

This meeting was held to establish a consensus on the population-based allocation of the money coming to the local and tribal governments.

Chairman Alex Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Joshua Whitworth, Lisa Hettinger, Tom Kealey, Shawn Keough, Seth Grigg, John Evans, Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, Senator Steve Bair, Dennis Johnson, Chantel Greene, and Matt Newton were present. No members of the public were announced.

Newton followed Chairman Adams and agreed that the population-based funding would be a viable approach and that the committee could handle the few outliers that requested more money than their population allocation recommended. Griggs echoed similar comments for the population driven appropriation for the counties, saying that the amount funded seems to give them the room they need to cover necessary expenses. The stabilization fund created with the excess monies would help cover unique cases and unanticipated expenses.

Greene brought up the suggestion of using population plus the surrounding area as in the situation of the tribes since the services they provide reach further than the city they are located in. Chairman Adams ended the discussion with the idea of population-based funding for the cities and counties and to do some more research and work on the tribes' situation.

Chairman Adams planned for the committee to meet again next week.