



**GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION
AND BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD JOINT WORKSHOP**

**Grand County Commission Chambers
Hybrid virtual participation on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

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**MINUTES
14 November 2022**

The Grand County Commission met in a joint workshop with the Budget Advisory Board on November 14th, 2022. 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 was Commission Chair Jacques Hadler, Commission Vice-Chair Mary McGann and Commissioners Trisha Hedin, Sarah Stock, Evan Clapper and Josie Kovash. Members of the Budget Advisory Board present were Strategic Development Director Chris Baird, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek and Human Resources Director Renee Baker. Also attending in-person were Travel Council Advisory Board member Brian Hunnings, Film Commission Director Bega Metzner, Grand County Active Trails and Transportation Director Madeline Logowitz, Economic Development Director August Granath, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall and Jail Commander Shan Hackwell. Commissioner Kevin Walker and Grand County Treasurer Chris Kauffman (both also members of the Budget Advisory Board), Airport Director Tammy Howland and Grand County Justice Court Judge Danalee Welch were in attendance virtually.

Call to Order by Chair Hadler at 2:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the Budget Advisory Board Meeting held on October 28, 2022

Motion by Renee Baker to approve the minutes for October 28, 2022

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Motion passes 6-0, Bryant absent

2. Discussion and Action Items

Economic Development Department

a) Overview of suggested revisions (combined with following discussion item)

b) Review and consideration of Travel Council Advisory Board (TCAB) Recommendations

August Granath gave a description of any changes made to tentative budget passed, along with recommendations provided by the TCAB as per statute. These recommendations were recited as part of a letter prepared by that board. Description of which of these recommendations had already been included in the Economic Development budget under each respective statutorily defined spending category. Discussion regarding facility improvements needed at Star Hall and the Grand Center. Overview given of current status of Transient Room Tax (TRT) fund balance moving into 2023 and current proposed draw from that fund

balance, totaling \$196,000. Overview of specific proposed additions to the expense side of Tourism promotion budget, for a total increase of \$42,500, which would also have to be pulled out of the fund balance. Discussion and clarification offered that the TRT pot that this would be drawn from could also serve Rec/Film/Convention efforts. Madeline Logowitz gave a detailed overview of Active Trails and Transportation expenses funded by TRT, also known as Responsible Rec Advertising.

c) Review of Film Commission and Red Cliffs Request

Baird gave an overview of the Film Commission budget, with \$147,000 coming from TRT revenues. Brian Hunnings gave a brief summary of Red Cliffs Lodge efforts to support community arts programming and build a multimillion-dollar western movie museum at their location. A new 501(c)(3) non-profit formed by Red Cliffs Lodge would use a portion of their resort fee as well as a requested portion of TRT funds to support to Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission. Bega Metzner spoke in support of this new arrangement and of her continued efforts to facilitate film production in the area. This arrangement would entail an increase of the 2023 request to \$240,000.

New or Revised Position Requests

Renee Baker gave an overview of all new and reclassified positions presented in the tentative 2023 budget. Proposed evidence tech position under the Sheriff's Office dropped to part time, with Spillman tech services contracted out, which is different than that proposed in the tentative budget. Tammy Howland offered a justifying narrative for their proposed new position. Maddie Logowitz offered a detailed justifying narrative for their proposed new position, with follow up discussion regarding its budgetary impact. Baker offered a review of position reclassifications proposed in the tentative 2023 budget. Danalee Welch and August Granath gave detailed justification regarding their respective proposed reclassifications and accompanying budget requests. Proposed increases as a results of position requests and reclassifications currently set to \$290,756.33, from \$599,563.67 which was included in the tentative budget.

General Fund Capital Requests

Chris Baird gave an overview of the Capital Projects General Fund. Discussion regarding the County's obligation in funding the operations of Canyonlands Regional Airport, with the understanding that COVID related funding that has recently been available to cover operations will become no longer available.

Other Considerations

Baird received approval to include \$1,500 for the Grand County Soil Conservation District and \$6,000 for the Moab Homeless Coordinating Committee into the proposed 2023 budget.

3. Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner McGann to enter closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 6-0, Walker absent

Chair Hadler adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission



Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor