

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

February 11, 2020

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3 - Chair

Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene
Assistant County Manager Ed Moyer
County Attorney Chris Leahy

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Linke was not present at the meeting.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020, of the Board of Commissioners.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Manguso announced that the Board is sitting as the Grand County Housing Authority.

Housing Authority Director Sheena Darland reported that she has been in communication on the LITC project in Fraser. She will keep the Board informed on the project as it moves along.

Commissioner Manguso announced that the Board is sitting as the Grand County Board of Commissioners.

General Public Comments

Tommy Linn who lives on County Road 56 near Granby reported to the Board that snow get pushed on his property and it is impacting his driveway.

Commissioner Linke joined the meeting.

Assistant County Manager Ed Moyer identified employees with February anniversaries. He also identified employees who have five-year anniversaries or five-year increment anniversaries.

Kelly Oxley	5 years with Sheriff's Office
Jeff Bauckman	5 years with Sheriff's Office
Brad Geist	5 years with Road and Bridge
Mike Meindl	25 years with Road and Bridge

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Check Register and Expenditure List to be paid on February 12, 2020, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the checks presented on February 11, 2020 for payment on February 12, 2020 for the Grand County Housing Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on February 12, 2020, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the vouchers presented on February 11, 2020, for payment on February 12, 2020 for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the wire payments and vouchers presented on February 11, 2020, for payment on February 12, 2020 for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts, Comments,

Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene presented the report of the Clerk's Fees for January 2020.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Granby-Grand County Airport Hangar Lease Agreement between Grand County and Keith L. Cooper for Granby-Grand County Airport Hangar Space Unit 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve out-of-state travel for the Grand County Sheriff to attend the 2020 Western States Sheriff's Association Annual Conference and Training in Reno, NV from February 21 through February 27, 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve out-of-state travel for two employees of Community Development to attend FutureView 2020 Conference in Phoenix, AZ to be held March 9 through 12, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris Baer shared the bridge report with the Board. Mr. Baer stated that the bridge on County Road 491 is a concern.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the request for Conservation Trust Fund money from the Town of Granby to build a pickle ball court. The \$5,000 request is to be split equally with the extra dollar from District 2.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the request for Conservation Trust Fund money in the amount of \$1,650 for digital indicators for the scales at the fairgrounds. The request will be split equally between the districts.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the request for Conservation Trust Fund money in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 to replace the flooring in the Extension Hall in Kremmling. The request will be split equally between the three districts.

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager and Attorney Items

Assistant County Manager Ed Moyer presented the weekly update.

Commissioner Linke moved to allow County Manager and Assistant County Manager to amend or extend a contract deadline within the Contract to purchase the property in Hot Sulphur Springs to make minor changes (with no significant impact) without taking it to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Cimino	aye
Commissioner Linke	aye
Commissioner Manguso	recused herself

The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2020-2-1, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO AUTHORIZING TWO GRAND COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STAFF TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE"

Resolution No. 2020-2-2, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING A REQUEST FROM JUBILEE EVENTS,

LLC FOR THE DONATION OF A STANDBY EMS PRESENCE AT THE WARRIOR’S SCRAMBLE ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT ON FEBRUARY 22, 2020”

Resolution No. 2020-2-3, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN CORE CONSULTANTS, INC. AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR PROFESSIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON AN ASNEEDED AND AS-REQUESTED BASIS”

Resolution No. 2019-2-4, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR GROUND LEASE FOR AIRPLANE HANGAR NO. 13 LOCATED AT THE GRANBY-GRAND COUNTY AIRPORT”

Resolution No. 2020-2-5, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY AND BETWEEN THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NORTHWEST COLORADO COUNSEL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT”

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business / Correspondence / Calendar

Commissioner Cimino stated that he would like to provide help to Middle Park Health in its desire to get assistance from USDA. The Board will review the application and complete by the end of February.

Bluebird Backcountry Skiing – Temporary Use Permit

PROJECT NAME: Bluebird Backcountry Ski Area at Peak Ranch Temporary Use Permit
APPLICANT: Bluebird Backcountry, represented by Jeff Woodward and Kiley Baham
LOCATION: Approximately 12210 US Highway 40 at Diamond Peak Ranch, south of Rabbit Ears Village

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Zoning Regulations – Section 11.9, Temporary Use Permits
STAFF PLANNER: Alexander Taft, LEED Green Associate
EXHIBITS: Temporary Use Permit Draft
REQUEST: Approval of a Temporary Use Permit for Bluebird Backcountry Ski area at Peak Ranch

I. DISCUSSION

Bluebird Backcountry, represented by Jeff Woodward, Bluebird Backcountry CEO and Kiley Baham, herein referred to as the Applicant, has submitted a temporary use permit for the Bluebird Backcountry Ski Area at Peak Ranch. Bluebird Backcountry Ski Area is a way for individuals new to backcountry skiing to have the opportunity to participate in an assessed environment with support of trained professionals. The site is located in northwest Grand County at Diamond Peak Ranch, south of Rabbit Ears Village.

A temporary use permit is considered under Section 11.9 Temporary Use Permits County Zoning Regulations. Specific to temporary uses, a short term or seasonal uses that do not require any new permanent structures or improvements. The proposed event qualifies as a temporary use.

