

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Grand County Council met in regular session on the above date. Present were Councilmen Judy Carmichael, Vice Chairman presiding, Jim Lewis, Nate Knight Jerry McNeely and Audrey Graham with County Clerk Fran Townsend and Administrator Nancy Woodside. Absent, Joette Langianese and Rex Tanner.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

HB371 Nancy Woodside advised the council this bill concerns Convention Facilities. It would allow up to 4.25% Transient Room Tax to be assessed instead of the current 3%. She would like to see the council support this and contact our legislators. It would support funding for big convention facilities.

Senate Bill 216 concerns the Children's Justice Centers through out Utah.

Action Item(s)

A. APPROVAL OF VEHICLE BIDS FOR SHERIFF, AND AMBULANCE FUNDS:

Bids were received from Moab Chevrolet and Certified Ford. Sheriff Nyland recommends the bid for the pickups be awarded to Certified Ford for three 2006 F-150 pickups with Short Wheelbase in the amount of \$26,657.60 each and the bid for two cars be awarded to Moab Chevrolet for two 2006 Chevrolet Impalas in the amount of \$16,371 each for a grand total of \$112,714.80. Two pickups are for sheriff and one for the EMS- ambulance dept; one car for replacement in the jail fleet and one car to be used by the drug court tracker. Audrey discussed the vehicles that are efficient fuel vehicles. She wants to see the county look at this. **Motion Lewis moved to award the bids as recommended by Sheriff Nyland seconded by Knight. Motion carried 5-0.**

Sheriff Nyland stated a year ago the county agreed to give City \$10,000 toward construction of a new animal center. Right now – the city is not charging us for picking up our animals in the County. He reminded the Council jail population is still up; they have from 55 to 63 inmates in the jail. Right now we are holding some state inmates. We can return state inmates back to the state, (which is a revenue loss to the county) or contract with another jail to hold our prisoners someplace else. The situation is getting serious – we need to do something. Felony probation violators are put back in the county jails instead of putting them in prison. This is a big cost to the counties.

B. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA IN GRANTING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS:

The administrator has checked with Scott Barrett and he has no problem with this. Assessor Gough's Dorothy's draft is in good shape; County Attorney Happy Morgan sees no problem. Audrey thought we were having a meeting with Fran, Dorothy and Peggy to discuss this before the ordinance was passed. The meeting will still take place. **Motion: Graham moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

C. APPROVAL OF JOINING WESTERN COUNTY ALLIANCE AT A COST OF \$7,500 PER YEAR:

Councilman McNeely stated that Langianese has talked to Mark Walsh. Congress in Washington DC is working on cutting our PILT monies. Mark is also working on

the mineral lease funding. He will be a lobbyist to work on getting more mineral lease monies allocated to counties plus PILT. Jerry feels we need to hire Mark to keep us informed as to what is going on. Mark is backed by Congressman Cannon. Cannon put the group together and hired Mark to run it. All the Western States are involved as we continue to grow. Mark has all but about three of the Utah counties on board with him now. Grand County is ranked number six (6) of the top mineral producing counties. Out of these six counties, only one is not on board with the WCA. Councilman Graham stated we are paying monies to James Barker to lobby for us in DC. She does not understand why this is important. Jerry – Mark is also good friends with Barker – and they would work together. **Motion: McNeely moved to pay bill seconded by Knight. Knight, McNeely, voted aye, Lewis, Graham and Carmichael voted no. Majority vote requires at least four votes. Motion failed.**

D. APPROVAL OF AIRPORT COOPERATIVE AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONS DIVISION OF UTAH DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION: Motion: Councilman Knight moved to approve the agreement seconded by McNeely. Motion carried 5-0.

E. AIRPORT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC AIRPORTS: Motion: Councilman Knight moved we approve grant seconded by Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Knight reported there are sewer issues at the airport. There is a septic tank but it has formed a lagoon. They are working on getting that resolved. The person hired to do ground maintenance at the airport has quit. Marvin said the county maintenance crew could take care of that. That is for the grounds only – not the building.

