



Grand County Council Special Meeting

**Grand County Council Chambers
Held Virtually on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

**Minutes
Thursday 28 May, 2020**

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The Grand County Council met in a special meeting on 28 May, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was streamed/attended electronically. Due to technical challenges, it was not broadcast simultaneously, but will be uploaded to YouTube. Council members in attendance were Chair Mary McGann, Gabriel Woytek, Evan Clapper, Jaylyn Hawks, and Greg Halliday. Curtis Wells arrived at 9:27 am. County staff in attendance were Assistant County Council Administrator Mallory Nassau, County Attorney Christina Sloan, and Clerk/Auditor Quinn Hall. Also in attendance were Brady Bradford and Orion Rogers from the Southeastern Utah Health Department and Jennifer Sadoff of Moab Valley Regional Hospital.

Mary McGann, Chair

9:07 a.m.

Call to Order

Chair McGann called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Presentations

- A. Presentation from Southeast Utah Health Department on Coronavirus Updates (Brady Bradford, Health Director and Orion Rogers, Environmental Health Director, Southeast Utah Health Department)

Brady presented the latest COVID-19 updates. Grand County has had 5 new cases in the last week. Brady relayed there is likely not cause for alarm yet, noting some of the cases were family members. Brady noted although there's been an upswing in cases there doesn't seem to be significant community spread at this time. Statewide spread seems to be low. ~1400 tests so far in Grand County. We have the ability to test more people if the need arises. Brady noted they're testing ~20-50 people per day. People are able to be tested more than once if needed. If someone is mandated to take a test then the test is free. Brady noted we have 4 active cases and 5 recovered cases for a

total of 9. Brady discussed antibody testing. Jen noted there were 12 positive antibody test results – although some may be “false positives.” We may see a potential spike in cases related to Memorial Day traffic in about 8-12 days.

B. Presentation from Moab Regional Hospital on Coronavirus Updates (Dr. Dylan Cole, Chief Medical Officer and Jen Sadoff, CEO, Moab Regional Hospital)

Jen Sadoff (Moab Valley Regional Hospital) presented about the readiness of the hospital and space available and potential expansions if needed in the near future. Jen emphasized the importance of continued social distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing. Promoting a culture of caring and protection for one another is an important step. Jen noted the progress of transforming areas of the hospital to negative pressure spaces. Jen relayed that all providers are wearing extensive PPE and assuming all visitors to the hospital are COVID-19 positive. Test results take about 48 hrs. to return. There are some rapid tests, but availability is limited and they’re used sparingly.

Action Items – Discussion and Consideration of

- C. Approving Grand County and Southeast Utah Health Department’s joint amended Public Health Order, effective May 29, 2020 (Chris Baird, Council Administrator and Brady Bradford, Director of Southeast Utah Health Department)**

Presentation:

Christina Sloan presented about the lodging restriction changes, and the percentages of allowable accommodations. Noted possible changes from “orange” to “yellow” with slight modifications. Orion noted most hotels have more than 70 rooms and there are some that exceed 200 rooms. General current occupancy/bookings are at ~70% of available rooms. Parks are reopening Friday, but at limited capacity.

Motion by Evan Clapper to approve the joint amended public health order, to be effective May 29, 2020.

Motion seconded by Greg Halliday

Discussion

Gabriel commented that the restrictions seem reasonable and wise. We want to send a message that we are still vulnerable as a county, and promote ongoing economic activity, but safely.

Roll Call Vote: Gabriel Woytek, yes. Greg Halliday, yes. Evan Clapper, yes. Jaylyn Hawks, yes. Curtis Wells, Nay. Mary McGann, yes.

Motion Passes 5-1 with Curtis Wells against.

Discussion Items (none at this time)

Public Hearing (none at this time)

Future Considerations (none at this time)

Closed Session(s) (if necessary)

Adjourn

Chair McGann adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.