



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on December 9th, 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 and Commissioners Bill Winfield, Mary McGann, Evan Clapper, Trisha Hedin, Mike McCurdy. Also attending in person was Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek. Vice Chair Kevin Walker was present virtually.

9:01 a.m. Chair Hadler called to order the Special Meeting

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife works for the Grand County Sheriff's Department and Commissioner McGann disclosed that her son works at Sand Flats Recreation Area.

Budget Workshop

Current Amended 2025 and Proposed 2025 Grand County Budget

Clerk/Auditor Woytek and Budget Officer Steven Vowles gave an overview of action items still needed to reach a final proposed budget to be adopted on December 17th. Clerk/Auditor Woytek described the previously discussed budgeted draw from the fund balance of 1 million, which is further supported by a projected underspend of \$1.2 million at the end of 2024. Woytek presented a detailed analysis of the historical countywide budgeting underspend.

A straw poll showed support for the \$1 million-dollar budgeted draw from the fund balance. Commissioner Winfield went on the record to say that he was not comfortable with this action.

Discussion regarding best practices for carrying funds in reserve, and planning strategies that the County should go through in order to determine what the appropriate amount would be, as it relates to capital needs and preservation of a rainy-day fund.

Commissioner Winfield stressed that no County departments should be expanding or increasing expenses given the current budget trends. Chair Hadler stated that the current healthy state of the fund balance justifies drawing from that balance in relatively small amount in order to make up for near term shortfalls that have arisen.

Commissioner McGann agreed that running lean operations was important but that it would not be prudent to cut expenses in a draconian manner in a way that would harm County operations and the needed services that it provides.

Additional outstanding budget details were discussed, particularly centered around identified larger one-time costs that could be funded out of General Fund reserves, given an otherwise balanced draft proposed budget. Items agreed to be included, via straw poll majority: 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment, Elected Official Salary Adjustment, select new positions and reclassifications (detailed in packet materials), \$21,500 for EMS off-road ambulance repair, \$82,876 for Sheriff's Office Tier 2 URS Contribution, \$46,000 local match for grounds maintenance at the Airport, \$100,000 affordable housing contribution, \$12,500 for film familiarization tours, and \$20,000 for dark sky light compliance incentives, and a draw of \$100,000 from the TRT Recreation, Film and Conventions fund balance to make up the budget shortfall in the Trails Department. New proposed staff position at USU Extension was not agreed to be included in the draft budget.

The Commission agreed to include in the proposed draft budget a volume of spending on Tourism Promotion equal to that proposed by the Travel Council Advisory Board recommendation letter, in an amount equal to \$1.6 million.

At 11:05 a.m., Chair Hadler called a recess until 2 p.m.

At 1:59 p.m., Chair Hadler reconvened the meeting

Closed Session

At 1:59 p.m., motion by Commissioner McCurdy to enter a closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation and deliberations on zoning interpretation

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 7-0

At 3:34 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 3:35 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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