grant: Includes data, affordability and planning. Partnerships CWHBA and others for our member jurisdictions.
- Who is YVCOG? We work for our members. Now, transportation planning, CTR, GIS, Land Use, innovation housing planning, community engagement, data crunching, compliance reporting. Make our members money go further. ARPA is an opportunity to maximize resources. What is possible? Federal government still writing the rules. Ask: set aside 20% for a Regional Fund. Perpetual fund for infrastructure. Revolving loan account for our region. Policies and procedures set by the membership. Cost would be just for YVCOG administering of funds. Waiting for final rules of ARPA funds. Similar to SEED. Could be transformational for some of our smaller cities, and work well as a locally controlled funding mechanism.

**Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist**

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*Indicates documents included and available for meeting.*
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  None.

NEW BUSINESS  None

OTHER BUSINESS  
- Nominating Committee for Executive Committee:  
  Janice Gonzales will chair. Sherry Raymond will also serve. Need 3 on the committee.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT  No comment.

ADJOURN  With no other business, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair James Restucci adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:  Jodi Smith

Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist