

Grand County Emergency Medical Services Special Service District

520 East 100 North

Moab, Utah

July 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

1. The Grand County Emergency Medical Services Special Service District met in a special session on the above date and time at the Grand County EMS SSD station located at 520 E. 100 N., Moab, Utah. Chair Elizabeth Tubbs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. In attendance were GCEMS Board Members Elizabeth Tubbs, Melodie McCandless, Lionel Weeks, Rani Derasary, Jim Webster, and Jason Taylor. Board member Taryn Peterson was excused. Also, present were Executive Director, Andy Smith, Administrative Coordinator, Jennifer Williams, and Clerk/Secretary, Mandy Turner.
2. **Welcome Public Comment:** No public comment.
3. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. **Approval of recommendation to proceed with request for special election from Grand County Commission:**

Executive Director Andy Smith provided an update on the ongoing financial challenges facing Grand County EMS and shared insights from the two recent EMS Sustainability Committee meetings. Based on these discussions, Andy reported that no additional sustainable funding is expected from either Grand County or the City of Moab. He reviewed current GCEMS funding sources, which include ambulance billing for transports, PILT funding, half of an existing 0.5% sales tax, and short-term grants. To secure a more stable revenue stream, Andy recommended a collaborative effort between the Canyonlands Healthcare District, Moab Valley Fire Department, and GCEMS to request that the Grand County Commission place a 1% Healthcare Sales Tax on a special election ballot. This measure would ask voters to approve the increase to support all three entities.

Rani Derasary moved to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with the request for a special election, with the understanding that the board will have the opportunity to review and discuss the final resolution. The resolution will specify that the tax revenue would be shared among Canyonlands Healthcare District, Moab Valley Fire Department, and Grand County EMS, and that a formal agreement on the revenue distribution will be established between the three entities. Jayson Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.
4. **Adjourn:** 10:28am