

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL RETREAT

110 Pittman Lane
La Sal Mountain- Grand County

MINUTES August 3, 2007

Present were: Jim Lewis, Joette Langianese, Gene Ciarus, Jerry McNeely, Pat Holyoak, Audrey Graham, Bob Greenberg, Shawn Warnke, Tara Campbell, Mike Suarez and Pat Byrd

9:00 – 10:00 Icebreaker Activity – What You Don't Know – (Joette Langianese and Audrey Graham)

10:00 – 12:00 **Visioning and Individual Project Planning – (Jim Lewis and Bob Greenberg)**

Jim began by requesting that members each give an area of concern or special project that they would like to discuss. Then that list would be narrowed down to about 5 top areas of concern.

Jim Lewis –

- Recreation Center/Aquatic Center.
- Develop a 5 year budget plan for the County.

Tara –

- Better communication with boards and committees for example the Boundary commission.
- Economic development, where to direct calls and what will be the future of this department in the County.

Audrey –

- Spanish Valley planning/transportation, working with San Juan county, 191 corridor.
- Water study.
- Drainage
- Obtainable housing
- State work, the presence of County at Federal and state level.

Gene –

- Sewer, disposal facility.
- County cleanup.
- Transportation and Road issues, specifically Road Dept. equipment.

Jerry –

- Public lands.
- Film industry.

Shawn –

- IT department.
- Land planning.
- Maintenance of County facilities, new carpet.

Bob –

- Business like approach developed within County.
- Better collaboration between Sheriff department and Council.
- Land use planning.
- Orientation plan of new Council members.

Pat H. –

- Elgin cemetery, possibly turn over to Green River.
- Health education.

Joette –

- Moab tailings, funding & county oversight for safety of citizens.
- MAPS, long term healthcare and nursing home facility.

Pat B –

- Personnel, establish pay for performance plan.
- Supervisor training.
- Assist to develop strategic plans for departments.
- Policy & Procedure manual, updated and more complete.

Earlier goals of the previous council were:

- Establish Human Resource Department
- Policy & Procedure update
- Resolving space issues, IT issues and phone system.
- Work with City

These topics were then narrowed down to a few broad topics with sub categories.

1. Land Use – Public Lands & Planning

- Future growth
- Impacts of growth on public land
- County cleanup
- Upgrade infrastructure
 - Sewer capacity & water
 - Roads
 - Planning & Zoning staff
 - Drainage
- Spanish Valley
 - Transportation
 - SITLA
 - San Juan County
- Obtainable Housing
- Collaboration with State/Federal boards
 - Regional planning
- Moab tailings project
 - Impact of project

2. County Services

- Personnel
 - Pay for Performance Plan
 - Policy & Procedure, to include County board roles
 - Supervisor training
- Communication
 - Seek advice from County Attorney and use expertise
 - Better communication with Elected Officials
 - Better communication with Boards, Committees and Special Service Districts.

- Bylaws of Boards available online.
- Orientation presentation for new council members and elected officials.
- Facility Issues
 - IT and strategic plan for that department
 - Staff, person in charge of IT issues
 - Phone system
 - Building maintenance
 - New carpet
 - Old Library building
 - Upgrade and upkeep of existing facilities (old & new)
 - Strategic 5 year plan
 - Jail capacity
 - Courthouse capacity

3. Special Projects of Council Members

1. Sewer project committee – All Council members
2. Moab Tailings – Joette Langianese
3. Airport – Bob Greenberg
4. Economic Development –
 - a. Film Commission – Jerry McNeely
 - b. New hospital – Joette Langianese
 - c. Special service district (drainage & transportation)
5. Obtainable Housing – Audrey Graham
6. County clean up – Gene Ciarus
7. Elgin Cemetery – Pat Holyoak
8. Recreation/Aquatic Center – Jim Lewis

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Review of Budgetary Priorities (Shawn Warnke)

Engineer & Planner Interviews – Shawn Warnke spoke about recent interviews for the positions of County Engineer and Planning Director. Would like executive session to discuss character of applicants.

Joette motioned to enter into executive session, Gene seconded, 6 favor, 1 opposed. Bob Greenberg opposed.

Joette motioned to end executive session. Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Audrey spoke of possibility of use of City council chambers for County council meetings. This would provide use of County chambers for more office areas.

Shawn – Budget Priorities

Jim – Would like to develop capital improvement budget plan for more than 1 year, possibly 5 year plan.

Project	Estimated Budget
1. Employee Performance Plan & Salary adjustments	50,000
2. Community Development; Engineer & Planner salaries	172,000
3. Airport Manager	78,000
4. 139 Compliance	200,000
5. Additional Maintenance employee	50,000
6. Staff Assistant (Itinerant)	50,000
7. IT manager	70,000
TOTAL	670,000

Other General Fund 2008 Expenses

Health Insurance	100,000
Road Funding	25,000
New Carpet (possibly break up purchase)	100,000
Library/Jail	500,000
IT infrastructure	50,000
Phone system	50,000
Energy efficiency upgrades	80,000
Road equipment	100,000
Future capital projects (start setting aside for future)	100,000

Discussed areas of possible revenue for each of these items. Will set up committees and calendar dates to start work on these goals.

Retreat adjourned approximately 3pm.

Jim Lewis
Grand County Council Chair

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor