



**GRAND COUNTY
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

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

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**MINUTES
1 March, 2022**

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on March 1st, 2022. The meeting was streamed/attended electronically. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting were Grand County Commissioners Hadler, Hedin, McGann, Stock, Walker and Woytek. Also present were Grand County Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau and Clerk/Auditor Quinn Hall. Commissioner Evan Clapper was absent.

2:00 pm Call to Order

Joint Workshop with Economic Development Department

Chair Woytek called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Commissioners present were Stock, Woytek, Hadler, McGann and Walker.

August Granath discussed some of the potential grant opportunities for the upcoming marketing season. August explained some of the internal structural and management changes in the Economic Diversification department and shared some plans and goals for the upcoming year. August explained the grant application process and evaluation criteria. August discussed the goals of different grant programs and explained the benefits of the grant program. August touched on the potential to decrease the gap between wages and the cost of living for residents while addressing the need for a diverse economy. August discussed some advertising proposals, noting the potential need for any campaigns to comply with local ordinance. August discussed the future return on investment, and the focus on sustainability. August discussed the county matching requirement, and noted funds could potentially be drawn from the promotion side of Transient Room Tax (TRT).

Chair Woytek called for a recess at 3:47 pm.

Chair Woytek reconvened the meeting at 4:02 pm.

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

(none at this time)

Presentations

**A. Presentation and update from South Eastern Utah Health Department (SEUHD) on COVID-19 in Grand County (Brady Bradford, SEUHD Health Director) (4:00 p.m.)
(postponed – move to Item "B")
(Back to Item "A" at 4:30 pm)**

Brady Bradford offered an update on the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, noting Grand County, and Southern Utah in general, is experiencing a decrease in case numbers. Brady noted that recently hospitals have been reluctant to share information related to caseloads. Brady discussed some differences in the way transmission statuses have been communicated. Grand County is currently at “medium” transmission level, while Carbon and Emery Counties are at low. Brady offered some guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding vaccinations and mask-wearing. Brady noted there is some possibility for the county to shift to low. Brady discussed current vaccination rates and some of the driving factors in recent vaccinations.

B. Presentation on airport solar power project (Bill Hawley) (4:15 p.m.)

Bill Hawley discussed the potential for a solar power project at the airport. Bill noted the project has the potential to provide 100% of the solar power at the airport. Bill discussed the potential to reduce operating costs at the airport. Bill discussed some of the potential options for generating solar power. The solar gathering area would cover ~.4 acres and have a life span of ~25-30 years. Bill discussed some of the fixed charges associated with being connected to the power grid. Bill explained some of the financing and/or purchasing methods; purchase agreements, prepaid power purchases, sponsorships, etc.

Department Reports

C. Report on Land Use Code updates on prioritization process (Elissa Martin, Planning & Zoning) (4:30 p.m.)

Elissa discussed the land use code updates. Planning and zoning is requesting the Commission offer some guidance on potential prioritizations. Elissa discussed some potential updates; affordable housing, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), and an overlay district for long term campgrounds. Elissa further explained some affordable housing alternatives. John discussed potential impact fees and methods and potential analysis of impact fees. John noted the importance of having a good strategy going forward. Kevin suggested updating and potentially prioritizing the easiest and quickest updates first. Kevin suggested adding workforce housing to the list. Christina suggested prioritizing potential water use studies. Mary suggested prioritizing workforce and affordable housing. Kevin suggested making some items part of the general plan revision. Mary suggested implementing affordable housing requirements as a top priority. Emily noted that many of the projects are intertwined and the commission could weigh in on higher level priorities vs. specific projects or ideas. Bob O'Brian discussed potential ideas for ADU's. Kevin suggested that a unifying theory is the need for more adequate workforce housing.

Approval of Minutes (Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor)

D. February 15, 2022 (Regular County Commission Meeting)

Motion by Trish Hedin to approve the minutes from 15 February, 2022.

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion

Kevin noted there is a correction – delete “substitute amendment” for “amendment.”

Substitute motion by Trish Hedin to approve the minutes from 15 February, 2022 with the changes discussed.

Substitute motion seconded by Kevin Walker Motion

Motion Passes 6-0

Ratification of Payment of Bills

Motion by Kevin Walker to approve and ratify payment of bills in the amount of \$1,145,376.45 and payroll in the amount of \$299,557.73 for a combined total of \$1,444,934.18

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

Commission Member Disclosures (None at this time)

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Jacques Hadler

- Museum of Moab meeting
- Water discussion with Marc Stilson
- Solar project at airport
- Chamber of Commerce retreat
- Met with Josh Hansen (Utah Raptor State Park)

Trish Hedin

- Meetings about the Book Cliffs Highway
- Recreation Special Service District (SSD) meeting
- Meeting with Marc Stilson
- Planning Commission Meeting

Sarah Stock

- Meetings with other commissioners already mentioned
- Meeting with Canyon Country Restoration Group
- Meeting with BLM
- Responses to Public Lands Survey
- Thompson Springs Water meeting

Mary McGann

- Meetings already discussed

Kevin Walker

- Legislative committee meetings
- Meeting with BLM staff

Gabriel Woytek

- Met informally with Chamber of Commerce
- Steering committee meeting for Thursday P&Z open house
- Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments meeting
- Gateway community enhancement act information
- Met with Cody Stewart

Elected Official Reports

Christina noted we have a new Children's Justice Court director – Brooke DeGraw.

Commission Administrator Report

Mallory noted some discussions for addressing the homeless problem.

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

- E. Approving a letter of support for a preliminary agreement between the Thompson Springs Special Service District and Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) for a feasibility study regarding the Green River Pipeline concept (John Ripley Corkery, Chair of TSSD and Commissioner Hadler)**

Presentation

Jacques discussed the letter, noting this is a first step to potentially extend the pipeline to Thompson Springs for future water needs. Kevin noted some concerns regarding any potential rapid growth in Thompson Springs. Kevin suggested some edits. Gabriel agreed, and suggested potentially editing the letter. Trish noted Thompson Springs needs the water regardless of whether it grows exponentially. Mary suggested removing some language.

Motion by Mary McGann to approve the letter of support for a preliminary agreement between the Thompson Springs Special Service District and Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) for a feasibility study regarding the Green River Pipeline concept, with the edits discussed.

Motion Seconded by Kevin Walker

Discussion

Motion to amend by Kevin Walker to include language that discussed the importance of the continued viability of Thompson in regard to current drought conditions.

Motion to amend seconded by Trish Hedin

Motion to amend passes 6-0

Motion passes 6-0

Citizens to Be Heard (6:06)

Larry Ellerton offered some updates from Congressman Curtis' office.

- F. Approving volunteer appointment to the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District Board (Chair Woytek)**

Presentation

Gabriel Woytek discussed the appointment.

Motion by Mary McGann to approve the appointment of Joette Langianese to serve on the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District Board with the term expiring 12/31/2025.

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

G. State Legislative Updates (Christina Sloan, County Attorney)

Presentation

Christina discussed upcoming house and senate bills. Christina discussed the proposed amendments to HB 146, that would limit the ability of local government to regulate local businesses with regard to ATV's. Christina discussed some other house bills worthy of support and some that Grand County could potentially oppose.

Motion by Kevin Walker to support House Bills 462 and 474 and oppose HB 303, and authorize the Chair to sign any necessary letters of opposition or support to Utah legislators deemed necessary by the County Legislative Committee or County Attorney Federal Bill SB3551 and authorize the chair to do stuff

Motion Seconded by Jacques Hadler

Discussion

Kevin offered thanks to Christina for all her work on tracking the legislative session.

Motion passes 6-0

H. Approving bid award for mobile stage and associated purchase agreement (Mallory Nassau, Commission Administrator)

Presentation

Mallory discussed the stage, and the potential purchase. Mallory noted we only received one bid for the stage. Mallory noted it likely wouldn't be delivered until late fall of 2022. Trish asked about potential storage for the stage long term.

Motion by Jacques Hadler to award the bid for a mobile stage to Stageline Mobile Stage Inc., for a price not to exceed \$161,590, and approve a contract for such contingent upon approval of the purchasing agent and County Attorney.

Motion Seconded by Mary McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

I. Approving Clerk/Auditor mid-term vacancy appointment (Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor)

Presentation

Jacques discussed the two applicants for appointment for the position of interim Clerk/Auditor. Kevin thanked the candidates and expressed gratitude for the candidates and their willingness to serve in local government. Kevin noted the importance of having continuity in the role.

Motion by Kevin Walker to appoint Gabriel Woytek to fill the mid-term vacancy of the Grand County Clerk/Auditor, and swear them into office as interim Clerk/Auditor on March 4th 2021.

Motion Seconded by Trish Hedin

Discussion

Trish noted the importance of having an interim clerk/auditor that can start immediately. Mary noted she worked with Rachel and thanked her for her professionalism and willingness to serve. Mary gave thanks to Gabriel for all his work on the commission over the years. Kevin noted Gabriel is easy to work with and likely qualified to fill the position.

Motion passes 4-1-1 Stock opposed, Woytek abstains

Consent Agenda- Action Items

- J. Approving a tribal consultation letter to the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation regarding a HUD environmental review for Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah project funding**
- K. Approving a tribal consultation letter to the Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah regarding a HUD environmental review for Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah project funding**
- L. Approving a “No Historic Properties Affected” finding letter to the State Historical Preservation Office regarding a HUD environmental review for Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah project funding**

Motion by Jacques Hadler to adopt the consent agenda as presented

Motion Seconded by Kevin Walker

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

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

Mallory discussed the public engagement workshop this Thursday. Pizza will be served. Team Rubicon will be March 10th-18th. Mallory discussed the potential of having joint 3rd Tuesday meetings, and potentially one specifically the 29th of March. Mallory discussed the open house Thursday night.

Public Hearings- Possible Action Items

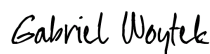
Closed Session(s) (if necessary)

Adjourn

Chair Woytek adjourned the meeting at 6:43



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission



Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor