



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES 4 March 2025

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on March 4th, 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 Commission Chair Bill Winfield, Commission Vice-Chair Melodie McCandless, and Commissioners Jacques Hadler, Mary McGann, Trisha Hedin, Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, County Attorney Stephen Stocks and Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek. Commissioner Brian Martinez was in attendance virtually.

4:00 Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District Board Special Meeting (see separate agenda)

4:07 p.m. Call to Order the Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to Be Heard

Kara Dohrenwend referenced a recently released list identifying federal offices to be closed across the country, including the USGS Water Science Center, the USGS Southwest Biological Science Office, and the National Park Service Southeast Utah Group office located in Grand County. Many employees work in these offices assisting the public and local government in a variety of ways, including monitoring stream gauges for river recreation and flood event monitoring, maintenance activity, and a variety of other important and significant contributions. Dohrenwend urged the Commission to contact congressmen Mike Kennedy, John Curtis and Governor Cox to explain the importance of these offices so that they may be supported and left intact.

Michelle Hill, local volunteer with the Utah Department of Transportation, spoke to a parking lot just north of courthouse wash where semi-truck drivers are parking and defecating on the side of the road, and would like the County to consider solutions to this problem.

Department Reports (none scheduled)

Presentations (none scheduled)

Commission Member Disclosures

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife works at the Grand County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner McGann disclosed that her husband is a Commissioner for the Moab Valley Fire Protection District Board.

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations

Jacques Hadler

- Responsible Recreation committee meeting, national recreation trail status being sought for more local trails (5 currently recognized), Search and Rescue podcasts making progress
- Legislative Committee meetings
- Audit Committee meeting

Trisha Hedin

- Planning Commission meeting, property rights ombudsman workshop
- Dark Skies meeting with a variety of stakeholders regarding community education approach
- Flooding subcommittee meeting
- USU Climate adaptation conference
- Mosquito Abatement District meeting, new efforts bringing water into the wetlands expected to bring more active mosquito activity

Bill Winfield

- Audit Committee meeting
- Revolving Loan Fund and SERDA meeting
- UAC Legislative Policy Steering Committee
- Flooding subcommittee meeting
- Meeting with President of Contour Airlines regarding improvements to local airline service

Brian Martinez

- Audit Committee meeting
- Avian flu confirmed in Emery, Carbon, and San Juan, no cases yet reported in Grand
- Colorado River Advisory Board meeting

Mary McGann

- Solid Waste board meeting, new board members introduced, lease signed at property next to Transfer Station for planned expansion, landcover options for landfill being discussed, potential to bring recycling to Grand Junction as a cost saving measure
- Attended demonstration at Arches National Park regarding cutbacks to federal funding that could affect park management and visitation

Mike McCurdy

- Airport Board meeting, advertising policy discussed, revisions to bylaws to be considered and proposed
- Future Consideration: OSTA looking at potential funding options from the Rec Board for new outdoor arena construction

Melodie McCandless

- Active in UAC Legislative Policy Steering Committees
- Economic Development and Travel Council committee meetings
- Flooding subcommittee meeting
- Community Renewable Energy Program Board meeting
- BEACON advocacy meeting upcoming noon to one on Wednesday, March 12

Elected Official Reports

Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek

- Awaiting Engagement Letter from Larson
- 59 Election bills
- Discussion to come regarding options for restructuring Clerk/Auditor's office in with an eye for efficiency and improvements in following policy and statute, general best practices

County Attorney Stephen Stocks

- Conducting interview for new approved positions
- Camping and Dark Skies enforcement
- SOMETHING
- Tracking several bills
- Permitting process for protesting and demonstrations could be considered by the Commission
- Hearing for Kane Springs Preliminary Incorporation to take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. on March 5, public encouraged to comment on feasibility restraints

Sheriff Jamison Wiggins

- GCSO Statistics for
 - o January: Calls to dispatch 1,769, 281 911 Calls, 953 Deputy responses, 400 traffic stops, 28 arrests, 73 papers served, 3 SAR calls
 - o February: Calls to dispatch 1,941, 331 911 Calls, 960 Deputy responses, 430 traffic stops, 36 arrests, 80 papers served, 5 SAR calls
- SAR to expect more calls into the National Parks
- IPAWS alert system effective in saving the life of a local missing person

Reports from Federal Congressional Offices

Mr. Dunn, staff member of Third Congressional District Representative Mike Kennedy, gave a report regarding the impact of withholding of federal funding across the nation, with no specific updates regarding the status of potential funding, Kennedy to visit in Grand County in April, along with other staff delegates. Dunn spoke to potential local federal office closure announcements and the need to form coalitions with other affected communities regarding plans of action to address potential losses.

Larry Ellertson of congressman John Curtis' office gave a report on the Senator's efforts, including legislation to protect legitimate industries from the inequities the financial community have imposed in the past, proposal to follow the Utah balanced budget model, with no increased appropriations without a new balanced budget, legislation repealing the inheritance and gift taxes, cosponsor with Senator Lee in the Naval Readiness Act for rebuilding the national fleet, wildfire prevention act, bill designed to prevent Chinese threat to national technology, proposed bill to increase charitable contribution deduction, cosponsor on West Act to repeal existing rules that limit grazing and recreation on public lands and restore multiple use doctrine.

Public Hearing

1. Resolution Dissolving Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District (Cristin Hofhine, Prosecutorial Assistant)

Presentation

Hofhine gave an overview of the proposed dissolution, occurring in tandem with the annexation agreement reached with the Moab Valley Fire Protection District.

Chair Winfield opened the Public Hearing, to remain open until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12th

(no comment received at this time)

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

2. Library HVAC and Solar Panel Inverter Replacement (Shawn Fugit, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Grooms, McKinstry, Meghan Flynn, Library)

Presentation

Grand County Public Library has experienced significant performance challenges in its current building conditioning systems stemming from failing equipment, rising ground loop temperatures, and lack of visibility and control in the building automation system. Over the last year and a half, the Library was forced to unexpectedly close multiple days, especially in the summer months, due to failed HVAC units in staff and public areas. Flynn described the emergency nature of the purchase, given challenges and needs currently presented by a fault HVAC system.

As the County is aware, McKinstry is partnering with the City of Moab to implement city-wide facility improvements that optimize building operations and address deferred maintenance while also generating significant operational savings. Included in this scope, McKinstry is retrofitting the ground loop system components that are shared between the City (City Center) and County (Library) to help bring system operations back to original design conditions. Due to concurrent onsite work with the City on the same system, there is an opportunity to address these Library issues efficiently and cost-effectively. McKinstry is prepared to assist Grand County in resolving these challenges while minimizing upfront capital and maximizing operational savings.

Grooms gave an additional overview regarding the nature of the proposed fix to the ground loop system that the library uses, which McKinstry is contracted to complete, with available savings available to the County for a variety of badly needed improvements to end of life units which are costly to maintain.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the funds and the contract with McKinstry for the Library's HVAC and solar panel inverter mechanical retrofit.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion

Commissioner McCurdy asked if 100% of the county contribution would be used for county facilities and not facilities shared with Moab City, which was confirmed. Commissioner McCandless asked if a formal agreement was needed for the shared use of equipment. Chair Winfield asked whether it should come out of the general capital fund or the library's capital fund. Winfield asked if there was a proper RFP process followed, and if there were alternatives considered, especially ones that might separate a County facility from the City. Fugit explained that Ground Well systems offered unique low cost and maintenance benefits. Grooms explained that other options have been discussed, but boiler/chiller and other systems would come at the same cost with less longevity and higher maintenance cost. Commissioner Martinez sought confirmation that units 20 years old needed replacement, if the City had this replacement on a budgeted schedule that could have been shared with the County in advance. Clerk/Auditor Woytek spoke to adherence with purchasing policy.

