



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

**Grand County Commission Chambers
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Moab, Utah**

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The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on November 1st, 2024. The meeting was held in-person in the Grand County Commission Chambers, with hybrid virtual participation available via Zoom. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting in person were Commissioner Chair Jacques Hadler, Commission Vice Chair Kevin Walker and Commissioners Bill Winfield, Mary McGann, Evan Clapper, Trisha Hedin, Mike McCurdy. Also attending in person was acting Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek and County Attorney Stephen Stocks.

10:00 a.m. Board of Equalization (see separate agenda)

11:13 a.m. Chair Hadler called to order the Special Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to be Heard

Matt Hancock expressed disappointment towards the County and the Commission for failing to address in a timely manner the financial errors that he brought to the attention of the State Auditor's Office.

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner McGann disclosed that her husband is a Fire Commissioner.

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of Approval:

1. Finalization of Pre-Annexation Agreements with Moab Valley Fire Department

Presentation

Fire Chief Brandon McGuffie, Fire District Secretary Cathy Bonde, and . Attorney Stocks explained that a blessing by the local Forest Service manager would greatly simplify the transition as it relates to wildland fire response, and this path is currently proposed in the annexation agreement. Conveyance of assets will not be complete until finalization of annexation. Chair Hadler sought clarification that the Thompson Springs firehouse could continue to be used as a community board meeting space.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to we accept the pre-annexation agreement and approve the interlocal agreement between Grand County and the Moab Valley Fire Protection District and execute all necessary documents to fulfill the terms of the contract including the transfer of real property

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

2. Approval of Grand County Communication with the State Auditor

Presentation

As discussed in previous County Commission meetings, Grand County reached out to the State Auditor's Office after the Auditor indicated a willingness to consider additional information related to the Grand County TRT audit (management letter). There have been multiple meetings with the Auditor and his staff. At the most recent meeting, the Auditor indicated that the County's current draft of the letter presenting additional information would likely resolve all outstanding issues, after a few additional edits were made. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the final version of that letter, so that it can be officially sent to the Auditor, and to authorize the Clerk to take all corrective actions outlined in the letter.

Overview given of further clarifications made. Attorney Stocks stressed that acceptance of corrections was still a live negotiation. Extensive discussion followed about the need to build quality relationships at the state level after what has been a challenging and embarrassing string of events for the County that has not served that purpose.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the communication with the State Auditor's office, as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-1, McCurdy opposed.

Closed Session

At 12:17 p.m., motion by Commissioner McGann to enter a closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

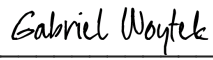
Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

Chair Hadler adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission



Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor