



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES 18 February 2025

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on February 18th, 2025. 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 Commissioners Jacques Hadler, Mary McGann, Bill Winfield, Trisha Hedin, Melodie McCandless and Brian Martinez. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, County Attorney Stephen Stocks and Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek. Commissioner Mike McCurdy was in attendance virtually.

3:30 p.m. Call to Order

Grand County E. coli Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Arne Hultquist offered a presentation regarding local water quality monitoring and sampling efforts that he leads through the Utah Division of Water Quality (UDWQ). Pack Creek, Mill Creek, and Castle Creek were deemed impaired due to contamination by coliforms. Issues present in Mill Creek are only below the Powerdam.

Sam Taylor of the UDWQ gave an overview of the TMDL calculations that his office followed up with, which determines the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive while still maintaining beneficial uses. Data was given regarding the minimum reductions in pollutants needed for the above-mentioned impaired waterways. Possible sources of E. coli contamination were discussed. On-site septic, Ag practices, and stormwater are considered to be the main culprits in these instances. Formal adoption of TMDL to take place in 2025, with open stakeholder meeting scheduled for March 3rd and formal Water Quality Board rule adoption as early as June 25th. Hultquist stressed that no undue remediation burden would be placed on property owners.

4:05 Chair Winfield called to order the Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to Be Heard

Mary O'Brien referenced the proposed letter in action item 10, and asked about the process that the Commission was using to draft such letters. O'Brien suggested that the Commission hold a public workshop regarding how best to protect the La Sal Mountains and other public lands considering the recent loss of federal funding.

Planning Commissioner Aaron Lindbergh spoke to his experience as a plumber in addressing septic systems which are often the cause of E. coli contamination in local waterways, and expressed hope regarding the availability of funding programs to assist property owners in remediation, particularly in Castle Valley.

Clif Koontz, speaking on behalf of Ride with Respect, spoke in support of the letter being proposed in action item 10. Koontz argued that wilderness areas don't allow for the most efficient maintenance of trails which are used, and excessively restrict management options for fuel reduction and wildfire prevention.

Tony Mancuso suggested that the Grand County Commission consider a resolution requesting that federal public lands employees who have been terminated be reinstated, due to the area's reliance these professionals and community members for maintaining the local recreation economy.

Department Reports (none scheduled)

Presentations

America 250 Celebration

Nicole Handy described the commemorative national semiquincentennial effort celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a 2026 anniversary which is scheduled to kick off in July of 2025. A variety of events and activities are scheduled for this effort.

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife works at the Grand County Sheriff's Office and will recuse himself from voting on action item number 5. Chair Winfield stated that he did some contracted work over 5 years ago for the Horsethief Ranch property.

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Jacques Hadler

- Attended Spanish Valley Pathway meeting, right-of-way acquisitions phase to be expedited through inclusion of engineering contractor in that effort
- Trail Mix meeting, two new strolling trails to be established off Highway 313 corridor, discussion regarding April 11+12 Spring Spruce Up, Loop Road construction to begin
- Boundary Commission meeting
- Opening of U92 exhibit at the Moab Museum

Trisha Hedin

- Offered response regarding overturn of board appointment recommendations
- Statement regarding loss of staffing at federal land management agencies and the associated losses in management that will take place, which our economy greatly relies on
- Visit to Bookcliffs with Department of Ag to examine irrigation systems
- Meeting with Code Compliance and Friends of Canyonlands and Arches regarding dark sky compliance
- Conservation District meeting, third driest January on record
- Cemetery Board meeting

Bill Winfield

- First CIB meeting, new dashboard being introduced for displaying projects that Counties are looking to implement which will help indicate readiness of projects, Jackson Street storm drainage project funding still intact

- Work on bills being drafted at State Legislative session, tax on oil and gas production, HB 456, multiple policy steering committees
- Future consideration: Resolutions for America 250 and support of local workers

Brian Martinez

- Attended UAC County Day on the Hill, visited with legislators over three days, discussion and tracking on several bills impacting Grand County
- Indigent Defense Council meeting
- Travel Council Advisory Board Meeting, Lori MacFarland elected board chair
- Attended Chamber of Commerce board retreat
- Motorized Trail Committee meeting
- Working with Administrator on update to Purchasing Policy

Mary McGann

- Gave a statement of sympathy to federal land management agencies which have been devastated by staffing cuts, expressed concern regarding impacts to the local economy, as well as concern regarding threats of deportation to local Hispanic workforce
- Housing Task Force meeting, main 2025 goals discussed
- Local Homeless Coordinating Committee, winter overflow funding available for emergency shelter in local hotels and motels

Mike McCurdy

- Attended housing subcommittee meeting, expressed need for better tracking of housing related data

Melodie McCandless

- Attended UAC County Day on the Hill, visited with legislators over three days
- Economic Development Subcommittee, Council on Aging, Flood Mitigation Subcommittee
- Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting

Elected Official Reports

Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek

- 2024 Voter registration database audits conducted by the LG complete, all of Grand’s audits for the entire year showed 0 findings
- Castle Valley to go through Truth in Taxation for property tax increase
- To issue internal memo addressing Airport restricted funds
- Finance Director Steven Vowles implementing state procurement website for county bidding processes
- Attended SERDA Audit Committee meeting

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

1. Pre-Authorized Procurement List (Commission Administration)

Presentation

On June 1, 2021, the Commission approved Resolution 3278, repealing and replacing the Grand County Purchasing Policy. Under the new policy, the Commission created a Pre-Authorized Procurement List. Items eligible for the list include capital procurement items (cover \$5,000) and any contracts/ legally binding agreements under \$5,000 that would require the Chair to sign. Items on the Chair Pre-Authorized Capital Procurement list still require the Chair to sign. However, these purchases do not need to go back to the

Commission for approval, nor do they need to be ratified. The purpose is to streamline purchasing and eliminate the redundancy of the budget approval and approval again at the time of purchase.

A few important things to note:

- Items on the list will still require the Purchasing Agent's review to ensure they are within budget and that solicitation requirements have been met.
- Any contracts that legally bind the county in any way still have to be reviewed by the County Attorney.
- The Chair may require purchases on the approved list to go back to the Commission at their discretion.

Following the 2025 budget approval, Department Heads and Elected Officials were asked to submit any eligible items they'd like the Commission to consider for the 2025 list. Oliver went over the draft list line by line in the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve the 2025 Chair Pre-Authorized Procurement List contingent upon all purchases being within budget at the time of procurement, with any purchases utilizing TRT revenues contingent upon approval by the Travel Council Advisory Board

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Commissioners Hedin and McGann stated that TCAB board recommendations had already been considered during the 2025 budget process, and that requiring another round of approval from that board would be redundant. Hadler suggested that the list in its entirety could be brought before the TCAB board for approval, a concept for which there was agreement. Martinez explained that the TCAB bylaws clarify that it is the duty of the board to advise on all expenses. Further discussion ensued regarding the appropriate process efficiently collecting TCAB review and feedback on tourism promotion purchases while enabling regular operations of the Economic Development Department.

Amended motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve the 2025 Chair Pre-Authorized Procurement List contingent upon all purchases being within budget at the time of procurement, excluding any purchases utilizing TRT revenues, which will be seen by the Travel Council Advisory for consolidated approval at their next meeting

Amended motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion fails 3-4, Hadler, McGann, Hedin, and McCandless opposed

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the 2025 Chair Pre-Authorized Procurement List contingent upon all purchases being within budget at the time of procurement

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion

Commissioner Hadler stated that all of the proposed approvals had been reviewed during the budget process. Commissioner McCandless stated that she would like to see resumption of critical promotion efforts by the Economic Development department, as advertising is very critical to a successful year for tourism activity, but that oversight and alignment with TCAB continues to be important.

Motion passes 4-3, McCurdy, Winfield, Martinez opposed

2. Horsethief Ranch CUP (Cristin Hoffine, GCAO)

Presentation

Hoffine described the proposed CUP that aims to establish a base camp for outdoor education purposes. All findings required for approval have been met in accordance with the Land Use Code (environmental education field research station, allowable use in range and grazing zone with CUP). Commissioner Hadler asked about traffic impacts to Mineral Bottom Road. Applicant Stephen Szoradi stated that they hope that traffic may decrease due to coordination of consolidated groups. Applicant explained that the activities provided will include mountain biking, trail running, yoga retreats, horseback riding and emergency medicine, but not any water-related or motorized activity, despite business website material that appears to indicate otherwise. Overnight stays would be exclusively associated with educational components.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the Horsethief Canyon guide service and facility Conditional Use Permit for Grand County Parcel No. 04-0018-0005 as illustrated on the Site Plan dated October 22, 2024, based on the Findings of Fact from the Staff Report dated February 11, 2025 with the following conditions in order to mitigate reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use:

1. Prior to construction, the owner/developer shall acquire all necessary building permits and Site Plan approval;
2. CUP review is required each year for compliance, on the anniversary of approval, per LUC Section 9.10;
3. Owner/Developer shall develop the property in accordance with the required Site Plan Review requirements prior to obtaining a Business License for the use and before resuming commercial and educational activity at the property;
4. Accommodations shall only be in support of onsite educational sessions.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion

Commissioner McCurdy stated that many activities were included in the guide company's website which were outside of the scope of allowable uses. Commissioner Martinez expressed concern if the applicant had been offering guiding services without a permit. The applicant expressed that they have no desire to risk their business on illegal business activity, and referenced a strong letter of recommendation from the Bureau of Land Management attesting to their integrity.

Motion passes 7-0

6pm Citizens to be Heard (none at this time)

3. Outdoor Recreation Initiative (ORI) Grant Contract for Mud Springs Trail System Phase Two (Maddie Logowitz, Trails and Transportation)

Presentation

This contract would award funding for trailhead improvements, design, environmental resource surveys, and construction of Phase Two of the project, which consists of 15.56 miles of beginner to advanced-level singletrack, including downhill flow and jump-style trails that will be the first of their kind in the area. Commissioner Hadler expressed enthusiasm for the trail which he believes will be a great economic driver.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the Utah Outdoor Recreation Initiative grant contract that will award \$1,106,800 to Grand County to complete Phase 2 of the Mud Springs Trail System in collaboration with San Juan County and the BLM Moab Field Office.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Martinez

Discussion

Commissioner Hedin stressed the need for public education when this trail is being established as the area is commonly used as an informal firearm shooting range. Chair Winfield highlighted the positive collaboration with San Juan County on this project.

Motion passes 7-0

4. Letters of Support for BLM Recreation Grants (Maddie Logowitz, Trails and Transportation)

Presentation

The BLM Moab Field Office is applying for several grants this spring to improve outdoor recreation infrastructure. The two projects that they are currently requesting letters of support for are to build two reservable group sites at the Klondike Bluffs Campground, which is adjacent to the Klondike Bluffs Trail System and the Copper Ridge Sauropod Site, and to replace ten aging wooden kiosks with new metal kiosks along SR128, which is a Utah State Scenic Byway

These letters of support were approved by the Grand County Trail Mix Advisory Committee on 2/11/25. The BLM is also planning to apply for one or more grants to maintain motorized trails, which will be presented to the Motorized Trail Committee on 2/13/25 and so will be included on the March 4 County Commission Meeting agenda.

Motion by Commissioner McCandless to approve two letters of support for grant applications for the BLM Moab Field Office for building group campsites at the Klondike Bluffs Campground and replacing aging kiosks on SR128

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Commissioner Martinez asked if the motorized grants were on the same timeline as these applications. Logowitz confirmed that they were, but that the timing of Advisory Board consideration precluded them from being included on this agenda, and they will be included on the next.

Motion passes 7-0

5. Revised Utah Retirement Systems (URS) Tier 2 Public Safety 4.73% Employer Contribution (Personnel Services Director Tess Barger)

Presentation

The Grand County Commission elected to adopt the Utah Retirement Systems (URS) Tier 2 Public Safety 4.73% employer contribution, presented by the Grand County Sheriff's Office as part of the 2025 budget. The budget estimate submitted at that time for this item only captured Tier 2 Public Safety employees enrolled in the URS hybrid retirement plan (pension option), and did not include the Tier 2 Public Safety employees enrolled in the URS defined contribution retirement plan (401k option). It is required by URS that Grand County make the 4.73% employer contribution to all Tier 2 Public Safety employees, or none. It is requested that the Grand County Commission review the corrected Tier 2 Public Safety URS 4.73% employer contribution proposal and approve the revised estimated budget to cover all Tier 2 Public Safety employees' employer contributions. The amended budget amount has a projected total estimate of \$100,707.83, which is an increase of \$18,365.37 from the original proposal to include Tier 2 Public Safety URS defined contribution plan employees. Please note: Once Grand County elects to make this Tier 2 Public

Safety 4.73% employer contribution we will be indefinitely enrolled in this contribution plan with Utah Retirement Systems (URS). Barger explained that public safety employees are considered those that carry a badge.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Grand County Sheriff's Office Tier 2 Public Safety 4.73% employer contribution to include all Tier 2 Public Safety employees enrolled in Utah Retirement Systems (URS), with an amended employer contribution estimated total for 2025 of \$100,707.83.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion

Clerk/Auditor Woytek clarified that the increased expense would be memorialized in a budget amendment, but no official budget amendment was being executed at this time.

Motion passes 6-0, McCurdy recused

6. Contract with Jones & DeMille for Engineering Services Associated with NRCS project, All-American Wash (County Engineer Dan Stenta)

Presentation

Grand County is the project sponsor for a \$3.6 million project to restore the wash damaged by multiple flash flood events in the summer of 2024. Of the total project budget, \$2.8 million is direct funding assistance coming from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The funding assistance is 100% of engineering costs (this contract) and 75% of estimated construction costs. The County is putting up 25% of the construction cost (\$825,000). In conjunction with the NRCS project, the County Roads department is undertaking replacement of the culvert crossings at Chapman Lane and Heaven Ave with much larger arch culverts. Roadway structures are ineligible for the NRCS grant assistance, but it makes sense for the two projects to run concurrently. The engineering design work for the culvert crossing has been included with this contract at an estimated cost of \$30,000 that will be 100% County responsibility. The culvert replacement project will be funded with Class B Roads fund and was included in the approved 2025 Budget.

Commissioner Hedin expressed concern regarding the willingness and ability of federal agencies to reimburse for projects such as this. Engineer Stenta stated that he was advised that funding was still available despite recent federal funding cuts.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the contract with Jones & Demille for Engineering Services associated with the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection project on All-American Wash with a total fee amount of \$351,750.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

7. Grand County Dispute Resolution Policy (County Attorney Stephen Stocks and Personnel Services Director Tess Barger)

Presentation

Attorney Stocks presented this adjustment to the Employee Handbook, recommended by a contract attorney who has been advising the County on HR matters. Career Services Board to be considered and established at a future meeting. Adjustment to current policy would be to section number 2, which refers to appeals to disciplinary action. Proposed change would be to take appeals from a Human Resources Review to an Administrative Law Judge, rather than a process that goes through the County Commission. Commissioner Hadler expressed a preference for the proposed change to the appeal process. Stocks suggested a motion that would include all changes, with the exception of replacing current dispute resolution section e(ii) with that proposed in the agenda packet which bypasses Commission review.

Motion by Commissioner Hedin to approve the resolution amending Section X – Work Policies – All Employees, Section E – Dispute Resolution Procedure of the Grand County Employee Handbook

Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

8. Restructure of the Grand County Attorney's Office positions and amend, in relevant part, the GCAO pay plan (Attorney Stocks)

Presentation

In addition to the elected County Attorney, the GCAO has six approved full-time staff positions, the job priorities of which are summarized below. Two of these six positions remain open today: the chief deputy county attorney and deputy county attorney.

The County Attorney is seeking to restructure the office as follows:

1. Convert the chief deputy attorney and deputy attorney positions to an additional paralegal position;
2. Eliminate the Prosecutorial Assistant job description and convert those positions to Paralegal positions; and,
3. Create a tiered paralegal structure to ensure growth and promotion within the GCAO to acknowledge and incentivize commitment and reward the assumption of increased responsibility for long-term employees.

The restructuring will not increase the GCAO's budget; it will only amend the pay plan in the relevant part to update the approved position(s). Pursuant to the Grand County Employee Handbook, the Commission must approve any position change that involves a grade change (here, from Grade 7 to 9).

Executive Paralegal/Office Manager - provides high-level substantive paralegal services in District Court and as needed to the County Attorney and Chief Deputy and manages: GCAO UCJIS (crime bureau) contracts, employee trainings, and general office policy and needs;

Civil Paralegal - provides complex legal support to the County Attorney and other County departments, including Comm Admin on an as-needed basis with the civil caseload; appears for the County Attorney in numerous county department meetings such as P&Z DRT and Code Compliance meetings; and,
Criminal Paralegal - provides substantive administrative support on District and Drug Court caseload; including preparing/drafting all filings, etc.

Flex Paralegal - provides substantive administrative support on Justice and Juvenile Courts including drafting/preparing all filings, etc. Provide administrative support on civil caseload at the direction of the CA and/or Civil Paralegal

Flex Paralegal (new proposed position) - provide substantive support on District, Justice, Juvenile and Drug Courts including drafting/preparing all filings, etc. Provide administrative support on civil caseload at the direction of the CA and/or Civil Paralegal

All positions within the Grand County Attorney's Office are exposed to secondary trauma and graphic content including photographs, videos and interviews showing or involving dead and maimed bodies; sexual abuse of children; domestic violence; domestic violence in the presence of the child; victim and LEO trauma; etc. Additionally, BCI, TAC, extradition, and expungement procedures are time-intensive and can result in county liability if done poorly or incorrectly

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the restructuring of the County Attorney's Office and the suggested job descriptions, and to amend the pay plan accordingly.

Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion

Commissioner Hadler expressed support for the flexibility offered by the proposed staffing structure. Stocks expressed that part of the motive for the change included the difficulty in attracting attorneys to move to Moab.

Motion passes 7-0

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Transient Room Tax (TRT) Proposed Legislation (HB0456) (Chair Hadler)

Presentation

Commissioner Hadler spoke regarding the details of the proposed bill, with a potential action item after gaining clarity on the Commission's position as it is currently drafted. Chair Winfield stated that he has been working on this bill since its inception, and described that more clarifying language was expected to be included in a third substitution. Commissioner Martinez added that other aspects of the draft bill, including a new grant program, will more than make up for any shortfalls created by an updated revenue split. Chair Winfield stated that it was important to acknowledge that a TRT reform bill was inevitable and that this draft bill in his estimation represents a best-case scenario in relation to changes that could have created more financial hardship for Grand.

Further discussion ensued regarding the merits and impact of the proposed bill. Agreement that there would be merit in suggesting that an updated revenue split take effect on January 1st of 2026, so that impacts to the 2025 budget would be lessened.

No action taken at this time

10. Re-addressing Support of Recommended Wilderness Designations Within Grand County as part of the Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan Revision. (Chair Winfield)

Presentation

Chair Winfield explained that due to recent wildfires and concerns about climate change, the Commission would like to re-address the support of the recommended Wilderness designations within our county as part of the Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan Revision. Winfield added that access to areas with the appropriate type of machinery was important in managing fire fuels, and that there were already sufficient protected areas. Commissioner Hedin stated that many of the proposed wilderness areas were above tree line, and that further analysis could be conducted to determine where the fire threats were concentrated. Chair Winfield stated that he was opposed to delaying this action as he feels that the La Sal mountains have been managed effectively without problems for decades without these wilderness designations. Commissioner Hadler stated that the scientific research that was used in support of this action was ambiguous as to its

conclusion that roadless areas were more susceptible to devastation by fire. Chair Winfield stated the proposed wilderness were taking away existing access and this was not supported by generational locals that have lived here, and that more extensive research should have been made in supporting the original letter of support. Commissioner McCurdy stressed the importance of taking into account the perspective of those who have heavily used the mountain for generations. Commissioner McCandless stated that she supported actions that facilitated use of public lands, which comprise 92% of Grand County. Commissioner Martinez stressed that wilderness designation will not facilitate the effective management of the mountain that is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Letter: Change of Circumstances Regarding Wilderness Inventory and Recommended Wilderness Designation – Grand County

Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion (none further at this time)

Motion passes 4-3, Hadler, McGann, Hedin opposed

11. Renaming the Economic Development Department (Attorney Stocks)

Presentation

Commissioner Martinez expressed that during subcommittee discussion, there was consensus that a new department name was needed. Options were presented before the Travel Council Advisory Board, which recommended the title of Moab Office of Tourism. Commissioner McGann stated that a County department perhaps should refer to Grand County and not Moab. Commissioner Martinez explained that there was potential confusion regarding other Grand Counties in other states across the country, and the title using Moab would offer a unique brand.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to change the name of the Economic Development Department to the Moab Office of Tourism

Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

12. Moving the Economic Opportunity/Development Duties under the Administrator's Office (Commissioner Martinez)

Presentation

Commissioner Martinez explained the effort to remove ineligible Economic Development activity expenses from the restricted fund that contained Transient Room Taxes. Martinez also explained that the limited Economic Development activity that existed would be assumed by Commission Administration, and that all staff within the now named Moab Office of Tourism could focus solely on Tourism Promotion style activity and not any Economic Development.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve accept the transfer and move economic development functions to the Commission Administrator's Office

Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-1, Hadler opposed

13. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 3, 6, 9, and 17, 2024**
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Volunteer Appointment to the Solid Waste Special Service District**
- D. Volunteer Appointment to the Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah**
- E. 2025 Ethics Pledges and Disclosure Statements**
- F. Assignment and Consent Request Palladium**
- G. Local Consent Single Event Permit for Grenadier Oktoberfest**
- H. Local Consent for on-premise retail alcohol license for Raven's Rim**
- I. Moab Information Center Operating Plan**
- J. OHV/Trailer purchase authorization from Jorgensen Inc. for the fulfillment of the Division of Natural Resource Grant for Search and Rescue**
- K. SCRAM systems equipment purchase for pre-trial services grant program**
- L. Ratification of Cooperative Wildfire System Participation commitment FY 2025**

Motion by Commissioner McCandless to approve the Consent Agenda, as read by the chair, with Item A excluded.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

Discussion Items

HB 478 Discussion (postponed until next meeting)

OPMA and Subcommittees

Attorney Stocks clarified that the new Commission-formed subcommittees served as ad-hoc working groups to gather information, identify areas of improvement and address weakness in local government operations, but not to direct staff or engage in decision-making. OPMA does contain provisions to allow for operational managerial functions. Stocks recommended that the subcommittees take care to present recommendations that the Commission discuss in open meetings before they appear as action items. Discussion regarding the importance of presenting subcommittee discussion during the Commission report section, and maintaining the opportunity for the public to offer input on subcommittee activity.

Social Media Policy

Commission discussed the potential for greater use of social media as a public relations tool, and a process for approving social media activity by individual departments, and guard rails for appropriate conduct. Discussion regarding the challenges of moderating comments of social media posts, the need to finalize a resolution establishing a policy, and the potential for administration to serve a public information officer role in disseminating general information to the public through this channel.

Closed Session

At 8:55 p.m., Motion by Commissioner McCandless to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hadler

Motion passes 7-0

At 10:05 p.m., Motion by Commissioner McGann to exit closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Motion passes 7-0

Chair Winfield adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Bill Winfield

Bill Winfield
Chair, Grand County Commission

Gabriel Woytek

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Grand County Clerk/Auditor

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