



## **GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

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### **MINUTES 20 May 2025**

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 were Commission Chair Bill Winfield, Commission Vice-Chair Melodie McCandless and Commissioners Jacques Hadler, Brian Martinez, Mary McGann, Trisha Hedin, Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall and Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek.

**3:00 p.m. Grand County Board of Equalization** (see separate agenda)

#### **Closed Session**

**At 3:22 p.m., Motion by** Commissioner Hadler to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner McCandless

**Motion passes 7-0**

**At 3:53 p.m., Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to exit closed session

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Martinez

**Motion passes 6-0, Hedin abstains**

**At 4:00 p.m., Chair Winfield called to order the regular meeting**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Citizens to Be Heard**

Ariel Atkins spoke in support of the County's investment in a new facility for the Children's Justice Center. Atkins referenced the need to support survivors and justice for local children, who she feels deserve the highest level of care and response. The establishment of high-quality trauma informed spaces creates a critical framework for prevention in the community.

Diego Velasquez, communications director for the Moab Museum, spoke regarding the importance of the Moab Museum's place in Grand County's visitor economy, and the importance of maintaining the County's financial support amidst changes in TRT statute.

Charlene Bower, a business owner in the off-road recreation space, spoke in gratitude to the Commission for the openness that the County has shown to facilitating off-road recreation activity in the County.

Eric Creole (sp), spoke with concern regarding the possibility of staff with the Trail Ambassador program immediately losing their employment due to a loss of funding.

Dwight Johnston stated that there were job openings available in the community for Trail Ambassador staff that might lose their employment status.

Kara Bard, resident of Cisco, stated that she has received undue challenges from the County in obtaining permits needed in order to establish a business, and wished to receive an update on applications recently submitted.

Emily Campbell spoke in regards to House Bill 456, stating that definitions for promotion and mitigation were added to the revisions made to the TRT code, including express language referencing trails. Campbell stated that the representative for the Utah Tourism industry made a statement in a House legislative committee meeting regarding efforts to enhance the visitor experience and how TRT funds might be used to do so.

Curtis Wells, chairman of the Governor's Community Impact Board, spoke regarding the CIB funding process and the draft letter being considered by the Commission regarding the sale of Public Lands. Wells stated that reigning in bureaucracy was important for local government to thrive. Wells stated that this bureaucracy has been a hindrance to good government, that federal government does not operate efficiently, and that issues such as housing scarcity are intensified by the federal control of public lands.

Kara Dohrenwend spoke with concern regarding the recent advertising of the Mill Creek corridor, for which lengthy community-based processes have been completed in order to ensure effective preservation and management. Dohrenwend stated that this area is not ready for large scale visitation. Dohrenwend stressed that the Trail Ambassador program was very important and that the County should closely examine how TRT revenues might be available to support the program.

## **Presentations**

### **Attorney General's Office presentation on Children's Justice Grant (Heather Stewart, Utah Attorney General's Office)**

Stewart gave a description of a timely and unique funding opportunity for the support of a new CJC facility. Stewart described the importance of an adequate facility in providing for this critical need in every community, and the State's willingness to invest in the strong ongoing future of the CJC. Funding offered by the State would need to be reimbursed if the County were not to maintain CJC operations at a potential new facility. Stewart went over other general parameters regarding allowable uses at a potential new facility, including conversion of the garage into a meeting and training space. Unallowable uses include those that are not aligned with established standards, which she detailed at length. Stewart stated that the size and layout of the new facility being considered for purchase would represent a necessary upgrade to what she considers a woefully inadequate facility that is currently in use. The State's elevated level of support for Grand County in this effort is a representation of its strong commitment.

Commissioner McGann sought clarification that the detached garage would be available for use as a training and meeting space only for the CJC and relevant partners, including the already established multi-disciplinary stakeholder team, as described by Attorney Stocks. McGann sought clarification as to what potential enhancement of services at a new facility would look like. Stewart explained that best practices in the field frequently evolve and a more adequate facility could adapt to that environment in new evidence-based practices.

## **Department Reports**

**Grand County Active Transportation and Trails** (GCATT Director Madeline Logowitz)  
(Presentation postponed for a future meeting)

## **Commission Member Disclosures**

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife works at the Grand County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner McGann disclosed that her son is an employee at Sand Flats Recreation Area.

