



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES 21 April 2026

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on April 21st, 2026. 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 Melodie McCandless, Commission Vice-Chair Bill Winfield and Commissioners Trish Hedin, Jacques Hadler, Mary McGann, Brian Martinez and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek and County Attorney Stephen Stocks.

Chair McCandless announced that the Steen Rezone Request consideration has been postponed

Chair McCandless called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to be Heard

Allyson Mathis spoke regarding the shuttle pilot summary for Arches National Park, which she feels is not feasible given resource constraints.

Pete Gross spoke in opposition to the Steen rezone request, which will not be considered for approval at this meeting and has been indefinitely postponed.

Presentations

Joint Moab City Council/Grand County Commission Meeting Recap (Chair McCandless)

Chair McCandless gave an overview of the joint meeting held on the previous Friday, with content captured in the meeting minutes to be approved in the current meeting's consent agenda.

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

1. Commission member disclosures and future considerations

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife is an employee at the Grand County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Winfield specified that he was appointed to the CIB board by SERDA, not the County, which reflects his representation on that board. Winfield requested OPMA training from the County Attorney regarding the potential for quorum violations, and also a legal opinion regarding board liaison rules. As a future consideration, Winfield requested that a Letter of Support be drafted for a potential imminent sale of SITLA land in the Bookcliffs to DWR.

Commissioner Martinez requested a progress update on right of way acquisitions for the Spanish Valley Drive Multiuse Pathway, and requested a quarterly Financial Report.

Hedin requested a status update on potential financial support for a Moab Information Center bathroom upgrade project. Hedin also requested consideration of a recommended county level drought declaration, which opens up potential resources for ranchers or farmers, and also consideration of a moratorium for new applications for planning and zoning while the Land Use Code is being updated.

Hadler requested consideration of rescission of the hiring freeze currently in place.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 7th and 17th, 2026**
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Ratification Of Exemption for Environmental Review - Arroyo Crossing Ph. 4**
- D. Ratification Of EMP Grant Award Letter for Emergency Management**
- E. Ratification Of Moab Office of Tourism Logo Overage**
- F. Ratification Of Letter of Final Payment/Invoice for The RCOG Grant Closeout - Arroyo Crossing**
- G. Letter Of Support from The Moab Office of Tourism Supporting the BLM's Nomination Of the Poison Spider Mesa Trail as Part of The National Recreation Trail System**
- H. Contract With SERDA - Renewal of Grand County's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement**
- I. Ratification Of ICA With Babcock Design for Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study**

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the Consent Agenda, as read by the Chair

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

3. Awarding bid for the concrete portion of the playground & pickleball project at the Old Spanish Trail Arena (OSTA Director Angie Book)

Presentation

The Old Spanish Trail Arena put the concrete portion of the playground and pickleball project out to bid. Four bids were submitted through our portal bidding system. The bids that were received are being presented to the Commission for one to be chosen for the project.

The attached synopsis of submitted bid packets gives a complete breakdown of the scope of work and recommendation of award from the bid reviewing committee. Pre-bid quotes were received for the concrete for this project and would have put this project slightly over budget (approximately \$6,000). Unfortunately, those contractors did not submit a bid and the bids that were received, if chosen, will put this project \$30–35,000.00 over budget. Commissioner Hadler stated that while he preferred selecting local contractors whenever possible, the fact that this project was already over budget creates a priority to adhere to the lowest bid.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to accept the proposal as presented and award the bid for the concrete portion of the playground and pickleball project at the Old Spanish Trail Arena to Pronghorn in the amount of \$76,610

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Commissioner McCurdy reiterated the preference for local contractors whenever possible.

Motion passes 7-0

4. Special Events — High Impact Events Ready to Review (Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor Jenibeth Jones)

Presentation

Jones introduced the two events to be considered: Raptors on the Rocks and the Grenadier Gathering, both on the same date (April 29 – May 2, 2027) and both proposed to be held at OSTA, a conflict requiring only one of the events to be approved at this time. Commissioner McCurdy asked whether the events could share the space and happen at the same time, which OSTA Director Angie Book stated would not be possible. Commissioner Hedin highlighted that the Grenadier gathering had reserved the date first and was a longer running event. Discussion was held regarding allowing Raptors on the Rocks to hold that event on their original date, which is Mother’s Day weekend.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the Grenadier Gathering for April 29-May 2, 2027, and approve the Raptors on the Rocks event if they should agree to hold that event on Mother’s Day weekend of 2027

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Motion passes 7-0

County Engineer Sean Yates was invited to offer an update regarding the right-of-way acquisition process for the SVDMP, for which appraisals have just been received and will be available for review and ratification at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Martinez stressed that funding opportunities were timely and thus an urgent update was needed by April 24.

5. Position Backfill Request - Roads and Bridges Department (Personnel Services Director Tess Barger)

Presentation

The Roads Department currently has three vacancies — 2 Road Laborers and 1 Assistant Supervisor. With the pending departure of a Roads employee (and a subsequent fourth vacancy), it is necessary that two new hires are brought in to assist with labor duties and to cross-train with tenured Roads employees.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the backfill of two Road Laborer positions under the Roads & Bridges Department, effective immediately

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

6. Grand County Moab City Development Agreement - Water Tank (Planning and Zoning Director Andrew Jackson)

Item postponed, no discussion or action taken.

