



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on December 6th, 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, Evan Clapper, Mike McCurdy and Trisha Hedin. Also attending in person was Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek and County Attorney Stephen Stocks. Commissioner McGann was absent.

10:38 a.m. Chair Hadler called to order the Special Meeting

Commission Member Disclosures

Closed Session

At 9:05 a.m., motion by Commissioner Winfield to enter a closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 7-0

At 11:30 a.m., motion by Commissioner Winfield to exit the closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

Action Items or Consideration of Approval:

1. Confirming Grand County's Position on TRT Legislation

Presentation

Open discussion regarding survey presented by the Utah Association of Counties in order to garner counties position on, particularly in regards to the possibility of increased flexibility and more funds available for mitigation.

Consensus was reached that additional flexibility was desired as a response to the survey.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to answer 'yes' to both survey questions related to desiring increased TRT spending flexibility, establishing it as an official position of Grand County

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion

Commissioner Winfield stated that he had spoken with UAC staff and had already made clear the position.

Motion passes 7-0

2. Letter to 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. Summary of accounting impacts related to acceptance of the findings were presented in the agenda packet.

Commission agreed that the Clerk/Auditor would draft a response letter agreeing to the changes presented in the findings.

Motion by Commissioner Hedin to authorize the Clerk/Auditor to implement proposed changes in the State Auditor's finding letter and conduct further communications confirming compliance with the findings

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Commissioner Walker stressed that further clarification was needed regarding the use of tourism promotion funds on salaries in the Trails Department, as this will affect the eligibility of these funds for different uses into the future.

Commissioner Winfield stressed that a high level of professionalism was critical regarding proposed TRT legislation. Commissioner Hedin responded by saying that disagreement was necessary and important as part of the process of lobbying for particular legislation.

Motion passes 5-0

Budget Workshop

Grand County Active Trails and Transportation (GCATT) Department Budget

Clerk/Auditor Woytek led off by describing updates in the Trails Department budget related to implementation of changes from the State Auditor's findings. GCATT Director Maddie Logowitz described the process that she will take in making up for a \$121,253 shortfall given these changes. Logowitz gave a detailed summary

of the proposed 2025 budget, outlining line by line expenditures related to programming and staff compensation, and detailing how these activities are funded, particularly between TRT related to Recreation, Film and Conventions and TRT related to establishing and promoting tourism.

Commissioner Winfield stressed that it would become critical across all County Department to reign in expenses. Commissioner Hedin spoke in support of Trails programming and its importance to the economy.

Closed Session

At 12:56 p.m., motion by Commissioner Walker to enter a closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

At 2:40 p.m., motion by Commissioner McCurdy to exit the closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 7-0

Chair Hadler adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission

Gabriel Woytek

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Grand County Clerk/Auditor

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