



**GRAND COUNTY
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**Grand County Commission Chambers
Held virtually on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

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**MINUTES
18 JANUARY, 2022**

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on January 18th, 2022. The meeting was streamed/attended electronically. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting were County Commissioners Clapper, Hadler, Hedin, McGann, Stock, Walker, and Woytek. Also in attendance were County Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau, Strategic Development Director Chris Baird, County Attorney Christina Sloan, and Clerk/Auditor Quinn Hall.

Chair Woytek called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

4:00 p.m. Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District Board Meeting (see separate agenda/minutes)

4:05 p.m. Municipal Building Authority Public Hearing (see separate agenda/minutes)

4:28 p.m. Grand County Commission Regular Meeting

Citizens to Be Heard (and again at approximately 6:00 pm)

Sarah Melnicoff commented about the homeless problem along the parkway and suggested that the Melich home north of the County Courthouse be used as a warming center for the homeless.

Department Reports

A. Report on the County General Plan and Strategic Plan Public Review (John Guenther, Planning & Zoning Director)

John Guenther discussed the strategic plan and noted the recent progress. John discussed the next steps and the timetable until potential completion, and discussed potential public engagement opportunities.

Agency Reports

(none at this time)

Approval of Minutes (Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor)

B. January 4, 2022 (Regular County Commission Meeting)

C. January 10, 2022 (Joint County Commission and Planning Commission Workshop)

Motion by Jacques Hadler to approve the minutes from the 4th and 10th of January, 2022.

Motion Seconded by Mary McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Ratification of Payment of Bills

Presentation

Motion by Kevin Walker to ratify and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,383,442.073 and payroll in the amount of \$597,152.45 for a combined total of \$1,980,595.18.

Motion Seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Commission Member Disclosures (none at this time)

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Sarah Stock

- Attended noxious weed board meeting
- Community renewable energy program
- Joint Planning/Commission meeting
- Salinity Studies meeting
- Ground Water meeting

Jacques Hadler

- Joint Planning/Commission meeting
- Trail Mix meeting
- Old Spanish Trail Meeting (OSTA)
- Motorized Trails Committee meeting

Mary McGann

- Expressed concern about the rise in local COVID cases
- Joint Planning/Commission meeting
- Economic Diversity advisory board meeting
- Utah State University (USU) Advisory Council Board meeting
- Moab Area Housing Task Force meeting
- Met with San Juan County Commissioner

Kevin Walker

- Attended similar meetings
- Public Lands Committee meeting

Evan Clapper

- Cemetery District meeting
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) meeting

Trish Hedin

- Planning Commission meeting
- Library Board meeting

Gabriel Woytek

- Joint Planning and Commission meeting
- Grand County Economic Development meeting
- Housing Task Force Meeting
- Utah Rural Leadership Academy

Elected Official Reports

Christina Sloan discussed the potential for a mask mandate. Christina noted the increase in cases throughout the state. Christina noted the County no longer has the authority issue a mask mandate and would need to involve the health department. Christina noted the Legislative Session started today. Christina discussed the ongoing homicide investigation.

Commission Administrator Report

Mallory discussed recent interactions with the city and offered thanks to the economic development office.

Chris Baird discussed wrapping up last year's budget and the Community Impact Board (CIB) applications.

Presentations

D. Presentation on the Local Homelessness Coordinating Committee (Rhiana Medina, Committee member)

Rhiana discussed the current state of the homeless in Grand County and Moab, and described the work of the Grand County Homeless Council. Rhiana discussed the local participating organizations and some of the statistics of homelessness in Grand County. Rhiana shared some of the accomplishments of the committee in 2021; multi-family apartments, MOU's for emergency shelter, updated list of shelter in the area, and a stockpile of items to assist with outdoor homelessness.

Trish offered thanks and support and suggested the potential for a shelter in the future.

E. Presentation of deeper results of the Moab audience segmentation survey performed by Love Communication in 2021 (Commissioner Walker)

Kevin Walker discussed the survey. Kevin shared the survey questions and responses, noting the importance of a quiet community to visitor experience. Kevin shared some statistics on typical visits and visitor activities. Kevin noted the potential to have access to further survey data in the future. Adam Whalen (Love Communications) discussed some of the parameters and design of the study.

6:00 pm Citizens To Be Heard

(none at this time)

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

F. Approving pre-authorized procurement list, from the approved 2022 county budget (Mallory Nassau, Commission Administrator)

Presentation

Mallory discussed the budget list and the reasons for pre-authorization. Mallory shared the list with the commission and described the purpose and process. The Commission went through the list and asked for details about some of the items.

Motion by Evan Clapper to approve the 2022 Chair Pre-Authorized Capital Procurement List contingent upon all purchases being with-in budget at the time of Chair approval.

Motion Seconded by Mary McGann

Discussion

Sarah Stock expressed concern about some of the expenses on the list regarding advertising.

Motion to amend by Evan Clapper Clapper to approve the 2022 Chair Pre-Authorized Capital Procurement List contingent upon all purchases being with-in budget at the time of Chair approval without the Northern Utah Fly In Marketing Campaign line item included.

Motion to amend seconded by Mary McGann

Sarah discussed some further concerns like the Diversification Grant Program and the bike path expenses. August Granath discussed some of the items of concern. Chris suggested pulling the diversification grant program from the list. Sarah asked about the definition of the paved bike path and Chris noted that's for the bike path north of town.