7. Ordinance Zoning Text Amendment Outfitters as a Permitted Use in Light Industrial Zone (Planning and Zoning Director Andrew Jackson)

Presentation

Jackson explained that Mick Vallantine is requesting that the County Commission amend the text of the Grand County Land Use Code to permit non-ATV outfitter, guide service, rental businesses, and related facilities as a permitted use in the Light Industrial Zone. Mr. Vallantine currently owns a Light Industrial property. The property is located at 825 W Kane Creek Blvd and is used for an E-Bike Business.

This proposal would change the County’s land use code to allow non-ATV outfitter and guide businesses as a permitted use in the Light Industrial zone. The request comes from a property owner running an e-bike business on Kane Creek Blvd, which is similar to an outfitter's use. Staff found that this type of business fits well with other uses already allowed in the zone. Both staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the change.

Jackson explained that there were 4 parcels in Grand County currently zoned for light industrial.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the ordinance, having considered the staff report and recommendation, the planning commission recommendation, public comments, testimony, and the Land Use Code, and finding that the Mick Vallantine request for outfitters, guide services, and facilities (non-ATV outfitters, guide services, and rental businesses is similar to other permitted uses in the Light Industrial Zone

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Martinez

Discussion

Hedin explained that she would not vote for this item because she feels it is not appropriate given that the County is currently completing a Land Use Update, and that manipulating the land use table affects a number of other correlating standards, actions which she explained have created ongoing issues in the past. Hedin added that she felt it was bad practice to change the land use table for one property owner. Chair McCandless stated that the action was appropriate given that this action would affect only a small number of

parcels. Commissioner Martinez stated that the local economy relies on tourism and therefore actions to diversify and enhance tourism business should be a point of emphasis for the County, and that the Commission should not stand in the way of business but rather should be removing regulations, and that it is not appropriate for the County to tell businesses to continue to wait for a Land Use Code update. Commissioner Winfield stated that to say this action would be bad practice reflects negatively upon the Planning Commission and Planning Staff.

Motion passes 6-1, Hedin opposed

8. Funding Commitment letter for UDOT TAP grant match (Roads Supervisor Cody McKinney)

The item was postponed, with no action taken at this time

9. Jones & DeMille Boulder Ave. Lower Storm Drain Line Design Task – Hwy 191 to Pack Creek (Roads Supervisor Cody McKinney)

Presentation

Grand County recently partnered with Desert Rivers Credit Union (DRCU) to provide storm drain that is currently being installed by DRCU's contractor. The next step in upgrading the drainage system of the Lower Boulder Avenue drainage basin (and accommodating existing and new flow from DRCU), is to continue the improvements, down the basin, through adjacent commercial properties (Rick's Glass, etc.) and eventually discharge into Pack Creek. This project is on the priority list. However, it is not currently on the preauthorized list.

Jones & DeMille will perform the following prior to 2027 construction by Grand County Road Crews:

- Hydraulics and hydrology calculations.
- Design a storm drain pipeline, and associated inlets, from Hwy 191 to Pack Creek.
- Provide design drawings for construction with applicable specifications and details.
- Provide materials testing

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Task Order for the Boulder Avenue lower storm drain line design for Jones and DeMille, at a cost of \$28,020

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

10. 2026-2027 CIB List prioritization (Commission Administration)

Presentation

Commission Administrator Mark Tyner listed the top 9 ranked projects, given input and ranking from each individual Commissioner.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the 2026-2027 CIB County priority list, as presented

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Commissioner McCurdy clarified that the Commission's rankings don't necessarily reflect the CIB's position but can rather be considered similar to a letter of support for that board's consideration.

Motion passes 7-0

**11. Resolution Amending the Bylaws of the Canyonlands Healthcare Special Service District
(Chair McCandless)****Presentation**

The items that changed are; added a phrase so the document would reflect the name change of the Grand County Council to Grand County Commission in the Preamble, term expiration dates in Article IIA, Chief Administrative Officer, Privacy Officer, UASD Representative, and UASD Alternate Representative duties in Article IV, added other approved meeting locations in Article IX, dated and prepared the signature portion in Article XV, standardized the document formatting and addressed a few grammatical errors

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Resolution amending the bylaws of the Canyonlands Healthcare Special Service District

Motion seconded by Commissioner Martinez

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Discussion Items**Commissioners offered their general reports, as presented in the agenda packet.**

Commissioner Hadler highlighted the successful 'Spring Spruce Up' volunteer event.

Commissioner McGann reported that a record amount of solid waste had been processed this Spring, which speaks to high visitation and construction activity.

Commissioner McCurdy promoted the upcoming Grand County Fair, and sought to offer a clear path for businesses interested in vending and other support.

Commissioner Martinez provided an update on the Colorado River Authority meeting held on April 21.

Chair McCandless promoted the Moab Area Chamber of Commerce golf tournament fundraiser to be held on May 8.

Vice Chair Winfield reported on the Canyon Country Partnership meeting, which included a tour of Cottonwood Wash and information about the Elk Mountain Mission.

Attorney Stocks gave an update regarding various conferences that he has attended, including the Utah Prosecution Council Conference and upcoming Utah Association of Counties and Children's Justice Center conferences.

Chair McCandless adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Melodie McCandless

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Chair, Grand County Commission

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