Motion passes 7-0

3. Resolution Interest Allocation Policy (Treasurer Kauffman)

Presentation

Prior to 2021, many of the County's funds had separate investment accounts that earned their own interest; and in 2021, the County consolidated the majority of these into several pooled cash investments. The interest from the pooled investments needs to be allocated in a reasonable and consistent manner to the various funds. The Utah State Auditor's Uniform Accounting Manual 2024 recommends that the Commission adopt a formal policy for interest allocation. During budget meetings in 2024 the Commission gave informal approval of the policy presented here. After receiving legal review, it is now ready for formal adoption. Only three of the current funds with significant balances would not receive an interest allocation; Capital Projects, Storm Water and Health Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve Resolution Interest Allocation Policy

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

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

4. Additional 2024 Property Tax Abatements and Cancelations (Treasurer Kauffman)

Presentation

The Commission approved abatements and cancelations during the October 15th 2024 meeting prior to tax bills being mailed. The additional abatements and cancelations will cover everything from 10-9-2024 to 12-31-2024. A handful of additional real and personal property abatements for disabled veterans, disabled low-income individuals and low-income seniors were accepted. Real and personal property amounts totaled \$12,889.34, \$4,036.65 of which will be reimbursed by the State. Cancelations totaled \$7,703.93. The cancelations are detailed in the attachments and include \$1,742.22 in recommended penalty cancelation (not shown on the District/Entity report), \$3.55 in Personal Property write-offs, \$1,036.33 in prior year cancelations and \$4,921.83 in various other cancelations.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the additional 2024 property tax abatements and cancelations as presented

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

5. LiDAR Acquisition Project – Contractor Recommended by Committee for Selection (Emergency Manager Cora Phillips)

Presentation

The selection committee forwarded a recommendation to the Commission for the selection of Aero-Graphics to complete the LiDAR Acquisition project. Aero-Graphics has been used by Grand County in the past for LiDAR scans. Their ability to perform the work to the specification in the RFP was well-defined, and the company has a proven track record of successful projects. The Aero-Graphics submission included a complete timeline and mobilization details for the project and publication to the appropriate sites. The timeline submitted included all aspects of collecting, processing, and distributing the data. The submission from Aero-Graphics was by far the most complete and comprehensive received. The other four submissions were incomplete in many ways. Some didn't have a timeline, some didn't provide details, and some were poor quality. Aero-Graphics is a Utah-based company and all data processing is done in the USA. Full scope of work to be completed by May 1st.

Attachments in the agenda summary included an executive summary of the procurement due diligence form, a funding commitment letter from the State, activities defined as "flood work" by the Grand County Road Dept and associated costs, and the proposal recommended for selection submitted by Aero-Graphics.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the contractor recommended by the selection committee, Aero-Graphics, and use in-kind contributions to meet the 25% funding match.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCandless

Discussion

The Commission thanked outgoing Emergency Manager Cora Phillips for her dedicated service in the role.

Motion passes 7-0

6. Grand County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - Base Plan (Emergency Manager Cora Phillips)

Presentation

The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - Base Plan is the public-facing portion of the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan that identifies the organizations and individuals who are responsible for carrying out specific actions during an emergency, explains the pertinent lines of authority and organizational relationships, and describes how activities are coordinated to unify response and recovery efforts. The EOP is a living document, continually being improved and updated as knowledge is gained through guidance, training, exercise, and coordinated emergency response activities. This plan is required by House Bill 96 53-2a-1403. It is also necessary to pursue Federal grant funding to support the Office of Emergency Management and associated efforts, specifically the Emergency Management Performance Grant and disaster-related grants. An EOP workshop was held in July 2024 by Integrated Solutions following EOP review meetings with representatives from agencies specifically named in the plan, including the Grand County Sheriff's Office, Moab City Police, Southeast Utah Health Department, Moab Valley Fire Department, and Grand County EMS. An electronic copy of the EOP draft was provided to those invited (list in attachments). In January 2025, printed copies were provided to officials representing jurisdictions adopting the plan to conduct an in-depth review: Sheriff Jamison Wiggins, Chief Deputy Mike Palmer, Jail Commander Captain Hackwell, GCSO Sergeant Leavitt, GCSO Sergeant Honour, GCSO Sergeant Hines (Search & Rescue), County Security Chief & Range Master Ward, Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Commission Associate Administrator Quinn Hall, Moab Police Chief Lex Bell, Assistant Chief Blanton, City Manager Michael Black, and Dispatch Supervisor Jennifer Swenson. Lt. Cymbaluk requested an electronic copy in lieu of a printed version of the document.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve Grand County Emergency Operations Plan - Base Plan

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

7. Resolution Red Rock Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (Cristin Hofhine, Prosecutorial Assistant)

Presentation

Hofhine gave an overview of the proposed CUP, as detailed in the staff report included in the agenda packet. Property owner is moving forward with a use-by-right development, the first step of which is a Conditional Use Permit application due to the development's location within the Water Source Protection Overlay area. Commissioner McCurdy sought clarification that trail and road access would be maintained and preserved through the preliminary plat process and there are no concerns that the applicant would seek to close such access, namely to the Steel Bender Trail.

