



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on December 2nd, 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 and Commissioners Brian Martinez, Jacques Hadler, Mary McGann, Trisha Hedin and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mark Tyner, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek and County Attorney Stephen Stocks. Commission Vice-Chair Melodie McCandless was absent.

4:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to be Heard

Dave Clark spoke regarding concerns he has about flooding and drainage issues at his property on Easy Street.

Allison Mathis spoke with concerns regarding the Access and Capacity Enhancement alternative for the National Park Service that is being rolled out with the help of the County Commission, stating that the formation of the concept lacked the appropriate level of transparency and collaboration.

Mary O'Brien asked for a status update on the contracted study aiming to measure the impact of the Arches Timed Entry system.

Pete Gross stated that the County Commission does not have the authority to dictate how National Park are managed.

4:30 p.m. Budget Workshop

The Commission looked at a number of available measures that might be available to close the current budget deficit for 2026. Including implementation of the fixed guideway tax, adjustment of administrative fees, maintain a hiring freeze, and allow for voluntary work reductions.

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

2. Commission Member Disclosures and Future Considerations

Commissioner McCurdy disclosed that his wife works for the Sheriff's Office. McCurdy would like to discuss as a future consideration the use of OSTA as an open camping facility. Commissioner Hedin requested a formal status update from the University of Utah on its analysis of the Arches Timed Entry system.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval Of Meeting Minutes (postponed)**
- B. Ratification of Payment of Bills**
- C. Ratification For Approval to Accept A&E Electrics Quote for The Electrical Installation In the Old Spanish Trail Arena Pickle Ball Court Lighting Project**
- D. Interim Zoning Administrator Letter**
- E. Ratification Of Local Consent for the 2026 Bull Wars At OSTA**
- F. Renewal Of the ILA Between Grand County Library and San Juan County Library**
- G. 2026 Meeting Schedule**
- H. GCSAR Jet Boat Purchase**
- I. Appointment Of Municipal Representative to The Economic Opportunity Advisory Board (EOAB)**

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the Chair, excepting item A

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Hadler

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-0, Hedin abstains

3. 2023 RCOG Contract Extension (Economic Development Director Melisa Jeffers)

Presentation

This is an extension of terms from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity for the 2023 Grant funding received by the Moab Area Community Land Trust

Motion by Commissioner McCurdy to

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0

4. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Support (Commission Administration)

Presentation

Two projects were proposed at the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing on November 18, 2025. One request from Moab Valley Fire for a new fire vehicle and one from Wabi Sabi Thrift Store for access improvements to their property and a Moab Area Transit bus stop.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve supporting the application to the Community Development Block Grant by Moab Valley Fire

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes

5. Meador Drive Townhomes – Resolution (previously approved as an ordinance) Approving Final Plat (Planning and Zoning Director Andrew Jackson)

Presentation

This item was previously submitted as an ordinance, voted on, and approved on November 18, 2025, and requires consent to approve final plat by resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to recommend approval of the Meador Drive Townhomes final plat by Resolution (was previously submitted as an ordinance in error, voted on, and approved on November 18, 2025), and conditioned on a final plat with proper notations: One, the preliminary plat was approved administratively by staff. Two, the plat is consistent with the preliminary plat. Three, the plat is consistent with current zoning on the property. Four, finding that all utilities are or will be installed according to code. Five, finding that the final platform meets the required identified in Grand County land use code 9.18.5 final subdivision process and six finding that the final plat was inadvertently approved by ordinance instead of resolution. Also, the motion includes vacation of the ordinance passed at the previous Commission meeting and replacement with this resolution.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 5-1, Hedin opposed

Discussion Items

6. Centrally Assessed Properties - UAC Lobbying Effort (Chair Winfield)

Discussion

Winfield discussed efforts by the Utah Association of Counties to address ongoing litigation and financial burden placed on Counties by Centrally Assessed property owners litigating for tax refunds. Mid-America Pipeline has a large stake in Grand County and very large judgments have hit its taxing entities. All 29 counties have joined the effort to lobby at the state level against this action, which would involve a relatively small financial commitment from Grand.

Closed Session

At 5:30 p.m., motion by Commissioner McCurdy to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 6-0

At 5:43, motion by Commissioner McGann to exit closed session

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Motion passes 6-0

Commissioners gave their general reports, as displayed in the agenda packet

6:13 p.m. Citizens to be Heard

Jeanine Saia expressed concern regarding the Commission loaning funds to a private developer for their project, rather than focusing on collaboration with existing organizations working on affordable housing matters.

Public Hearing

7. Amendment of 2025 and adoption of 2026 Grand County Budgets

At 6:17 p.m., Chair Winfield opened the public hearing to receive public input and consider amendments to the 2025 budget and the adoption of the 2026 budget, including the county fee schedule for 2026. The budgets are available at the Grand County Clerk/Auditor's Office, 125 East Center Street, Moab, and on the county website at the Clerk/Auditor page, to remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Mary O'Brien gave comment to state that she disagreed with increases in Commissioner travel budgets due to the lack of transparency in their actions while they complete such travel.

Chair Winfield adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Bill Winfield

Bill Winfield
Chair, Grand County Commission

Gabriel Woytek

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