Amendment passes 5-1-1 Woytek opposed, Walker Abstaining

Motion to Amend by Kevin Walker to remove the \$500,000 line for diversification

Motion to Amend seconded by Trish Hedin

Motion to Amend passes 7-0

Main Motion as Amended passes 7-0

6:23 Citizens to Be Heard

(none at this time)

G. Approving updated Family Support Center Director job description (Christina Sloan, County Attorney and Renee Baker, Personnel Services Director)

Presentation

Renee discussed the job description and the updates and changes, noting the intention of the current director to retire within the year. Christina offered thanks to Sherilyn for her work and discussed some of the roles of the Family Support Center. Christina discussed some of the challenges of finding an entity to take on managing the Family Support Center.

Motion by Evan Clapper to approve the updated Family Support Director job description effective 1/18/2022

Motion Seconded by Mary McGann

Discussion

Evan asked about the major changes, and Christina noted the inclusion of higher-level duties warranted commission approval.

Motion passes 7-0

- H. Approving the Elimination of One Existing GCAO Prosecutorial Assistant Position, the Addition of one GCAO Paralegal I Position, and the Amendment of the GCAO Pay Plan in Relevant Part to Update the Approved Positions (Christina Sloan, County Attorney and Renee Baker, Personnel Services Director)**

Presentation

Christina discussed the changes in the Attorney's office and the need to shift some positions around.

Motion by Mary McGann to approve the elimination of one existing GCAO Prosecutorial Assistant position, the addition of one GCAO Paralegal I position, and the amendment of the GCAO Pay Plan in relevant part to update the approved positions.

Motion Seconded by Kevin Walker

Discussion

Renee discussed the grade change for the position and the reason for commission approval.

Motion passes 6-0-1 Clapper abstaining

- I. Adopting Resolution titled: Amending Resolution 3273 and adopting covid-19 sick leave policy during the 2022 pandemic period (Renee Baker, Personnel Services Director)**

Presentation

Renee discussed the amended sick leave policy, noting the ongoing nature of the pandemic.

Motion by Kevin Walker to adopt the resolution titled: Amending Resolution 3273 and adopting covid-19 sick leave policy during the 2022 pandemic period.

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

- J. Approving application to the Bureau of Land Management to renew further Rights of Way expiring in 2022 (Bill Jackson, Road Department)**

Presentation

Bill Jackson discussed the need to renew the rights of way with the BLM. Glen described the road covered by the approval. Glen noted they are all county "B" roads.

Motion by Jacques Hadler to authorize the Grand County Road Department to submit an application to the BLM to renew Grand County's Rights of Way on Road numbers #98, # 258 & 354, #266, #267, #268, #270

Motion Seconded by Trish Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

K. Approving Volunteer Re-appointments to the Airport Board (Commissioner McGann)

Presentation

Mary McGann discussed the applicants and the process.

Motion by Mary McGann to approve the re-appointments of Bill Groff and Jody Patterson to serve on the Airport Board, with terms beginning 1/1/2022, and expiring 12/31/2025.

Motion Seconded by Evan Clapper

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

L. Approving Volunteer Re-appointment to the Public Health Board (Commissioner Woytek)

Presentation

Motion by Evan Clapper to appoint Rhiana Medina to the Public Health Board 21 jan 2022 31 dec 2024

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

M. Approving annual subscription and membership renewals (Chris Baird, Strategic Development Director)

Presentation

Chris Baird discussed the renewals of subscriptions and renewals. Chris discussed some of benefits of membership in the organizations; UAC, NACO, Moab Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Motion by Evan Clapper to approve renewal of memberships as outlined.

Motion Seconded by Mary McGann

Discussion

Chris ran down the entities again. Trish noted support based on Evan and Mary's support. Evan discussed some of the issues with and potential benefits of UAC membership.

Motion passes 7-0

Consent Agenda- Action Items

N. Ratifying Chair's signature on a contract with Prosecutor by Karpel, for software for the County Attorney's office, approved in the 2022 county budget

O. Approving independent contractor agreement with Zunich Bros. Mechanical for toilet cleaning and pumping services at Sand Flats Recreation Area, at a cost of \$60,138.00 (included in the 2022 budget)

P. Ratifying the Chair's signature on a letter to the San Juan County Planning Commission regarding proposed campground in Mill Creek Canyon

Q. Approving the purchase of a maintenance UTV for Old Spanish Trail Arena

R. Approving Commissioner liaison modification for County Boards

Motion by Mary McGann to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Discussion Items

S. Calendar items and special events (Mallory Nassau, Commission Administrator)

Mallory discussed upcoming events and the calendar for the next few weeks. Mallory noted the land use code training tomorrow. Grand County will be closed for President's Day.

Public Hearings- Possible Action Items

(none at this time)

Closed Session(s) (if necessary)

1. Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Sale of Real Property

Motion by Mary McGann to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion the purchase, lease, or sale of the real property.

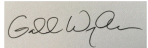
Motion Seconded by Evan Clapper

Motion passes 7-0

Commission entered closed session at 7:02

Commission exited closed session at 7:57

Chair Woytek adjourned the meeting at 7:57



Gabriel Woytek
Chair, Grand County Commission



Quinn Hall
Grand County Clerk/Auditor