



**GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION
EMERGENCY MEETING**

**Grand County Commission Chambers
Hybrid virtual participation on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

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**MINUTES
14 July 2022**

The Grand County Commission met in an emergency meeting on July 14th, 2022. The meeting was held in-person in the Grand County Commission Chambers, with hybrid virtual participation also available via Zoom. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting in-person was Commission Vice-Chair Mary McGann and Commissioners Evan Clapper, Trisha Hedin and Sarah Stock. Also attending in-person was Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall. County Commissioner Kevin Walker and Grand County Attorney Christina Sloan were in attendance virtually.

2:41 pm Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

A. Approving One Utah Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Commissioner Clapper to approve the One Utah Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding, authorize Mary McGann, Vice-Chair of the Grand County Commission to execute the Distributor Defendants' Subdivision Settlement Participation Form, and dismiss Grand County's claims against Distributor Defendants McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health in the Third Judicial District Court, Summit County Case No. 18050019, *Grand County v. Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*

Motion seconded by Commissioner Stock

Discussion

Attorney Sloan explained the recent ruling of a similar suit in West Virginia that found that distributors had no legal duty to manage or oversee the distribution chain of opioids beyond distributing to legal pharmacies, that public nuisance law did not apply to opioid distribution and that damages suffered were not caused by the distributors. Opioid counsel now recommends settlement due to this precedent. Settlement deadline 15th of July, which required special emergency meeting. Grand County to receive .304 percent of 50 percent of the settlement award to the State of Utah, and become eligible to apply for grants from the other 50 percent. This amount represents something around \$15,000 per year for 18 years. Commissioner Hedin spoke to the impact of the opioid crisis on the community in Grand County and the great effort demanded of the Attorney's and Sheriff's office in mitigating the impact.

Motion passes 5-0

Attorney Sloan offered that she is currently working on introducing state legislation through Senator Wyler for a drug-induced homicide charge, of which there was a similar bill that failed in the 2022 legislative session. Working with Salt Lake County on a draft and building consensus on a bill that will pass.

Vice-Chair McGann adjourned the meeting at 2:51 pm

Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission

Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

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