Other Administrative Items: Draft is completed on the CIB priority list and has been sent out for feedback. One addition – add 2700 feet of airport fence to see if we can get funding for that.

Meeting recessed until seven p.m.

Meeting was called to order. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Maxwell.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion: Knight moved to approve bills in the amount of \$703,752.35 – including payroll in the amount of \$111,422.50 seconded by Lewis. Roll call vote: Knight –aye, McNeely – aye, Carmichael – aye, Graham – aye and Lewis – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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PAYROLL	\$111,422.50

G/H: Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 3, 2006 minutes were on the agenda as December 20, 2005 minutes to approve. Motion: **Lewis moved to re-approve minutes of January 3, 2006 seconded by McNeely. Lewis, Carmichael, Knight and McNeely vote aye. Graham abstained. Motion carried. Motion: Lewis moved to approve minutes of January 17, 2006 meeting seconded by Graham. Motion carried 5-0.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: NONE

Council Reports: Councilman Graham reported the Grand County Solid Waste District Board discussed waiving tipping fees for the clean-up of the old Bert Swink property, i.e. getting rid of gasoline and tires. She also reported Solid Waste put in \$10,000 to help with the spring clean-up.

I. FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Councilman Graham talked about the added fee for the library i.e. higher fees for out of county residents. Grand County residents are being taxed more to pay for the library bond. *Motion: Councilman Knight moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.*

J. TRANSIENT ROOM TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: This ordinance amendment has been reviewed by County Attorney Morgan and Deputy County Attorney Scott Barrett. The ordinance pertains to late fees for Transient Room Tax returns. *Motion: Lewis moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by graham. Motion carried 5-0.*

K. RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBER TO THE GRAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT: Graham reported the Solid Waste Board has interviewed people who applied. They recommend Pam Hackley be appointed. *Motion: Graham moved to adopt the resolution appointing Pam Hackley – term to expire 12/31/09 seconded by McNeely. Motion carried 5-0.* Graham expressed her appreciation for Al McLeod serving 8 years on the Solid Waste Board.

L. APPROVAL OF CASTING BALLOT FOR SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTION: Graham moved to approve making a selection seconded by Lewis. McNeely and Knight voted no, Lewis, Carmichael and Graham voted aye. Motion failed as a majority constitutes four votes. Council then decided to vote secret ballot with Administrator casting the results on the ballot.

M. CONTRACT WITH LAND USE PLANNER, RICHARD GRICE: Motion: Councilman Graham moved to approve seconded by Lewis. Graham, Lewis and Carmichael voted aye, McNeely and Knight voted no. Motion failed.

N. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO: This district from Fruita, Colorado provides emergency response on Interstate 70 from Exit 214 (East Cisco Exit) to the Utah/Colorado border, both Eastbound and Westbound lanes. The area includes Westwater, as well as any incidents requiring fire suppression services immediately adjacent to Interstate Highway 70 and any incidents within one mile north or south of Interstate Highway 70 with this area. *Motion: Graham moved to approve seconded by knight. Motion carried 5-0.*

Other Considerations

Nancy Woodside – Moab Tailings project: The article in Salt Lake Tribune that talked about funding for the tailings project. This article refers to 07 funding. The funding for fiscal year 2006 is already in place. They are working toward getting impact monies to help with the clean-up. Nancy will be meeting with DOE on Thursday this week. University of Utah research center – biology project on Entrada Ranch is moving forward. Letter to library board – response was good. CIB impact board priority list is complete. West Nile Virus

Grant – we are not getting the second \$2500 but will have to turn back some of the funds – are working on that.

Sound system – we can upgrade our current system for \$4000 according to Marvin. Then we can sell our equipment we have.

Councilman Knight moved to adjourn seconded by McNeely. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Lewis moved to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue seconded by McNeely. Motion carried 5-0. Present were Councilmen Knight, Lewis, Carmichael, McNeely, Graham with Administrator Nancy Woodside. Councilman Knight moved to close executive session at 8:45 p.m. seconded by McNeely. Motion carried 5-0.

Joette Langianese, Chairman

Attest: _____
Fran Townsend, Clerk/Auditor