Motion by Commissioner McCandless to adopt the Findings of Fact from the Staff Report dated February 25, 2025 for the Red Rock Development Water Source Protection Overlay - Conditional Use Permit in connection to development planned for Grand County Parcel Numbers 02-0014-0013, 02-0014-0018, 02-0014-0020 as illustrated on the Site Plan dated December 22, 2023, with the following conditions in order to mitigate reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use:

The development and operation of the subdivision shall strictly adhere to:

1. the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSPP), dated July 2024;
2. the Drainage Report, dated July 16, 2024;
3. The Protective Covenants referenced in the plan documents, which covenants shall be recorded against the Property at the time of subdivision;
4. The conditions listed in Chapter 6 of the DWSPP (Management Program for Unseen Future Contamination Sources) and also outlined below.

And the following proposed DWSPP Conditions:

To meet the purpose of the WSPO District, Applicant agrees to the following conditions:

1. Provide sewer service to all lots with all sewer mains, manholes, and laterals to be constructed in accordance with Utah Administrative Rule R309-515-6.
2. Provide a storm water system that will capture as much runoff from roads and driveways as reasonably possible and provide water quality treatment to reasonably remove hydrocarbons and other potentially hazardous compounds from the storm runoff.
3. The final engineering plans should include a construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and construction housekeeping practices plan.
4. Provide stormwater quality measures in the subdivision to mitigate the concentration and infiltration of contaminants. Storm drainage design will include natural drainage swales and channels, a detention pond w/ an impermeable liner, and filter media w/ underdrain and an oil capturing vault.
5. Require that lots not draining to regional detention and water quality facility provide individual detention and water quality for all impermeable area that had been constructed.
6. Require that all storm drainage improvements be permitted through Grand County prior to commencement of construction on any lot.

(Conditions 1 – 6 shall be addressed as part of the required engineering plans for the subdivision to be submitted and approved prior to Final Plat.)

7. Protective covenants will be adopted for the entire development that specifically:

- a. Require manual weed maintenance and prohibit the use of household herbicides, pesticides, and

- fertilizers with an explanation about the water source protection issue,
- b. Prohibit de-icing salts and chemicals on roads and lots;
 - c. Prohibit car washing and car maintenance/repair on roads and lots;
 - d. Prohibit home occupations which create new potential contamination sources;
 - e. Require the HOA to host an annual hazardous waste materials cleanup;
 - f. Prohibit the keeping of any livestock animals or allow animal intensive uses such as boarding or breeding establishments,
 - g. Prohibit the use of wastewater treatment, including underground septic systems, leach fields, and lagoons;
 - h. Provide for the ongoing maintenance and repair of all stormwater systems associated with the development, and
 - i. Establish and provide for enforcement of construction housekeeping best practices to be adhered to by all lot owners, via protective covenants (a copy of which will be submitted with the Preliminary Plat application).
 - j. Prohibit underground injection wells in accordance with Utah Underground Injection Control Program (Utah Administrative Rules for Groundwater Quality Control Protection (R371-6)
 - k. Prohibit Greywater systems for outside irrigation
 - l. Require pool drains and backwash to be constructed in compliance with Utah Sanitary Sewer regulations so that pool water is drained directly into the sanitary sewer rather than discharged into the subdivision storm water system
 - m. Prohibit the onsite storage of chemicals used for pool maintenance
 - n. Require that lots not draining to a regional detention and water quality facility provide individual detention and water quality for all permeable areas that have been constructed on the lot.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Commissioner Hedin questioned how compliance for these conditions would be ensured, which involve protection of critical natural springs which feed the Moab valley. Chair Winfield clarified that the Building Department did have a position approved to monitor this compliance. Hedin added that maintenance of stormwater mitigation systems was critical for developments such as these. Attorney Stocks stated that the County shall assume via the CUP process that the developer can be reasonably expected to meet and comply, and the Commission does not have a strong standing to suggest otherwise. Hofhine explained that there has been a lengthy process to determine the conditions proposed with engineers representing both City and County. Commissioner Hadler stated that he completed a site visit of the proposed development and agreed that stormwater mitigation would be a great challenge at the site. Commissioner McGann expressed concern regarding potential impacts to culinary water sources and would like the Commission to consider potential CUPs currently permitted in the Land Use Code which might affect water sources. Chair Winfield stated that all potential developments can have an effect on the watershed.

Motion passes 5-2, Hedin and McGann opposed

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

At 6:01 p.m., Chair Winfield called a recess to reconvene the Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District meeting

Chair Winfield reconvened the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m.

8. Ordinance Establishing the Career Service Council (Cristin Hofhine, Prosecutorial Assistant)

Presentation

Title 17, Chapter 33 of the Utah Code, known as the "County Personnel Management Act," established a merit system for personnel administration in Utah counties. To fully comply with this act and to support the recent amendment to the dispute resolution section of the employee handbook, Grand County must establish a Career Service Council. This Council will serve as a three-member appeal and personnel advisory board. Board will need to be expressly bipartisan in its makeup, per statute.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Ordinance Establishing the Grand County Career Service Council and Adopting Chapter 2 of Title 7 of the Grand County Code.

Seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

9. Resolution - Release of Warranty Bond and Acceptance of Subdivision Improvements Associated with J&M Subdivision (County Engineer Dan Stenta)

Presentation

J & M Subdivision is a small (2-lot) subdivision on one acre located on San Jose Road. The Subdivider was required to widen the pavement on the County Road by four feet and provide new utility service lines to the lots. The work was completed and passed inspection last year. The one-year warranty period has passed and the minimal improvements to the County Road remain in satisfactory condition. Full release of all collateral held by the County is recommended at this time.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve to accept the Resolution approving the final acceptance of the required Subdivision Improvements associated with the J&M Subdivision

Seconded by Commissioner Hadler

Discussion

Motion passes 7-0

10. County Commission support or opposition to SB154, SB197, SB203, SB204, HB451, and HB540 (Chair Winfield)

Presentation

Various bills have been singled out for official Commission position based on relative impact to Grand County. It is believed that HB 540 would serve to severely limit the preliminary municipality process, but not retroactively affect activity at the Kane Springs Development.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve Commission position in support of HB540, and opposition to SB154, SB197, SB203, SB204, and HB451

Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Multiple Commissioner emphasized the importance of involvement in UAC Policy Steering Committees, and engaged in further discussion about gathering Commission positions on bills more nimbly during a fast paced legislative session.

Motion passes 7-0

11. Resolution Creating a Social Media Policy (Vice Chair McCandless)

Presentation

Social media policy was discussed at the February 18 meeting and recommended for action by the commission. No edits have been made to the proposed Resolution since presentation at the previous meeting.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Resolution to establish a Social Media Policy

Seconded by Commissioner Hadler

Discussion

Attorney Stocks clarified that personal accounts, official Commission accounts, and campaign accounts must be carefully delineated for respective associated content on social media platforms, including the use of statements such as “this is my personal opinion and not the opinion of the County Commission.”

Motion passes 7-0

12. Designation of Zoning Administrator (Commission Administration)

Presentation

Recommending Cristin Hofhine as the temporary Zoning Administrator after the departure of the County Engineer until a new Planning and Zoning Director is in place.

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve Cristin Hofhine as the temporary Zoning Administrator beginning March 7, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Engineer Stenta gave a recommendation for Hofhine to fill the role as proposed. The Commission expressed gratitude to Engineer Stenta for his service to the County, as he will be resigning on March 7.

Motion passes 7-0

13. Letter to Utah State Representatives and Senators Regarding Public Lands and Public Land Managers (Commissioner Hedin)

Presentation

Hedin discussed the letter that she drafted in support of protection and effective management of public lands in Grand County.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the letter to Utah State Representatives and Senators Regarding Public Lands and Public Land Managers, with edits to current draft to be included, as discussed

Seconded by Commissioner Hadler

Discussion

Commissioner Hedin clarified that this letter was truly directed towards federal level representatives, and that it was not a statement intended to scold but to raise awareness. Commissioner McCurdy stated that he would have liked to have seen more pointed wording with direct facts and figures regarding local impacts. Commissioner Martinez stated that he would have like to have had input on the contents of the letter. Commissioners agreed that one more round of edits to sharpen language and enhance urgency would be appropriate under the current motion to approve.

Motion passes 7-0

The Commission took a moment to express gratitude to outgoing Commission Coordinator Alishia Oliver for her tremendous service.

14. Letter to Senator Hinkins Regarding H.B. 478 - Brine Mining Amendments (Commissioner Hedin)

Presentation

Commissioner Hedin expressed the purpose of this letter, primarily in order to address concerns regarding brine mining activity in Grand County near Green River, and express support for this bill which she believes puts appropriate guard rails around brine mining, which has the potential to contaminate precious surface water sources. Hedin added an additional proposed edit to the letter advocating for the disbursement of royalties locally for this activity. Chair Winfield stated that it would have been more effective to speak directly to Senator Hinkins regarding the matter. Commissioner Martinez stated that this bill does not give direction to associated environmental concerns, and is therefore misguided. Commissioner Hadler stated that this letter simply was a way of allaying potential concerns. Commissioner McGann agreed, and added that she did not wish to be lectured about contact with legislators, as she was the only Commissioner for years that was active in this way. Chair Winfield stated that this letter should also include Representative Bridger Bolinder, who is the sponsor of the bill, and reiterated that the concerns in the letter did not address the contents of the bill.

Motion by Commissioner Hadler to approve the letter to Senator Hinkins Regarding H.B. 478

Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 4-3, McCurdy, McCandless, and Martinez opposed

15. Consent Agenda

A. Approval Of Meeting Minutes for December 3, 6, 9 And 17 Of 2024, January 7 And

21 Of 2025, And February 4 and 18 Of 2025

- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Amendment To Professional Services Agreement with Jones & DeMille Engineering**
- D. Copier Replacement for The Grand County Recorder's Office**
- E. Ratification Of the Appointment of Grand County's Community Renewable Energy Board Member**
- F. Volunteer Appointments to The Grand County Fair Board**
- G. Local Consent Single Event Permit for Toyota Trail Boss 2025**
- H. Ground Lease with Allen & Nathan Rydman**
- I. Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant for Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance In The La Sal Mountains**

Motion by Commissioner McCandless to approve the Consent Agenda, as read by the chair

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

Discussion Items

16. Ordinance 631 And 622 Land Use Code Amendments Specific to Camping Outside Of Permitted Use Areas

Vice Chair McCandless spoke to concerns regarding this ordinance, which by its letter prohibits benign forms of camping which constitute people's regular enjoyment of their property. Approximately 10 complaints per year are received regarding what the ordinance deems illegal camping. Current enforcement is geared only towards health and safety concerns, not towards children camping in their own backyard. Original ordinance was written in the interest of curbing illegal overnight rental activity, which the County now has software online which serves to track such activity. Current efforts by Code Enforcement to approach community education regarding dark sky lighting could include messaging regarding camping as well. Attorney Stocks spoke to the challenges of having laws on the books that are not intended to be enforced as written. Commissioner McCurdy spoke to the importance of voluntary compliance. Discussion amongst multiple Commissioners regarding the challenge of illegal camping, especially as it relates to critical workforce housing options and the general scarcity of available housing, as well as the ineffectiveness of the ADO program. Workshop requested at the next meeting to discuss solutions.

17. Independent Contractor Agreement For ALJ

Attorney Stocks presented this sample contract for an administrative law judge to issue rulings on personnel matters and other items, particularly related to the Career Services Council and associated processes established at this meeting. Final contract to be drafted for next Commission meeting.

Closed Session

At 8:00 p.m., Motion by Commissioner McGann 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 McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

At 9:13 p.m., Motion by Commissioner Hadler to exit closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Motion passes 7-0

Chair Winfield adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Bill Winfield

Bill Winfield
Chair, Grand County Commission

Gabriel Woytek

Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

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