

**GRAND COUNTY, UTAH
ORDINANCE NO. 613 (2020)**

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND COUNTY PLAN FOR COUNTY
GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE COMMISSION SEATS TO FIVE AND REMOVE
COMMISSION DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, Title 17, Chapter 52a of Utah Statute governs county forms of government;

WHEREAS, in 1992, Grand County adopted its Plan for County Government for a seven-member county general (modified) form of government known as the Grand County Council under Utah Statute § 17-35b-301, which plan vests executive and legislative power in the governing body while encouraging it to maintain and utilize competent staff to carry out day-to-day operations of the County;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2020, the Grand County Council amended its Plan for County Government to remove non-partisan elections, term limits, and recall elections to comply with Utah Statute § 17-52a-405 and acknowledge the status of its existing plan as an expanded commission form of government with executive and legislative powers vested in its governing body, which amendment updated the name of Grand County’s legislative body from the Grand County Council to the Grand County Commission;

WHEREAS, Utah Statute § 17-52a-504 permits the Grand County Commission (the “Commission”) to amend its optional plan by an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the Commission; provided, however, that a change that affects the size or makeup of the legislative body is not effective until it is approved by a majority of registered voters in Grand County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met in a Special Meeting on August 21, 2020 to consider amending the Plan for County Government to reduce the size of the Commission from seven to five seats and to remove Commission Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Grand County Commission does hereby approve and adopt the following amendments to the Grand County Plan for County Government, subject to approval of a majority of registered voters in Grand County:

1. Section 2.04.030 (Governing body) of the Grand County Plan for County Government is hereby amended to change the composition of the Commission from seven members to five, as follows:

The governing body of the county shall be a ~~seven~~ five-member county commission (the “Commission”), which shall . . .

2. Section 2.04.040 (Election, qualifications, terms and nominations of commission members) of the Grand County Plan for County Government is hereby amended to remove district seats and elect all commission members at-large, as follows:

~~A. Two commission members shall be elected from the county at large. For the purpose of electing the remaining commission members, the county shall be divided into districts (the "commission districts") as provided in Section 2.04.050, and the voters of each commission district shall elect one member to the commission.~~

A. All Commission members shall be elected from the county at large.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.


PASSED by the Grand County Commission in open session this 21st day of August 2020 by the following vote:

Those voting aye: McGann, Hawks, Clapper, Woytek, Wells, Paxman

Those voting nay: Halliday


Those absent: _____

Grand County Commission:



Mary McGann, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor