



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on September 1st, 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 Jacques Hadler, Trisha Hedin, Brian Martinez and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner and Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, County Attorney Stephen Stocks and Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek. Commissioner Mary McGann was absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Reports

Grand Center (Grand Center Director Lorette Eastwood)

Eastwood gave her department's report, touching on topics such as the Governor's Office's WISE initiative, Grand County senior needs assessment led by the Council on Aging, scam prevention, wellness collective weekly chair yoga series, 'coffee and tea Tuesdays' speaker series, 2025 Christmas party, Valentine's Day Tea, Progressive Dinners, salsa showdown, America 250th Celebration, Moab Senior Games, Democracy phone booth. Eastwood confirmed that the new senior van was a successful acquisition.

Facilities and Maintenance

(Department Report postponed)

Grand County Building Department

(Department Report postponed)

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing to Amend the 2026 Consolidated Fee Schedule

(Hearing postponed)

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

2. Commission member disclosures and future considerations

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

3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 7, 21, and 27 and August 4 and 18**
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Ratification Of Cooperative Forest Road Agreement (Annual Agreement) (No Funds Required)**
- D. Ratification of Signature on State Homeland Security Program Award Letter**
- E. Outdoor Recreation Initiative Grant Application for Mud Springs, Phase 2.1**
- F. Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between Grand County and The State of Utah for The Creation and Operation of a Motorized Trail Crew**
- G. Amendment To USU Contract**
- H. Position Backfill Requests: GCSO - Patrol Deputy I & Dispatcher & Jailer/Corrections Position and Roads Department - Operator I**
- I. Recommend Reappointment of Historic Preservation Commission Members (2)**
- J. Secondary Manufacturers (Opioid) Contingent Fee Application**
- K. Letter Of Support / Funding Request to the Department of Natural Resources for The Colorado River Boat Ramp**
- L. Appointment Of Two (2) Vacancies on The Budget Advisory Board**
- M. Revision Of Job Description & Backfill Request for OSTA Administrative Assistant**

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

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

Item E (from Consent Agenda) Outdoor Recreation Initiative Grant Application for Mud Springs Phase 2.1

Presentation

Logowitz described the grant effort. No match required, but Logowitz explained that a local match makes the grant application much more competitive, namely between 10-20% of the total grant amount, in addition to the in-kind matches already being offered. \$60,000-\$180,000 local match would be needed for a competitive local match.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the Outdoor Recreation Initiative Grant Application for Mud Springs Phase 2.1, committing a \$60,000 cash match from TRT 3(b) funds from the 2027 budget, and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents after review by the Moab Tourism Advisory Board

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Commissioner Hadler described how successful this new trail system is and how important efforts to continue momentum in building its expansion are. Commissioner Winfield questioned why it had not gone through the Moab Tourism Advisory Board. Commissioner Hedin asked about San Juan County's involvement in the development of this trail system. No match is currently being requested from San Juan County. Commissioner Martinez stated that he felt that this was a qualified 3(b) expense, which falls under the 'mitigation' side of the TRT split. Commissioner Winfield clarified that San Juan County had invested a significant amount of in-kind effort on improving the road access to the trail system off of Highway 191.

Motion passes 6-0

4. Spanish Valley Drive Mill and Fill Beeman to County Line (Shoulder Widening Project) (Roads Supervisor Cody McKinney)

Presentation

The Road Department and Transportation Special Service District have taken the initiative to widen shoulders along the main corridors of Spanish Valley Drive and Spanish Trail roadways. This initiative is to create a safer buffer between traffic and multi-use; pedestrian, bicycle, horseback and other uses in Grand County South Valley. These improvements began in 2025 with the 4-way Stop to Beeman improvement. This project continues to promote connectivity and the Transportation Master Plan vision. The scope of this project will also incorporate a better channel for storm drainage along Spanish Trail Rd. protecting not only the Roadway, but a vital power utility where water has been undermining the utility pole and power line run. Project was included in the 2026 budget. Current ask is \$100,000 for striping and other final work to be completed this year, with the rest of the project to be funded by the Transportation Special Service District.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the addition of the Spanish Valley Drive mill and fill shoulder widening project from Beeman Lane to Grand/San Juan County Line to the Roads Long Range Capitol plan for 2026 as funds are available to complete the project ahead of schedule, with \$100,000 to be set aside as described, expensed out of Fund 35

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Commissioner McCurdy explained that the Transportation Special Service District Board unanimously approved this project. McKinney provided background on a number of other associated upcoming Roads projects.

Motion passes 6-0

5. Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee Grant Award (Chair McCandless)

Presentation

Chair McCandless explained that she signed this grant in June. McCandless explained that this work was outside of the Surveyor's typical scope of work. Attorney Stocks explained that an increase in an elected official's compensation would require the typical process outlined in code which would require a public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to accept the contract for the Monument Replacement and Restoration grant

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Commission discussion centered around the need to accept the grant award at this time and work out the most appropriate manner to direct the funds once the grant is awarded.

Motion passes 6-0

General Reports

Commissioners shared their general reports, as included in the agenda packet.

Citizens to be Heard

Allyson Mathis spoke with disapproval at what she perceives as unfair treatment with respect to her first amendment rights to free speech.

Chair McCandless adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Melodie J. McCandless

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Chair, Grand County Commission

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