



**GRAND COUNTY
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**Grand County Commission Chambers
Held virtually on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

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**MINUTES
7 Sep, 2021**

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on 7 September, 2021. The meeting was streamed/attended electronically. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Commissioners in attendance were Evan Clapper, Jacques Hadler, Trish Hedin, Mary McGann, Sarah Stock, Kevin Walker, and Gabriel Woytek. Also present were County Commission Administrator Chris Baird, County Commission Associate Administrator Mallory Nassau, and Clerk/Auditor Quinn Hall.

4:00 p.m.

Call to Order Chair McGann called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Citizens to Be Heard

(none at this time)

Approval of Minutes (Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor)

A. August 17, 2021 (Regular County Commission Meeting)

Motion by Gabriel Woytek to approve the minutes of 17 August, 2021.

Motion seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Ratification of Payment of Bills

Motion by Gabriel Woytek to ratify payment of bills in the amount of \$580,700.51 and payroll in the amount of \$258,407.78 for a combined total of \$839,108.29.

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Commission Member Disclosures

Sarah Stock disclosed that she was considered for potential ownership of a home at Arroyo Crossing

Trish Hedin disclosed she's an employee of Grand County School District

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Trish Hedin

- Met with National Park Service (NPS)
- Met with Grand Water and Sewer
- Met with planning commission
- Met with Mary McGann
- Met with John Guenther

Gabriel Woytek

- Met with Economic Diversification
- Met with housing task force
- Interviews for Economic Development department
- Accepted for governor's program

Sarah Stock

- Met with representatives to rank projects
- Met with Southeastern Utah Association of Local Government
- Went to Community renewable energy program
- Noted that mosquito abatement district will be fogging tonight

Evan Clapper

- Met with Arches Special Service District
- Met with Boundary Commission
- Meeting about dispatch services

Jacques Hadler

- Met with museum of Moab
- Met with the Recreation Special Service District
- Toured Canyonlands Care Center
- Met with Chair McGann and Dixie State data collection specialists
- Met with Chamber of Commerce

Kevin Walker

- Attended Budget Advisory Board Meeting

Mary McGann

- Met with Dixie State data collection team
- Met to discuss matching grants
- Met with Solid Waste Special Service District
- Met with Canyon Country Partnership
- Met with Mike Lee and staff

Elected Official Reports

Commission Administrator Report

Chris Baird discussed working with the Moab Area Land Trust. Chris is working on obtaining funding for other projects. Chris noted budget meetings have begun. Planning and zoning is working remotely. Mineral Bottom Road is washed out and currently not in good shape. Chris introduced August Granath as the new economic development director. August introduced himself.

Mallory discussed the compensation study. Mallory has been working on allowing Grand County to do procurement online.

Department Reports (none at this time)

Agency Reports (none at this time)

Presentations (none at this time)

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

- B. Separate presentations on ongoing financial needs and obligations for purposes of later determining funding allocations

Representatives from:

1. Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District

Kirstin Peterson discussed the funding request for the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District. Kirstin introduced Colette Lyman. Colette and Kirstin discussed the services provided. Kevin asked about the tax amounts, and Kirstin discussed current tax rates and future projections.

2. Emergency Medical Services Special Service District

Liz Tubbs discussed the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the services they provide, noting they'd submitted all the information requested by the Commission. Liz discussed collection rates, revenues, and budgets.

3. Grand County School District Moab Regional Hospital

Jen Sadoff discussed the services provided by the hospital, several programs the hospital is involved in, and the funding and budget requests for the upcoming year. Sarah asked about past DISH payments, and Jen discussed the County making some of the payments in the past. Chris discussed past healthcare sales tax disbursements and budgets.

4. Grand County School District

Taryn Kay discussed operations at the School District and funding and budget requests. Sherrie Buckingham further explained the needs of the school district and the funding/budget requests.

5. Recreation Special Service District

Kathy discussed the Recreation Special Service District, the services they provide, and the funding and budget requests. Kevin asked about transient room taxes and funding requests, and Chris discussed contributions.

6. Solid Waste Management #1 Special Service District

Evan Tyrell discussed services provided by the district and the upcoming budget, financial responsibilities, and budget requests. Sarah asked about landfill operations, and Evan explained some projects and future possibilities.

7. Transportation Special Service District

(This was postponed – and Commissioner Kevin Walker read the letter from the district asking for funding at ~6:24 pm) Evan asked about a specific amount, and Kevin noted they weren't necessarily asking for a fixed

amount, but for a general increase. Chris discussed the optional transportation tax. Ashley Wareham joined at 6:45 pm and briefly discussed the needs of the district.

- C. Adopting Resolution Repealing and Replacing Grand County Safety and Accident Review Committee ("SARC") Bylaws, SARC Policies and Procedures, and Related Resolution Nos. 2835, 3088, 3161 And 3215). (Christina Sloan, County Attorney)

Presentation

Christina discussed the changes, noting this would delegate the authority to create policy and procedure.

Motion by Kevin Walker to adopt the proposed Resolution Repealing Grand County Safety and Accident Review Committee ("SARC") Review Policy and related Resolution Nos. 2835, 3088, 3161 and 3215, adopting new SARC Bylaws, and delegating authority to SARC to adopt policies and procedures.

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- D. Approving pay rate increase for Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments Senior Nutrition Cooks at the Grand Center (Renee Baker, Personnel Service Director)

Presentation

Renee discussed the proposed increases, noting the difficulty finding employees at the Senior Center.

Motion by Sarah Stock to approve the increase of the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments Grand Center Senior Nutrition Cooks positions from \$18/ hour to \$20/ hour effective immediately and for the \$2 difference in hourly rate to be paid by Grand County.

Motion seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- E. Approving a two grade increase for all positions in the Grand County Sheriff's Office (Renee Baker, Personnel Service Director) Excluding GC Sherrif and SAR positons.

Presentation

Renee discussed the increases necessary for the Sheriff's Office. Kevin asked about comparable pay scales in the state, and Renee discussed the disparity, noting the difficulty in finding truly comparable rates. Chris noted the last time the County researched comparable rates they only compared salaries with the City of Moab. Evan asked about balancing increased wages with fewer positions, noting the potential increase in expenses.

Motion by Evan Clapper to approve the two grade increase for all positions under the Sheriff's Office effective 9/8/2021 excluding the Grand County Sheriff and Search and Rescue Positions.

Motion seconded by Trish Hedin

Discussion

Trish thanked the Grand County Sheriff's department for all the hard work they do.

Motion passes 7-0

Citizens to Be Heard

Marc Horowitz commented he'd like to see the County get out of the jail business. Marc suggested support for the letter regarding investigations into Native American treatment at U.S. Boarding Schools. Marc suggested our culture could learn to better interact with nature from Native American cultures.

Sherri Griffith commented in support of the Moab Community Land Trust.

Motion by Kevin Walker to move Item "P" forward in the schedule.

Motion seconded by Evan Clapper

Motion Passes 7-0

Item "P" moved here:

Approving letter of support for mandatory face coverings at all Grand County School District campuses, preK-12 (Brady Bradford, Southeastern Utah Health Department Director, Christina Sloan, County Attorney and Chair McGann)

Brady Bradford discussed the increase in Grand County COVID-19 case rates. Brady noted several were from the school district. Brady noted the topic can be divisive, but suggested community benefit is paramount.

Motion by Kevin Walker to approve the draft letter of support in the packet.

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion

Sarah noted support and discussed the importance of vaccinations in the younger community. Evan suggested the mask mandates last year seemed to help the school district stay open. Jacques noted that as a father, he feels safer sending kids to school with a mask mandate in place.

Amended motion by Evan Clapper to approve the letter of support to the Grand County School District requiring face coverings in pre K through 12th grade.

Amended Motion Seconded by Kevin Walker

Amendment passes 7-0

Motion as amended passes 7-0

Motion by Sarah Stock to move item "I" up in the schedule

Motion seconded by Kevin Walker

Motion passes 7-0

(out of order – Item "I")

(Item I) Approving the Moab Area Community Land Trust request for funding for a full-time executive director (Chris Baird, Commission Administrator and Moab Area Community Land Trust Representative)

Presentation

Chris discussed the Moab Area Community Land Trust and the need for funding, the anticipated budget, and the potential for funding.

Motion by Kevin Walker to approve a one-time grant award to the Moab Area Community Land Trust to cover start-up costs associated with an Executive Director in the amount of \$97,700 from Grand County's American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion

Trish noted she's very sensitive about spending tax payer dollars. Trish noted the salary and benefits package seemed high, but after explanation, it seemed rational. Audrey Graham discussed the salary, noting the desire to be self-sufficient at a future point. Audrey noted the startup costs are need to get the project off the ground. Chris noted there's a local match component to some outside funding being sought. Sarah asked Audrey if the Land Trust had thought about simply hiring out for the position. Audrey noted the job is complex and very involved, and likely better suited for a full-time employee. Mary agreed they'd discussed it, but when the Land Trust is self-sufficient it makes more sense to have a full-time employee. Kevin suggested support.

Motion passes 7-0

Motion to move item "N" by Kevin Walker

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Motion passes 7-0

Item "N" moved to here:

(Item "N" out of order) Adopting Resolution expressing support for the America the Beautiful Initiative (Chair McGann and Ashley Korenblat, Public Land Solutions)

Presentation

Ashley discussed the resolution and the need to protect land and support preservation. Kevin suggested there's a lot of discussion going on right now surrounding land protections, and this would show commission support.

Motion by Sarah Stock to adopt a resolution expressing support for the America the Beautiful Initiative.

Motion seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- F. Approving amended Resolution re-establishing an initial step assignment policy for law enforcement new hire positions (Renee Baker, Personnel Service Director)

Presentation

Renee discussed the resolution and the anticipated pay for new officers

Motion by Jacques Hadler to approve the proposed resolution titled Approving the proposed resolution titled “A resolution amending resolution No. 3087, A Resolution of the Grand County Commission Re-Establishing an Initial Step Assignment Policy for incoming law enforcement positions allowing for a step to be applied to new hires for every one year of experience.

Motion seconded by Gabriel Woytek

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

G. Approving purchase agreement for online public engagement platform for Planning & Zoning (Laura Harris, Public Engagement Specialist)

Presentation

Laura Harris discussed the public engagement platform and described the benefits and need for the software. Trish asked if this wasn't something we could do in-house. Laura noted our current website provider likely wouldn't be sufficient or provide the needed data. Elissa noted this software would allow the County to have a permanent spot on the website that would allow the public to see more information.

Motion by Kevin Walker to approve the purchase agreement for an online public engagement platform for the Planning and Zoning Department.

Motion seconded by Trish Hedin

Discussion

Kevin discussed the cost of software development, and noted sometimes an outside source is well worth it. Chris noted the price tag on the old general plan was very expensive, and this could potentially save money in the long run. Gabriel noted the importance of public engagement.

Motion passes 7-0

H. Approving Department Head appointment to the Budget Advisory Board (Chris Baird, Commission Administrator)

Presentation

Chris discussed the replacement for Elaine Gizler, noting the need for department heads on the Budget Advisor Board.

Motion by Kevin Walker to appoint Angie Book to the Budget Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

~~I. Approving the Moab Area Community Land Trust request for funding for a full-time executive director (Chris Baird, Commission Administrator and Moab Area Community Land Trust Representative)~~

Presentation

~~**Motion by** XXX to approve a one-time grant award to the Moab Area Community Land Trust to cover start-up costs associated with an Executive Director in the amount of \$97,700 from Grand County's American Rescue Plan Act allocation.~~

~~**Motion seconded by**~~

~~**Discussion**~~

~~**Motion**~~

- J. Adopting the Resolution approving the Thayn 2290 Minor Record Survey for 2290 Spanish Valley Drive (Elissa Martin, Planning and Zoning)

Presentation

Elissa discussed the survey.

Motion by Jacques Hadler to adopt the Resolution approving the Thayn 2290 Minor Record Survey, Subdivision Improvements Agreement, Road Easement, and Quit Claim Deed for real property known as 2290 Spanish Valley Drive (Parcel No. 02-0016-0075) with the following conditions:

1. The Subdivision Improvements Agreement, Road Easement, Quit Claim Deed shall be recorded in the real property records of Grand County, Utah at the same time the Minor Record Survey is filed as a record of survey.
2. Owner shall submit an infrastructure improvement bond in the amount of 125% of proposed infrastructure, in the amount specified in the SIA, prior to recording the Final Plat.

Motion seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- K. Adopting Resolution approving the Thayn 2304 Minor Record Survey for 2304 Spanish Valley Drive (Elissa Martin, Planning and Zoning)

Presentation

Elissa discussed the survey.

Motion by Jacques Hadler to adopt the Resolution approving the Thayn 2304 Minor Record Survey, Subdivision Improvements Agreement, Road Easement, and Quit Claim Deed for real property known as 2304 Spanish Valley Drive (Parcel No. 02-0016-0076) with the following conditions:

1. The Subdivision Improvements Agreement, Road Easement, and Quit Claim Deed shall be recorded in the real property records of Grand County, Utah at the same time the Minor Record Survey is filed as a record of survey; and
2. Owner shall submit an infrastructure improvement bond in the amount of 125% of proposed infrastructure, in the amount specified in the SIA, prior to recording the Final Plat.

Motion seconded by Kevin Walker

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- L. Adopting Ordinance repealing and replacing Article 9 (Administration and Procedures) and amending Article 10 (Definitions) of the Grand County Land Use Code (LUC) (Mallory Nassau, Associate Commission Administrator and Elissa Martin, Planning and Zoning)

Presentation

Mallory discussed the changes and the rationale behind the changes. Chris noted some of the changes have to do with public noticing requirements and bringing them into line with changes to state code. Trish asked about newspaper notifications and time limits. Christina explained the changes between decision types and meeting types, noting the different requirements for each. Chris noted there may be errors in some sections. Sarah discussed some questions surrounding other notifications and where the public can find them.

Motion by Kevin Walker to postpone item “L” to a later date.

Motion seconded by Trish Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion to postpone passes 7-0

- M. Amending Ordinance No. 642 changing the name of Johnston Peak Drive, a County Road, in Phase 1, Peak View Subdivision to Johnston Place Avenue (Christina Sloan, County Attorney)

Presentation

Christina discussed the name change noting this will decrease confusion.

Motion by Sarah Stock to amend Ordinance No. 642 to change the name of Johnston Peak Drive in the Peak View Subdivision to Johnston Place Avenue.

Motion seconded by Kevin Walker

Discussion

Kevin expressed hesitancy, noting “place” and “avenue” seem to denote the same thing. Christina noted there are currently 7-9 planned residences, with the potential for more in the future.

Motion passes 4-3 Woytek, McGann, Hedin opposed

- ~~N. Adopting Resolution expressing support for the America the Beautiful Initiative (Chair McGann and Ashley Korenblat, Public Land Solutions)~~

Presentation

~~**Motion by** XXX to adopt a resolution expressing support for the America the Beautiful Initiative.~~

~~**Motion seconded by**~~

~~**Discussion**~~

Motion

- O. Approving volunteer appointment to the Thompson Special Service District (Commissioner Hedin)

Presentation

Trish discussed the appointment to the board.

Motion by Trish Hedin to approve the appointment of Jenna Talbott to the Thompson Special Service District Board with the term expiring December 31, 2022.

Motion seconded by Sarah Stock

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- ~~P. Approving letter of support for mandatory face coverings at all Grand County School District campuses, preK-12 (Brady Bradford, Southeastern Utah Health Department Director, Christina Sloan, County Attorney and Chair McGann)~~

Presentation

~~**Motion by** XX to approve the letter of support for mandatory face coverings at all Grand County School District campuses, and pre K-12.~~

~~**Motion seconded by** XX~~

~~**Discussion**~~

~~**Motion passes**~~

Consent Agenda- Action Items

- Q. Ratifying the Chair's signature on Independent Contractor's Agreement with Garland/DBS Inc. for roof repair at the Grand Center
- R. Ratifying the Chair's signature on Old Spanish Trail Arena panel purchase agreement for the Recreation Special Service District
- S. Ratifying the Chair's signature on local consent letter for permitting fireworks on private property for the 2021 Moab Music Festival
- T. Approving local consent for the Moab Craggin' Classic special event
- U. Approving letter of support for the Spanish Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District's application for American Rescue Plan Act funds
- V. Ratifying the Chair's signature on letter of support for Utah State University- Moab extension's BEAR grant application for a rural co-working and innovation center in La Sal
- W. Approving letter of support for the Department of the Interior's investigation on the abuse of Indigenous children at American boarding schools
- X. Approving a Letter of Support for the County's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Application (BRIC)

Motion by Kevin Walker to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion

Evan disclosed he's a member of the American Alpine Club – and will abstain
Kevin noted San Juan County Commission has passed a similar letter of support about the Department of the Interior's Investigation.

Motion passes 6-1 Clapper abstaining

Discussion Items

Y. Calendar items and special events (Mallory Nassau, Associate Commission Administrator)

Mallory discussed upcoming events – the Music Festival, the Century Tour, the High School Mountain Bike race, etc.

Public Hearings- Possible Action Items

(none at this time)

Closed Session(s) (if necessary)

- 1. Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation

Motion by Kevin Walker to enter closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Motion seconded by Gabriel Woytek

Motion passes 7-0

Commission entered closed session at 7:48pm

Commission exited closed session at 8:00 pm

Chair McGann adjourned the meeting at 8:01

Adjourn

Grand County:

ATTEST:

Mary McGann

QHall

Mary McGann, Chair
Grand County Council

Quinn Hall
Clerk / Auditor