## **General Commission Reports and Future Considerations**

### **Jacques Hadler**

- Trail Mix meeting, discussion regarding high visibility crosswalks, new trail developments with Falcon Flow and Bar M, recap of Spring Spruce Up event, Geyser Pass
- Thompson Special Service District meeting, water meter funded by CIB installed, current discussions regarding absorption with GWSSA
- Non-motorized master plan kickoff meeting with selected contractor, discussion regarding schedule and deliverables, group engaged in a walk and bike audit around town in order to identify potential active transportation improvements
- Legislative committee meeting, discussion regarding interim legislative session, visit to come by Steve Waldrip of the Governor's Office, federal bills have been introduced for local UMTRA conveyance

### **Trisha Hedin**

- Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> with Brian Murdock and Michael Engelhart with the US Forest Service
- Library Board meeting
- County Fair board meeting
- Conservation District meeting, included in the agenda packet a drought monitor report of western states which indicates that Grand County is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, salmonella cases reported in chicken
- Cemetery Board meeting
- Meeting in Castle Valley with State Representative Logan Monson

### **Bill Winfield**

- Attended County Leadership meeting, IT Director spoke to County's failings in phishing email testing
- Internal Audit Committee meeting
- TSSD meeting
- EMS Sustainability meeting
- Joint MTAB-Commission workshop
- MAWP meeting
- Colorado River gap monthly update
- Legislative Subcommittee meeting

- Eastern region General Council meeting regarding different upcoming grant opportunities, potential BLM applications for Horsethief and Goose Island campground improvements
- Expression of gratitude to Moab City regarding the successful Chevy C10 event, which included a sizeable donation to Search and Rescue

#### **Brian Martinez**

- Dolores Travel Management Plan meeting, review of trails to be included in alternatives
- GCATT budget meeting
- Motorized Trail Committee meeting
- Discussion regarding Arches Special Service District and water provision for Arches National Park
- MTAB meeting, discussion regarding HB 456, and new Outdoor Mitigation Grant, discussion regarding potential conflict of interest in Film Commission and introduction of new marketing firm
- Chamber of Commerce meeting, discussion regarding improvements to Electric Light Parade
- MAWP meeting, discussion regarding dry wells
- GWSSA meeting, Ken's Lake near 15-year average, GWSSA to hold conservation meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Mary McGann**

- Future Consideration: presentation for the Commission regarding the new housing dashboard

#### **Mike McCurdy**

- Attended ribbon-cutting at OSTA for new cattle panels
- Expression of gratitude for community support to the Parriott family

#### **Melodie McCandless**

- Economic Opportunity Advisory meeting to continue review applications for RCG and RCOG grants
- Airport Director hiring committee
- Meeting with EMS District regarding long term financial health
- MTAB – Commission workshop
- Regional Council on Aging meeting in Green River
- Legislative subcommittee meeting
- Ribbon cutting for new rodeo equipment at OSTA
- EMS Sustainability meeting

### **Elected Official Reports**

#### **Sheriff Jamison Wiggins**

- Chevy C10 event raised \$15,000 for Grand County Search and Rescue
- Evidence tech position hired
- Offer made for Emergency Manager position

#### **County Attorney Stephen Stocks**

- Attended State Children's Justice Center Symposium and National ICCR Convention regarding domestic violence

#### **Commission Administrator Mark Tyner**

- Working through hiring and onboarding of several new staff hires filling vacancies, follow up to come regarding Building Department staff

### **General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:**

### 3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2025 for the Grand County Commission and the CDBG Second Public Hearing
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills
- C. Ratification of Local Consent for Red Cliffs Lodge x 3
- D. Ratification of Local Consent for Moab Brewers for the Grand County Fair
- E. Ratification of Local Consent for REDROK Rally
- F. Ratification of Nonconversion Agreement - Building Dept. – Neissen
- G. Ratification of Sojern advertising agreement
- H. Ratification of NRCS Grant Reimbursement Request
- I. Ratification of Amended Independent Contractor Agreement for Star Hall Roof Replacement
- J. Approval of Service Agreement with SeaChange Printing and Marketing Services, LLC for Election Printing Services
- K. Independent Contractor Agreement with Horrocks Engineering for On-Call Engineering & Planning Services
- L. Approval of Airport Hangar Lease with Gem Air
- M. Utah Office of Tourism CO-OP Marketing Grant Application Approval
- N. Utah Office of Tourism International Opt-in Program FY26
- O. Bid Award for Playground and Pickleball Court at OSTA And Approving Chair to Sign All Associated Documents Upon Legal Review
- P. Appointing The Grand County Fair Board as The America's 250 Committee
- Q. Grand County Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Scoping
- R. Land Conveyance to Moab City

Commissioner McCurdy requested that Item O be removed from the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hedin requested that Item F be pulled from the Consent Agenda

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Consent Agenda excepting items O and F, as read by the chair

**Motion Seconded by** Commissioner McCandless

**Discussion** (none at this time)

**Motion passes 7-0**

### F. Ratification of Nonconversion Agreement - Building Dept. – Neissen

Commissioner Hedin suggested postponement of the item to allow for the Planning and Zoning Department to explain to the Commission the full ramifications of the action.

(No action taken at this time)

**Motion by Commissioner McGann** to postpone Item S until the next Commission meeting

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Hedin

Attorney Stocks clarified that signed document planned for ratification not be forwarded until final approval.

## **Motion to postpone passes 7-0**

### **O. Bid Award for Playground and Pickleball Court at OSTA And Approving Chair to Sign All Associated Documents Upon Legal Review**

#### **Presentation**

McCurdy proposed postponing the item for an upcoming budget workshop due to the considerable associated cost.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to postpone Item O

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Hadler

## **Motion to postpone passes 7-0**

Clarification given that a report was due by the end of September of the next fiscal year in order for grant funds to be available. Commission agreed that this item should be included in the next Commission agenda.

### **4. Amendment to Podcast Contract (Madeline Logowitz, Alison Harford, Scott Solle)**

#### **Presentation**

Logowitz described the podcast effort in detail, with the following narrative that was included in the agenda packet:

The outdoor adventure and survival genre is popular, entertaining, and often uses stories from the Moab area (examples: I Shouldn't Be Alive TV Episode, Outside Podcast Episode). This project puts our local voice in the mix and showcases our fantastic, award-winning Search & Rescue team. It's inspired by adventure podcasts like Out Alive by Backpacker and The Fine Line by Backcountry Zero, in which recreationists and rescue professionals tell first-person stories of exciting outdoor adventures and rescues.

The current contract is expired; research took longer than expected due to the delicate nature of interviewing subjects whose health records are protected. Four of the seven total episodes are completed (one of the storylines, of which there are six, was split into two episodes). Episodes now have run times of 1-1.25 hours. This amendment changes the dates of the project and adds a line about co-publishing with KZMU, who have offered to broadcast the podcast on their on-air and streaming channels, and within established County marketing audience regions through their partnership with the Rocky Mountain Community Radio coalition. Grand County can further put its own voice into the podcast by underwriting it (for \$3,000) to advertise visiting Moab and things to do in Moab while the podcast airs. While this project was originally created to reflect responsible recreation messaging, staff have worked closely with Molly Marcello to reflect the replacement of Resolution 3248. Now, we believe the podcast is truly about amazing outdoor adventures in Moab - and just how wild they can be. The subjects interviewed all still enjoy the sports they were doing when they had to be rescued. GCSAR also receives mitigation TRT funds every year: everyone involved is committed to utilizing this project to ultimately boost visitation.

Amendment currently being pursued to take into account increased scale of project and improvements needed for creating the most dynamic result possible. Proposed action within budget. Contract prepared by Economic Development. Extension and additional funding also being requested at this time in order to increase reach. Current requested extension quoted until November 30.

**Motion by** Commissioner Hadler to approve the amendments to the Independent Contractor Agreement with KZMU Moab Community Radio

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Hedin

**Discussion**

Commissioner Martinez asked if there was currently a breach in contract, and asked if the amendments were favorable to the County. Attorney Stocks summarized the contents of the amendment, describing challenges with inclusion of underwriting and concerns regarding intro/outro sponsorship addition. Commissioner McCurdy asked whether the County would maintain intellectual property rights for the final product. Harford explained that underwriting would be exclusive to Grand County's discretion. KZMU representatives Molly Marcello and Sky White explained that project delays were caused by dedication given to creating the highest quality product possible. Commissioner Winfield expressed general concern regarding the County's compliance with contracts and associated deadlines and requested that all County departments pay closer attention to products delivered according to contract.

**Substitute motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve only the timeline extension of the original contract to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and discuss other potential amendments at a future date.

Commissioner McGann sought clarification that the substitute motion was designed to allow for extension and completion of project and consider granting increased costs once product and marketing plan is completed. SAR Commander Scott Solle described how the project did the important work of showcasing the Moab area, highlighting the importance of SAR, and introducing a critical narrative surrounding prevention. Commissioner Hadler confirmed that the initial \$4,500 cost for the project would remain in place. Commissioners McCurdy and Martinez both expressed support for the project and stated that they would like to see the initial contract fulfilled. Martinez expressed concern regarding the Moab Office of Tourism's adherence to contracts.

**Substitute motion seconded by** Commissioner McGann

**Substitute motion passes 7-0**

**5. Approve the creation of an Economic Development Coordinator and Public Information Officer Position** (Commission Administration and Personnel Services Director Tess Barger)

**Motion by** Commissioner McGann to postpone consideration of the creation of an Economic Development Coordinator and Public Information Officer Position

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Hedin

**Substitute motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve the creation of an Economic Development Coordinator and Public Information Officer Position and authorize Personnel Services to begin the recruitment process

**Substitute motion seconded by** Commissioner Martinez

**Discussion**

Commissioner McCurdy expressed that there was great urgency in creating this position due to problems with contract compliance within the Economic Development Department.

## **Presentation**

Barger explained that the proposed position would have a 75/25 split, with 75 devoted to Economic Development initiatives and 25 to public relations efforts, with an overall job description which could be fluid based on needs determined by the position and the Commission. Commissioner Martinez stated that Commission Administration is overtaxed in managing Economic Development grants and that there has been an ongoing need for a public relations role. Commissioner McCandless stated that there were many opportunities that could be captured by this position and that it would constitute a high return on investment given the money that it would bring in to the County. Commissioner Hadler expressed support for the position in general and agreed with the notion that postponement would be prudent. Commissioner McGann expressed concern regarding adding expenses to the budget with a piecemeal approach.

## **Motion passes 4-2, Hedin and McGann opposed, Hadler abstaining**

## **6pm Citizens to be Heard**

Theresa King, representing the board of trustees of the Moab Arts Festival, promoted the Moab Arts Festival, which draws a great deal of visitors while also serving the local community, as do many special events which are critical to the local economy.

Charlene Bauer, Board member of the Tread Lightly, spoke to the importance of reducing impacts to trail infrastructure and funding for public education efforts regarding trail usage.

Kent Green stated that the Trail Ambassador program was improperly funded and that the County's compliance with State Law was very important. OHV users are required to complete education courses enacted by state law, thus rendering the motorized trail ambassadors redundant.

Lynn Jackson stated that the County was clearly entering a very difficult budgetary period, and that the Commission needs to take the appropriate action to avoid future financial hardships that would burden the local taxpayer. Jackson expressed concern regarding the compliance with TRT uses, and stated that the Trail Ambassador program was focused on priorities that are not the responsibility of the County.

AJ Throgmorton expressed gratitude to Curtis Wells for his contributions to the community as a member of the CIB board. Throgmorton expressed concern regarding the County's compliance with TRT laws, and expressed support for the Children's Justice Center.

Megan Shaefer spoke in support of the Children's Justice Center and the County's consideration of a new facility for a critical program which needs the County's support.

Nate Whitney spoke in support of the Children's Justice Center program and spoke regarding his firsthand professional experience attesting to the critical nature of the highest quality Children's Justice Center possible.

Eric Pratt spoke in support of the Children's Justice Center, stating that in his experience with different law enforcement agencies in different Children's Justice Centers in the State, that the current Children's Justice Center facility in Grand County is very inadequate for the very sensitive and important work that takes place there.

## **6. Purchase of Children's Justice Center location (County Attorney Stephen Stocks and CJC Director Andrea Noyes)**



### **Presentation**

Attorney Stocks described the nature of work that the Children's Justice Center does, which includes response to sexual abuse experienced by children. Attorney Stocks stated that the current facility has been operated at very little cost to the County over a large number of years, and deserves a new facility, particularly given the critical nature of the service it offers.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve the purchase for real property located at 2473 Vista Grand Drive Moab Utah 84532 and more specifically described as parcel number 02-0SBV-0023.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner McCandless

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Hedin stated that she is very aware and supportive of the need for a new facility. Hedin stated that a subcommittee was formed to identify potential new facilities, including buildings with less cost than the one currently being considered. Hedin stated that she was left out of the site visit for the currently contemplated property and an offer was placed on it, and that information regarding the current property on offer was not included in the agenda packet until the night before the meeting. Hedin stated that she did not support the purchase of a property that she deems an excessive luxury. Commissioner McGann expressed passionate support for the Children's Justice Center, but stated that her fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers prevented her from approving a purchase of the proposed scale. Chair Winfield stated that the County held sufficient funds in its Capital Budget reserves to make purchases exactly such as this, and that it was inappropriate to preach fiscal responsibility when he feels that the County has not been financially responsible in action. Commissioner Martinez expressed gratitude to those who came forward to speak in support of the CJC and to the State for finding additional funds in order to support a new facility. Commissioner McCurdy stated that the County's responsibility to the best CJC possible overrides the current financial circumstances that it faces. Commissioner McCandless spoke to the inadequate nature of the current facility and that action needed to be taken now to solve this problem and take advantage of financial support from the State. Commissioner McGann stated that the reason that the County holds a healthy amount of reserves was due to a high level of fiscal responsibility and conservative budgeting by the County. Commissioner Hadler stated that everyone was supportive of the CJC, that a clear need for a new facility has been identified, and that the current proposed purchase was a luxury listing.

**Motion passes 6-0, Hedin abstains**

## **7. Appoint Point of Contact and backup POC for the Dolores Triangle MOU with BLM**

**Presentation** (none at this time)

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to appoint POC

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner McCandless

### **Discussion**

Commission Hadler stated that the Commission already had two liaisons to public lands issues, Hedin and Martinez, and that Martinez should be named the primary and Hedin named the backup, due to offering diversity of viewpoint. Commissioner McCurdy stated that Hedin's absence from recent Dolores Triangle meetings as well as Winfield's lifelong knowledge of the area made him the most appropriate point of contact. Hedin suggested the possibility of Chair Winfield being named the primary, with Martinez and Hedin sharing the role of backup. Chair Winfield spoke to Commissioner Martinez's strength of background as it

relates to this appointment. Commissioner Martinez stated that he has been involved in this process and that designation of a point of contact was arithmetic.

**Motion passes 4-3, Hedin, Hadler, and McGann opposed**

**8. Schedule a Commission budget workshop to discuss funding shortfall, TRT compliance and unplanned expenses in 2025 budget (Clerk/Auditor Woytek)**

**Presentation**

Clerk/Auditor Woytek offered the following statement: After attending the Moab Tourism Advisory Board and Commission workshop last week, I was prompted to analyze and confirm the proper use of Transient Room Tax Revenues which are qualified to be used for Establishing and Promoting Recreation Film and Conventions. The final and accepted State Auditor's Findings dated December 2, 2024 called for a reimbursement of promotion funds in the amount of \$182,000 to make up for support of Trail Ambassador salaries which the State Auditor's Office deemed unallowable. In going back over accounting reports that I provided to the state auditor's office during the audit that took place last year, I was able to clearly determine that the expenses of \$182,000 that were reimbursed originated from TRT Rec/Film/and Conventions. This means that myself and this body carried a misunderstanding into the new budget year regarding what the State Auditor ruled on the use of these particular revenues. I'm upset and disappointed that this misunderstanding persisted. I apologize to the taxpayers and all relevant stakeholders for my part in this misunderstanding. At this point it is important that we take formal action in correcting this error in order to achieve compliance. I would propose at this time to hold a budget workshop, whereby we discuss this urgent need to be in compliance. At this workshop I would also propose to discuss a number of unplanned expenses that have come up in 2025, including action needed to make up for revenue shortfalls as it relates to TRT mitigation which will be discussed by Commissioner Martinez later in this meeting, and agreement be made by the Commission on action steps for compliance and general budgeting moving forward. I would also propose that the goal of the budget workshop be to initiate a formal budget amendment process for subsequent Commission meetings, and that Grand County request that the State Auditor's office vet any part of proposed budget amendments that are associated with uses of Transient Room Tax revenues, so that there can be full confidence in Grand County's compliance moving forward.

Commissioner Martinez questioned why the County continued to use funds that the State Auditor's Office deems inappropriate, and suggested that any non-compliance jeopardizes future essential funding.

Commissioner Hadler expressed that the State Auditor's finding letter came at a very late stage of the budgeting process, and budget workshops that were held out in the open made clear the County's understanding regarding the current use of TRT designated for recreation, film, and conventions, and that there was no intentional abuse at all in the County's actions.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to hold a workshop on May 27

**Motion seconded by** Commissioner Hadler

**Motion passes 7-0**

**9. Ranking and approval of 2025-2026 CIB list (Commission Administration)**

**Presentation**

All Commissioners had the chance to review and give feedback to the current list being presented.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCandless to approve the CIB list as presented

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Martinez

**Discussion** (none at this time)

**Motion passes 6-0, Hadler absent**

## **10. Letter to Legislators regarding the sale of public lands**

### **Presentation**

Hedin described the nature of the draft letter included in the packet, in response to a proposed largest sale of federal public lands in history.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to deny acceptance of the draft letter

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Martinez

### **Discussion**

Commissioner McCurdy stated that it was not appropriate to offer comment on actions that could affect other jurisdictions. Commissioner Hedin stated that she drafted this letter one week ago and received no feedback or comments to this letter, and that a wide variety of stakeholders across the political spectrum have shown opposition to the sale of public lands. Commissioner Hadler spoke in support of the letter. Commissioner McGann stated that public lands, established by Thomas Jefferson, hold a long tradition in the United States, and stated that States without federal public lands envy the opportunities that public lands states enjoy. McGann described in great detail all of the benefits that federal public lands offer. Commissioner Martinez stated that the County is unable to support and service the federal lands as they are currently held and managed. Martinez added that no restrictions to access, and added that no lands in Grand County are eligible for sale under the proposed bill, which require the lands to be adjacent to existing infrastructure, and that this letter was only speculative to future actions. Commissioner McCandless stated that she didn't offer feedback because she was not confident that it would be changed enough to her liking. McCandless added that there are public lands locally that could be used to a great benefit to the local community. Chair Winfield stated that Grand County is asking for congressional support for the UMTRA conveyance, and that this action would serve to damage relationships that we rely on and jeopardize that important action. Commissioner McCurdy added that he would like to focus on statements and actions that benefit his own constituents. Commissioner Martinez agreed that this action was inconsistent with Grand County's desire to seek concessions from the federal government.

**Motion to deny passes 4-3, Hedin, Hadler and McGann opposed**

## **11. Approval of Letter of Support to UDOT for Enhanced (High Visibility) Crosswalks along Hwy 191 (Commissioner Hadler)**

### **Presentation**

Hadler gave a brief overview of the proposed letter, as displayed in the packet. Commissioner McCandless suggested that left-hand turn signals be included as an additional consideration.

**Motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve the letter of support to UDOT for enhanced (high visibility) crosswalks with the inclusion of language requesting left-hand turn signals along Highway 191

## **Motion Seconded by Commissioner Martinez**

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Martinez stated that this project can be done very cost effectively and have a very positive effect. Martinez added that persistence in continuing to ask for left hand turn signals will be the only way to eventually convince UDOT to entertain the idea. Commissioner McGann stated that she wanted to honor the original letter, that it would be more powerful to focus on one potential improvement to ensure that the strongest statement possible be made for that request, and that inclusion of a request for a left hand turn signal would be watering down and delaying the primary objective.

**Substitute motion by** Commissioner McCurdy to approve the letter of support to UDOT for enhanced (high visibility) crosswalks as originally drafted and presented

## **Substitute motion seconded by Commissioner Martinez**

### **Discussion**

Commissioner McCurdy directed staff to draft a separate request for left hand turn signals.

## **Substitute motion passes 7-0**

## **Discussion Item**

### **12. TRT Promotional Funding Gap (Commissioner Martinez)**

#### **Presentation**

Commissioner Martinez gave an overview of budgetary impacts associated with House Bill 456, which passed in the 2025 General Legislative Session. \$1.2 deficit projected over a full year, \$877K deficit over a partial year. Overview with draft budget sheet and current state of reserves. Commissioner Hadler stated that HB 456 has hurt Grand County in critical. McGann stated that changes in law have been a cause of these hardships. Hedin referenced the need to maintain a standard for maintenance of fund balance reserves. Winfield referenced LATCF.

**Attorney Stocks clarified that the BOE would not reconvene for an additional agenda item.**

**Chair Winfield adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**

*Bill Winfield*

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Bill Winfield  
Chair, Grand County Commission

*Gabriel Woytek*

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Gabriel Woytek  
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

# Audit trail

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