A Temporary Use Permit requires approval by Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) resolution and does not require a Public Hearing. It does, however, require BOCC review. Community Development did notify property owners within 1,000 feet of the request. The 1,000 feet notification buffer was established by Grand County GIS.

Staff has reviewed the Temporary Use Permit and has proposed a draft temporary use permit for the BOCC’s consideration.

In Staff's review of the proposed commercial outdoor recreation area, the following impact/issue categories will need to be met, addressed and included with any approved temporary use permit for this proposed commercial outdoor recreation area:

A. Event duration: The operation is planned for the following weekends:

- Saturday, February 15 through Monday, February 17 (opening weekend)
- Saturday, February 22 through Sunday, February 23
- Saturday, February 29 through Sunday, March 1
- Thursday, March 5 through Sunday, March 8
- Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15 (closing weekend)

The temporary use permit as written is inclusive of all days necessary for break down too.

B. Attendance. Bluebird Backcountry is anticipating a maximum capacity of 300 people attending the area in approximately 140 vehicles (estimated 2.2 people per vehicle). No lodging or extended stay will occur at the location. The operations will occur during daytime hours. All temporary structures will be unoccupied when business is not in operation.

C. Traffic and Parking Control: A traffic study has been completed that assesses traffic to and from US Highway 40 in support of a requested temporary access permit. The most significant impacts associated with traffic is arrival and departure on US Highway 40. The location will be accessed off of US Highway 40 via Diamond Creek Road. This access road will lead directly into the base area parking lot. On-site parking is similarly sized to the location at the top of Berthoud Pass. The parking lot has been sized for approximately 255 guest and 35 volunteers/employees.

D. Water and wastewater: Applicant is proposing to use five (5) total temporary wastewater facilities, i.e. portable restrooms including one that is ADA compliant, to serve the area. A local company will manage cleaning the facilities weekly during the operation. Water will be brought in via large refillable vessels and stored on-site during operation. No overnight storage will occur due to lack of heated facilities.

E. Public safety: Bluebird Backcountry shall commit to working, contracting and reimbursing police, fire and EMS to ensure that community interests, public safety, law enforcement, and EMS are met during the event. In their application, the Applicant made reference to contact made with EMS for any medical incidents that occur during operation.

F. Site Conditions: The area is a working ranch in the warm months. This operation is intended to be fully functioning between February 15 and March 15 with site break down occurring between March 15 and March 31. Any site restoration shall be consistent with the lease between the Applicant and the property owner of Peak Ranch.

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Bluebird Backcountry Ski Area at Peak Ranch Temporary Use Permit in the form of the Temporary Use Permit that is attached hereto as an exhibit of the Staff Report.

The applicant stated that access is on a ranch road and it is generally used in the spring, summer and fall. The land owner uses the property for ranch and hunting operations.

The amount of parking is based on 2.2 guests per vehicle. They also used 140 cars per acre.

The applicant will use roughly 1500 acres of Whitley Peak.

All of the activity is human powered. Snowmobiles are available for emergency evacuations.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Bluebird Backcountry Ski and Temporary Use Permit as presented with additional condition that allows Colorado Parks and Wildlife to review.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

County Treasurer Christina Whitmer presented the monthly Treasurer's report

Board Business, Correspondence and Calendars

Commissioner Cimino

- Attended the weekly Peak Health Alliance Grand County Steering Committee
- Attended Peak Health Alliance meeting with alternates Dick Broady and Steve Hickox

- Attended meet and greet of the potential EMS Directors
- Attended the Grand County Rural Health Board
- Attended Peak public meeting
- Attended CCI
- Attended AGNC weekly call
- CCI Legislative conference call

Commissioner Linke

- Attended the meet and greet for potential EMS Director
- Attended the panel interviews for the EMS Director
- Attended AGNC weekly call
- Attended the Stockgrowers meeting
- Attended the Stockgrowers Annual Dinner
Stock dinner

Commissioner Manguso

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February 11	Commissioner Cimino will attend Committee Hearing for SB20-109
February 12	CCAT meeting (Commissioner Cimino)
February 12	Colorado Workforce meeting (Commissioner Linke)
February 13	CCAT meeting and CCI committee meetings (Commissioner Cimino)
February 13	TPR meeting in Steamboat Springs at 10 am (Commissioner Manguso)
February 13	Grand County Wildfire Council at 9:00 am at Grand Fire (Commissioner Linke)
February 13	UCC meeting at 7 am at the Bait Shop (Commissioner Linke)
February 14	Natural Resources Roundtable at the Bait Shop in Hot Sulphur Springs (Commissioner Linke)
February 14	STAC meeting at CDOT headquarters at 9 am (Commissioner Manguso)
February 14	CCI steering committee meetings (Commissioner Cimino)
February 24	Peak Alliance presentation from 11 to noon at Granby Library (Cimino)

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-2-6, "A RESOLUTION ISSUING A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TO BLUEBIRD BACKCOUNTRY FOR A BACKCOUNTRY SKI AREA, A COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USE LOCATED AT DIAMOND PEAK RANCH APPROXIMATELY 12210 U.S. HIGHWAY 40, COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO" and authorize the Chair to sign all applicable documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 18th day of February 2020.

Kristen Manguso, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder