



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES 19 November 2024

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on November 19th, 2024. The meeting was held in-person in the Grand County Commission Chambers, with hybrid virtual participation available via Zoom. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting in person were Commission Chair Jacques Hadler, Commission Vice Chair Kevin Walker and Commissioners Bill Winfield, Evan Clapper, Mary McGann, and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in person was acting Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek, and County Attorney Stephen Stocks. Commissioner Trisha Hedin was absent.

2:00 p.m. Budget Workshop

2025 General Fund Balancing Status

Budget Officer Steven Vowles offered an update on the current status of the tentative budget, with all consideration added or removed to date. A list of potential budget cuts was presented to the Commission, as well as budget expenses classified as one-time in nature, thus potentially justifying a draw from savings to cover.

Vowles gave an overview of proposed capital expenditures for 2025, potential One-Time Costs that could be considered to be drawn from the reserve Fund Balance, and an overview of Contributions from other entities. Proposed new vehicle leases were removed from the 2025 budget so that a comprehensive analysis could be undertaken regarding status and need of new vehicles.

Closed Session

At 3:04 p.m., motion by Commissioner Walker to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

At 3:50 p.m., motion by Commissioner McGann to exit the closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker

4:01 p.m. Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District (see separate agenda)

At 4:04 Chair Hadler called to order the Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

4:05 p.m. Citizens to be Heard

Cliff Koontz presented some suggested revisions to the letter being considered in Item number 5.

Presentations (none scheduled)

Department Reports (none scheduled)

Agency Reports (none scheduled)

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner Clapper disclosed that he holds a special recreation permit with BLM that includes mountain biking activity

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Jacques Hadler

- Historic preservation committee meeting, discussion regarding restoration of Dubinky Wells Windmill
- Museum of Moab Board meeting
- Chamber of Commerce banquet

Evan Clapper

- Cemetery, Health District, and EMS budget meetings

Bill Winfield

- Follow up regarding USU Small Business Development Center partnership
- UAC meeting, public lands discussion
- Elected vice chair of the USACC council
- Meeting with Sheriff regarding speed limit reductions on Highway 191

Mike McCurdy

- No reports at this time

Kevin Walker

- No reports at this time

Mary McGann

- Economic Opportunity Advisory Board meeting
- Four Corners Behavioral Health to build a new receiving center
- Travel Council Advisory Board Meeting

Elected Official and Staff Reports

County Attorney Stephen Stocks

Oversaw safe facilitation of citizen demonstration at Kane Springs development site.

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of Approval:

- 1. Request for tax forgiveness for parcel 04-0026-0008** (Property Owners Sue Shriver and David Luers)

Presentation

Property owner described the situation, with his residence currently listed and taxed as secondary.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve/deny tax forgiveness in the amount of \$2,216.90 for parcel 04-0026-0008 as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Attorney Stocks cautioned against making exceptions for individual taxpayers in the absence of extenuating circumstances.

Motion passes 6-0

- 2. Independent Contractors Agreement for the replacement of the lobby doors at the Old Spanish Trail Arena.** (OSTA Director Angie Book)

Presentation

The OSTA lobby doors need replacement due to the metal on the doors deteriorating. Currently, on forecast rainy days, OSTA staff have to lay large towels down in front of the doors to prevent the water from coming in through the doors and settling on the new flooring. I had proposed this project in the 2024 budget for capital improvements for OSTA. Several of OSTA's Capital Projects were pulled off of the pre-authorization list, and I was asked to present them to the County Commission individually for approval. The Special Services Recreation Board has voted and approved to share this project with the County if approved. The Rec Board is willing to pay for half of the project if the County is willing to pay for the other half.

If approved, this will be an unbudgeted item of \$23,223.00 paid out of GL account # 34-4100-720-00 with 50% of the total being invoiced and reimbursed from the Special Services Recreation Board in the amount of \$11,611.50

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the Summit Food Service Contract for the County Jail

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

- 3. Second Extension for Redtail Air to begin construction on their new FBO building at the Airport (Fixed Base Operator) (Lot 96, northern portion)** (Airport Director Tammy Howland)

Presentation

Howland explained that Redtail Air is proposing to build an FBO building next to Hangar B. This building will be used for flight planning, guest and customer services and meals, and instruction, and will include a pilots' lounge (with shower) and break areas, Redtail offices, a kitchen, and landscaping. Many pilots choose where to land based on the FBO building that is located at that airport. An attractive and well-equipped FBO building would attract more pilots and events to the Airport, increasing revenue from landing fees, fuel sales, etc. Redtail has agreed to pay to Grand County 10% of its facility fees when it begins to charge such facility fees, in addition to the rent they will pay for the ground lease. The County Commission approved this lease for the new FBO building at its June 20, 2023 meeting. Per the lease, Redtail had one year to begin construction of the FBO building. An Extension was granted at the May 7, 2024 Commission meeting, giving them an additional 6 months to begin construction (to December 20, 2024). This Extension Number 2 would give them a further 6 months to begin construction (to June 20, 2025). It's worth noting that the lot slated for this FBO building is reserved for FBO use, it is not available to the general pool of Airport users and tenants.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the second Extension, until June 20th, 2025, for Redtail Air to begin construction on their new FBO building at the Airport

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

4. Volunteer Appointment to the Airport Board (Airport Director Tammy Howland and Commissioner Winfield)

Presentation

Board member Shalee Bryant voluntarily resigned from the Airport Board on September 16, 2024. The Airport Board met in an open meeting on November 4, 2024, reviewed 7 applications for the seat, and interviewed all 7 applicants. The Board voted unanimously to forward the recommendation of applicant Rachel Paxman to the County Commission for appointment to the Airport Board, with term expiring December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the appointment of Rachel Paxman to serve on the Airport Board, with term expiring December 31, 2026

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

5. Grand County Letter for the BLM Scoping Period Regarding Class 1 E-Bike Use (Trails Director Maddie Logowitz, Sand Flats Director Andrea Brand)

Presentation

The BLM initiated a scoping process from October 1 - November 8 to collect public comments about allowing for Class 1 e-bike use on designated mountain bike trails. As a local municipal government, Grand County is permitted to submit a comment after the scoping period. Presented for Commission consideration were

letters from the following stakeholders: Grand County Trail Mix Committee (advisory body to the Commission concerning non-motorized trails), Grand County Motorized Trails Committee (advisory body to the Commission concerning motorized trails), the Sand Flats Stewardship Committee (separate agenda item. Board for Sand Flats Recreation Area). The Grand County Active Transportation and Trails Department (GCATT) has also included a document with an overview of e-bike definitions, regulations, and considerations to provide additional information for the Commission. The Sand Flats Recreation Area Stewardship Committee requested that the BLM exclude the Raptor Route from consideration in its assessment- Allowing for Class 1 E-bike use on designated non-motorized mountain bike trails.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Motion passes 6-0

6. Letter of Support for the Matheson Wetland Enhancement Drought Mitigation Project
(Chair Hadler)

Presentation

Letter of support presented for Nature Conservancy's grant proposal for the Upper Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program. The Nature Conservancy is working with the City of Moab to improve its wastewater treatment facility so that the effluent can be discharged into the Matheson Wetlands instead of directly into the Colorado River.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the Letter of Support for the Matheson Wetland Enhancement Drought Mitigation Project.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

7. Letter of Support for the draft plan/environmental document for Arches Visitor Access and Experiences with Arches National Park (Chair Hadler and Attorney Stocks)

Presentation

Overview given of proposed response from Grand County to the National Park Service regarding the Arches National Park Arches Visitor Access and Experiences Plan

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve Letter of Support for the draft plan/environmental document for Arches Visitor Access and Experiences with Arches National Park.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker

Discussion

Discussion regarding the benefits and drawbacks of the timed-entry system.

Motion passes 4-2, Winfield and McCurdy opposed

Consent Agenda – Action Items

8. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Google Workspace Renewal**
- D. 2024 USU Extension Cooperative Agreement**
- E. Local Consent for the 2025 Buckers & Barrels Unlimited Rodeo Presented by Young Guns Rodeo**
- F. Pipeline Emergency Response Grant Award and Associated Purchase Order**
- G. HASU-Library Rent Agreement**
- H. Wildland Fire Program Support Budget between Grand County and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands for calendar year 2025**

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the Chair (original item A not included in motion)

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

5:37 p.m. Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing (see separate minutes)

6 p.m. Citizens to be Heard

Closed Session (none scheduled)

Chair Hadler adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission



Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor