



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

WATCH ON YOUTUBE - search for: "GRAND COUNTY UTAH GOVERNMENT"

MINUTES 28 JUNE 2023

The Grand County Commission met in a Special Meeting on June 28th, 2023. 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 were Commission Vice-Chair Kevin Walker, Commissioners Trisha Hedin, Bill Winfield, and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in person were Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau, County Attorney Stephen Stocks, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall and Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor Dana Van Horn. Commission Chair Jacques Hadler was in attendance virtually.

1:02 p.m. Vice Chair Walker Called the Special Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to Be Heard (none at this time)

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner Bill Winfield disclosed that he received campaign contributions from Red Tail Aviation. Commissioner Mike McCurdy disclosed that his son was very recently hired by Red Tail Aviation. County Attorney Steven Stocks disclosed that he also received campaign contributions from Red Tail Aviation.

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

- 1. Independent Contractor Agreement with Better Destinations, LLC for an Economic Development Strategic Plan** (August Granath, Economic Development & Tourism Director)

Presentation

Granath read the Summary of Request from the RFP: *The Grand County Economic Development Department (EDD) seeks proposals from firms able to support the development of a 2024 - 2029 holistic asset-based community economic development strategic plan that incorporates sustainable tourism, economic diversification, and drives actionable programs to support all local businesses, workforce, and residents.*

There were changes to the contract that are now resolved. Attorney Stocks said that the anti-boycott language instituted by the state legislature was added and signed by the contractor.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the independent contractor agreement with Better Destinations, LLC at a cost of \$150,000.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion

Vice Chair Walker reminded the commissioners and public that the project and the proposal have been discussed in previous commission meetings.

Motion passes 5-0

2. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Utah State University and Grand County for Implementation of Business Consulting Services (August Granath, Economic Development & Tourism Director and Justin Bergeman, Associate Department Head, USU TDTE)

Presentation

Granath described the agreement between Utah State University (USU) and advised that the \$100,000 considered in this agreement is in addition to the existing contract with USU for \$300,000. The program provides business technical consulting.

Motion by Commissioner Hedin to approve the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between Utah State University and Grand County for Implementation of Business Consulting Services.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-0

3. Grant Contract with Redtail Air for Charter Service to Salt Lake City (August Granath, Economic Development & Tourism Director and Randy Martin, Director of Business Operations Red Tail Aviation)

Presentation

This contract was discussed at length at the last commission meeting. Changes were made to the contract following the discussions. The one-year contract provides for twice weekly round-trip service to Salt Lake City. Tuesday service is guaranteed and the second day will be flexible. The price will not exceed \$400 for a round-trip fare. This adjustment allows the company to handle price increases in the aviation fuel market. Their current target price is \$300 round-trip per passenger to Salt Lake City. They will not land at the Salt Lake International Airport due to scheduling and pricing issues. Service will be provided at the Atlantic Aviation site with a possible shift to the South Valley Airport depending on a contract Red Tail is negotiating at this time. Martin explained that landing at a smaller site is more convenient for the passengers. There is no trip through TSA and the walking distance through the facility is much less. Red Tail will have a company-owned, dedicated shuttle service from these locations to the Salt Lake airport for passengers with connecting flights.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the grant contract with Redtail Air for the purposes of supporting the development of charter air transit service to Salt Lake City.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-0

4. Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Utah Economic Development District (SEUEDD) to establish a Grand County Revolving Loan Fund (August Granath, Economic Development & Tourism Director)

Presentation

Granath stated that this topic was discussed at commission meetings recently. There is a \$400,000 minimum contribution to the existing program that may change depending on the amount of money generated for the months of May and June. The one-time contribution would earn interest on the repayment of the loans that would be used to pay for the administration of the fund by SEUEDD. The MOU was changed to reflect a \$55.00 per hour administration fee instead of the originally proposed percentage-based fee.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Utah Economic Development District to establish a Grand County Revolving Loan Fund

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-0

5. Independent Contractor Agreement for Managing Public Defender (Commission Administrator, Mallory Nassau)

Presentation

Administrator Nassau said that at the last commission meeting discussion was held regarding the Managing Public Defender position. The Administrator's office released an RFP to solicit proposals from qualified attorneys. There was one proposal received. The applicant is qualified and received very favorable recommendations from their references. The position is partially funded by the State of Utah's Indigent Defense Fund. The position will oversee the rosters of attorneys that are rotated through cases in addition to taking on cases themselves. Nassau said the position is more of a director role as there is budgeting, reporting, and accountability for ensuring the courts and citizens are receiving what they need.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for the Managing Public Defender.

Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-0

Consent Agenda – Action Items (3:02:40)

6. Ratification of Chair's Signature on Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Cooperative Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Cooperative Agreement.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion Commissioner Winfield advised that the agreement is ongoing (2017) and this document is a renewal. It is between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and the Grand County service area for Castle Valley Fire Protection.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion Items (none scheduled)

Public Hearing(s) (none scheduled)

Closed Session(s) (if Necessary) (none scheduled)

Vice Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission



Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor