

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

John Reinhardt

Commissioner Zenker called the July 7, 2021 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Reinhardt, Commissioner Hochhalter, Sara Meier, Auditor, and Grant Walker, County States Attorney. Public present was Gregory Bruce, Shannon Wangsvick, LeeAnn Hohertz.

Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter to approve agenda. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Commissioner Hochhalter and seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to approve minutes. All present voting aye; minutes approved.

Old business:

Reinhardt made motion to rent an excavator for \$6700 per month to make repairs to bridges damaged by June flooding. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

New business:

Reinhardt made a motion to approve bills totaling \$25,060.93. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

A&S Country Market 8.79
Acme Tools 547.85
Advanced Business Methods 768.62
Als Exhaust System & Body 334.80
Auto Value 97.85
Burleigh-Morton Detention 450.00
Butler Machinery Inc 135.39
Dept of Transportation 21.65
General Equipment and Supplies Inc 7,900.00
GS Publishing 1,038.24
H A Thompson & Sons 765.00
Hertz Bros Inc 532.31
John Deere Financial 950.13
MDU 11.50
Mor-Gran_Sou 56.12
NDAAO 120.00
Newman Traffic Signs 587.46
PJs Farm Supply 32.96
Powerplan 519.51
Quadrient Leasing USA 177.00
Software Innovations 545.00
Steins Inc 439.58
SW Grain 1,732.25
Tessa Osterbauer 8.25
Tyler Technologies 3,650.00

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TW Tire 1,352.00
TDS Metrocom 54.09
Thomson Reuters 146.00
Tyler Technologies 150.00
Visa 2,469.59
Wallwork Truck Center 142.48
WRT 970.41

Patrick Diehl, Emergency Manager and Allan Hartmann from the Department of Emergency Services spoke with the Board about cost schedule for materials for road work and repair. New cost schedule will be developed.

Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Hochhalter to approve Grant Walker mileage for June of \$211.68. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Hochhalter to use funds from the Emergency Fund to pay for materials, equipment rental, and custom work for repairs to damages caused by June flooding. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Recess regular meeting at 9:59 am for Public Hearing of County Planning and Zoning Board.

Zenker opened the Hearing on the Red Rock Resort restriction removal at 10:18 am.

Chairman Zenker opened the meeting for comments on removing the restriction of seasonal use to annual use for property at Red Rock Resort.

Present in person or by phone: Shannon Wangsvick, LeAnn Hoherz, Carmen Fitchner, John Foss, David Herr, Barb Kraft, Bob Ternes, Brendan Becher, Bob Larson, Jackie Steinmetz, Ray Alt, Gregory Bruce, Sara Meier, Grant Walker, Dean Richter, Karrie Baumann, Russ Wahl, Robyn Gillen, Bill Schneider, Brad & Julie Meidinger, Jon Alt, and Jerome Woodbury.

Support for the removal of the occupancy restriction was heard from several attending by phone. The opportunity to live in the residences as retirees was stated.

Sheriff John Foss commented that the change to year round residency could result in increased service calls to the area.

Shannon Wangsvick, Grant County resident questioned if the security detail would be paid for by contract with the resort in similar to contracts that the cities and the JJDA currently have and if the year round would create greater need for police presence.

Sara Meier asked if the year round residency would create a greater liability for the bureau having people on its property around the lake in the off-season. David Herr answered that there would be no greater liability than already exists.

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Bill Schneider stated the reason for the request is the possibility of Southwest Water Authority developing a pipeline to service the area. Bill Schneider commented that several property owners are interested in signing up for the service, but do not want to pay for monthly water unless they have the option to reside at the Resort year round. Schneider stated it would also encourage economic development, but did not elaborate.

Reinhardt made the comment that the road within Red Rock Resort would need to be plowed for snow events if there are people residing there year-round. Bill Schneider said there is no equipment located at the resort because there has not been the need for it.

Jackie Steinmetz read an email from Lana Schmidt, Environmental Health Practitioner from Custer Health. “We already have a plan in place to deal with the lots regarding the septic system whether they are seasonal or year round. I think it’s important to note that the potential for full time year round living is not good as the lots are not large enough to sustain drain fields for septic systems (unless they replat some of the area) so most of the lots will be required to pump their septic tanks when they are full. I realize there are a few lots that have drain fields at Red Rock, however, when those drain fields fail, the lots are not big enough to replace the drain field. (minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet)”

Zenker closed the hearing.

Regular meeting reconvened.

Grant County Planning and Zoning recommend the removal of restriction from seasonal to year-round to the Grant County Commission. Comprehensive plan.

Hochhalter stated that the policing concern was brought up, but the rest of the Zoning Board did not have any response. Hochhalter favored the removal of the restriction because it would increase economic development.

Bill Schneider stated that any requirements will be addressed from septic to road maintenance to policing as they arise.

Zenker asked if the pipeline does not go through and the property has no occupancy restriction, would there be many people who would live at the resort year round.

Bill Schneider said that very few people would be going out there year-round.

Hochhalter made the motion to approve the Grant County Planning and Zoning recommend. Reinhardt seconded. Reinhardt withdrew his second stating he would like to gather more information and talk with other taxing districts. Motion failed for lack of a second. Reinhardt made motion to table, seconded by Hochhalter until meeting on July 21, 2021. All in favor to table discussion voting aye.

Bill for materials purchased from Volks will be submitted to the next meeting. Reinhart moved to pay Michael Weinhandl for rock and fines for a total of \$2,016.00. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

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Hochhalter moved to pay Denis Bonogofsky for fill dirt for a total of \$1,120.00. Seconded by Reinhart. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Reinhart moved to pay Eddie Braun for fill dirt for a total of \$1,905.00. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Vehicles and equipment to be sold include the 2 Chevy Blazers, blue ford service pickup, and lawn mowers. Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Hochhalter to sell the equipment and vehicle through sealed bid process. All in favor voting aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 12:47 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be July 21 and August 4, 2021.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor