

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2005

Grand County Council met in regular session on the above date. Present were Councilmen Jerry McNeely, Chairman presiding, Judy Carmichael, Nate Knight, Rex Tanner, Joette Langianese, Audrey Graham and Jim Lewis with Clerk Fran Townsend

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Emergency Management Director Corky Brewer reported anyone involved with disaster training must participate in training offered by NIMS – National Incident Management Services. Administrative staff must take the training. If a big disaster should occur, the Administrative people would be the ones in charge. Next training is October 26th – Wednesday from one to three (1-3) p.m. Thursday – the 27th will be LEPC emergency training along with a presentation on the bird flu by the Health Department. These trainings will be held in the Fire Station.

Eve Tallman reported on the construction of the Library. Concrete slabs will be poured tomorrow and walls will be going up next week. Steel is still difficult to procure so there may be some delays in relation that problem. April 21, 2006 is the projected completion date of the Library.

Marcus LaFrance reported the Airport Board has a problem getting a quorum in attendance for the Airport Board meetings. They meet second Monday every month at 6:30 p.m. It is very difficult to attend to business and make decisions without a complete board present. Capital Improvements plan is due to the FAA. Diana Carroll, secretary to the board has completed their budget and given to Clerk Fran Townsend. The Capital Improvements plan must be completed and submitted on time. If FAA does not receive it, then we lose our funding. He suggested we reduce board from seven members to five. Then maybe they could get a quorum present to conduct business.

Tony Schetzsel – Superintendent of Canyonlands National Park – reported visitation is up six and one half (6 ½) percent to date. The park will increase their camping fees effective January 2, 1006. Fees will increase from \$5.00 to \$10 on Squaw Flats and from \$10 to \$15 in other areas. There will be no change in entrance fees. Winter schedules from November 1 to February 1 will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a proposed update for management policies for the park. They have been released for comment through January 19, 2006. Laura Joss reported Arches National Park is up 6.42% for overall year. Also they will be increasing their camping fees. Visitor Center hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. through October. Beginning November 1 hours will be from 8:00 to 4:30. There will b e a slash/pile burning in the Courthouse wash area this week.

A. UPDATE ON TRAILS FROM TRAILS MIX: Dave Olsen and Russ VonKoch referred to a letter from Kim Schappert, Executive Director for the Moab Trails Alliance. She stated in her letter roughly 95% of the funds for these projects are coming from federal enhancement monies, grants or private donations. Langianese stated they have not even approved this project. Russ says if we can get through the engineering then we

at least have that in place. Then we can go a step at a time to move forward with it. Lewis stated we really do not want to give up on the project. He feels it is important we keep a cooperative language with all entities involved. He realizes the major question is how we will pay for it. This is a concern of Graham and Tanner also.

B. APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAND COUNTY AND MOAB CITY FOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE: Motion: Carmichael moved to approve agreement seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0.

C. UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS OLD SPANISH TRAIL ARENA PROPERTY TO SPANISH VALLEY DRIVE: This is an underground easement for utilities. Motion: Carmichael moved to approve seconded by Knight. Lewis reported the Grand County Recreation District is supportive of this easement. Motion carried 7-0

D. RESOLUTION CHANGING NAME OF GRAND COUNTY HOSPITAL SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO CANYONLANDS HEALTH CARE SERVICE DISTRICT: Motion: Langianese moved to adopt resolution seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0.

Graham moved to recess seconded by Lewis. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lewis.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Carmichael moved to approve bills in the amount of \$467,230.50 plus payroll in the amount of \$109,328.54 for a total of \$576,559.04. Roll Call vote: Carmichael – aye, Knight – aye, Tanner – aye, Langianese – aye, McNeely - aye , Graham – aye and Lewis aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CHECK NOS. 41662-41674	\$ 8,742.50
CHECK NOS. 41675-41676	\$118,884.15
CHECK NOS. 41768	\$214,933.05
CHECK NO. 41769	\$ 1,000.00
CHECK NOS. 41770-41771	\$ 89.00
CHECK NOS. 41772-41773	\$ 529.40
CHECK NOS. 41774-41887	\$123,052.40

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Lewis moved to table approval of minutes seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: none

F. GRAND COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: Shauna Jones thanked the Council for this support of the Domestic Violence program in Grand

County. Chairman McNeely then read the proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

G. REDROCK 4-WHEELERS/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION: Bob Maxwell, Jeremy McElhaney and Rex Holman advised the Council the time has come to renew their permit with BLM. To make the Council aware of what is happening – BLM has some concerns. They have been reasonably proactive in soliciting support from the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. BLM has monitored very closely the past five years with positive feedback. The Red Rock 4 Wheelers are asking for letters of support from the Council. Problems tend to stem from those who are not participants in the event. They want to be proactive in educating the public as to what is proper use of the land. State Parks, BLM and State Lands have agreed to co-fund this process. Councilman McNeely stated he is aware of what is happening because they meet with the BLM on a regular basis. They are asking the Council to make a positive statement to the BLM concerning activities of the Red Rock 4 Wheelers Club. McNeely said the Council could do that.

H. DESIGNATION OF HORROCKS ENGINEERS AS THE ENGINEER OF RECORD FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR THOMPSON WASH BRIDGE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECTS: Letters written to Kim Manwill, Project Manager for UDOT, approving using Horrocks Engineers for these projects were presented for approval from the Council. **Motion: Graham moved to approve letters being sent, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried 7-0.**

I. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF COOPERATION BETWEEN MOAB CITY AND GRAND COUNTY FOR THE TRAIL FROM LION’S PARK TO 500 WEST: Kim Manwill with UDOT and Larry Rease with Horrocks Engineering will help in writing the letter. Motion: Langianese moved to table issue until November 1st meeting when we have the actual letter to approve seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0.

J. RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR BLU VISTA CASITAS, LLC. Tanner recused himself from the discussion. Mary Suarez made a point of Order that this cannot be brought back before the Council. Chairman McNeely advised Ms. Suarez we have contacted our Attorney, Craig Wentz, and he advised it is appropriate for the council to handle this request in this manner.

Motion: Councilman Knight moved to reconsider the approval of the preliminary plat as written and approved by Planning and Zoning and adopt the resolution as follows: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand County Council does hereby support the bonus density per Land Use Code, Sec. 3.22.9A, of 7 lots, (22%) in consideration of the applicant’s proposal:

- 1. Reduced height of the buildings to 24 feet as measured in accordance with Land Use Code, Sec. 3.4.9, Maximum height,**
- 2. More restrictive outdoor lighting covenant with a note on the final plat,**

3. Open space of 11.3 acres (32%), which includes 100 feet buffer along the interior and 50 feet buffer along Spanish Valley Drive,

4. A public trail system within the open space around the perimeter of the project that connects to an adjacent trail. seconded by Carmichael. Carmichael stated this will be revisited at the final phase. Carmichael, Knight, Langinese, McNeely and Lewis voted aye, Graham voted no. . Motion carried 5-1.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Councilman Langianese thanked the community for their support in the celebration opening of the new Grand Center.

Stake holders meeting for Atlas was held. It was a good meeting and DOE was present. The contractor for this project will be hired in the spring of 2006 with moving of the tailings to begin in 2007. There is a lot of preliminary work to be done. There is an issue with Nature Conservancy who has some concern there may be seepage into the Wetlands preserve. DOE will be monitoring this. There was a meeting with the Mesa County Attorney of Colorado yesterday. He provided information to help circumvent problems that might arise in the process of moving the tailings.

Councilman Graham met with DOE and Thompson Water District. DOE will need up to 12000 gallons per day and Thompson Water District cannot supply that so DOE are proposing to help find a new water supply or pay for replacement of the water line from Thompson to Crescent Junction.

Councilman Carmichael gave a rundown of accomplishments at the Dan O'Laurie Museum for the past year as given to her by Jim Tharpe. Terby Barnes has given 24,000 photos created by Fran Barnes for their collection.

Joe Kingsley commented on an issue with a resident who was required to pay out money to put in a drive way infrastructure for a road that did not exist. Money spent for a road is still a one family driveway and will never be used for anything else. He feels provision for roads that do not exist needs to be fixed for future development.

There being no further business, Lewis moved to adjourn seconded by Tanner. Motion carried 7-0.

Jerry McNeely, Chairman

Attest: _____
Fran Townsend, Clerk/Auditor