Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of County Commissioners meeting of March 17, 2020 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of County Commissioners meeting of March 24, 2020 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of County Commissioners meeting of March 10, 2020 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of County Commissioners meeting of March 13, 2020 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Check Register and Expenditure List to be paid on April 8, 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 April 6, 2020 for payment on April 8, 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 April 8, 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 April 6, 2020, for payment on April 8, 2020 for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the wire payment and vouchers presented on April 6, 2020, for payment on April 8, 2020 for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts, Comments

The Board reviewed the Veterans Service Officer report.

Manager and Attorney Items
Commissioner Cimino moved to convene an Executive Session at 8:38 a.m. citing Section 24-6-402, CRS, which states that local public bodies may utilize executive sessions for considering any of the following matters (specifically): (4)(a) the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest with regard to property acquisitions by the County; (4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question. The topic of the meeting is the property acquisitions by the County; (4)(e) determining negotiating strategies and positions and instructing negotiators on for the acquisition of property regarding property acquisitions by the County.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

I, Kristen Manguso, hereby attest that the minutes of this executive session were recorded in accordance with CRS 24-6-402 and confined to the topic authorized for discussion in the executive session.

I, Kristen Manguso, hereby attest that the portion of the executive session during which no minutes were taken was confined to a topic authorized for discussion in an executive session.

I, Christopher Leahy, hereby attest that the portion of the executive session during which the Recorder was directed to take no minutes constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

Undersheriff Schafer stated that Motorola will not support maintenance on the pack sets used by the Sheriff’s Office. Originally, the Sheriff was going to do a three-year plan to replace the radios. The radios are around $4,000 each so for 20 radios it would be an $80,000 investment over the next three years.

Phoenix Police Department recently purchased several hundred of the radios that Grand County was going to purchase. Phoenix Police Department decided to go another direction and it returned the radios. Motorola is now selling those units with a full five-year warranty for $1,200 per radio plus the extra pieces for the shoulder mics. The total cost to purchase the necessary radios for Grand County would be $26,000.

Undersheriff Sheriff believes that there is enough in the budget to cover the cost.

Commissioner Cimino believes this is a smart purchase. Commissioner Manguso noted that this would be a supplemental. Commissioner Linke agrees this would be a prudent use of money.

County Manager McIntire stated that the County leadership team continues to meet weekly.

Human Services Director Deb Ruttenberg stated the caseload for economic security has increased drastically. The average for food assistance in the past has been between 13 and 30. For March, the food assistance caseload went from 30 to 71. The staff has not been at full capacity.

Ms. Ruttenberg would like to utilize some of the SNAP funds to pay overtime to help meet the ongoing demand. Ms. Ruttenberg has SNAP incentive dollars that were going to be used for public education. The State has approved the use of the SNAP incentive dollars for overtime.

Ms. Ruttenberg stated that CCAT providers are being paid for kids that are not going to daycare. There will be 21 days per month for full-time enrolled kids. This is being done to help keep the facilities open.

County Manager McIntire provided her weekly update.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve $100,000 to Grand Foundation Small Business Assistance Fund.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to cancel the pay plan review for 2020.
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Grand County Board of Social Services
Grand County Housing Authority

Board Business

The Board members attended the Legislative Breakfast.

Commissioner Linke attended the weekly AGNC legislative call. Commissioner Linke also attended the Workforce Development call.

Commissioner Linke attended the CCI Mountain District meeting by phone.

2:00 p.m. daily  Board has scheduled a tentative meeting in the event such a meeting is necessary
April 8  9:00 a.m. Operational Update (All three commissioners)
April 9  Commissioner Linke will attend the AGNC conference all
April 10  Commissioner Manguso will attend the STAC meeting

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2020-3-13, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENTS OF MIKE CROSBY AS THE HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS REPRESENTATIVE, CINDY SOUTHWAY AS THE GRAND LAKE REPRESENTATIVE, AND STEVE SEARS, UNINCORPORATED GRAND COUNTY, DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND COUNTY OPEN LANDS, RIVERS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

Resolution No. 2020HA-3-14, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, ACTING IN THE CAPACITY AS THE GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, TO EXECUTE A REVISED SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOT 16, BLOCK 1, GRAND MEADOWS, AKA 15 E. SPRUCE DRIVE, GRANBY, COLORADO”

Resolution No. 2020-3-15, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY REHIRE OF AN EMPLOYEE TO GRAND COUNTY EMS”

Resolution No. 2020-3-16, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN GRAND FUTURES PREVENTION COALITION AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR SERVICES TO SUPPORT A YOUTH ADVISOR PROGRAM”

Resolution No. 2020-3-17, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESLEY G. HOUSE, CHICA, LLC, HADLEY AND JOAN BRADBURY, THOMAS M. AND KATHRYN S. KOSTELECKY, AND THE LARRY J. WARE QUALIFIED PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO CONCERNING TEMPORARY ACCESS TO COUNTY ROAD 491”

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the consent agenda

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager and Attorney Items

County Manager Kate McIntire state there is $150,000 in the County Manager’s budget for 2020 emergencies. That money has been utilized. The Emergency Operations Plan authorizes the County Manager to spend $150,000 plus an additional $100,000 if necessary.

Ms. McIntire is asking the Board of County Commissioners to increase the spending authority by $250,000 for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Current costs through today are projected to be about $185,000. The estimate of the future monthly costs is $227,000.
Ms. McIntire is working to provide the Board a more detailed description and outline of the staffing structure of the COVID 19 Incident Management Team and the planned operations.

The Board has been provided the most up-to-date Incident Action Plan.

The County’s current projected unbudgeted costs will be $864,000 through the end of June 2020.

The projected revenue in sales tax will be down a projected $1.9 million through the end of June 2020.

The total estimated impact to the County’s 2020 Budget to be a reduction of $2.8 million.

Ms. McIntire recommended a County-wide hiring freeze.

The hiring freeze could save the County between $750,000 and $800,000 in 2020.

The Board supported the hiring freeze.

Commissioner Cimino moved that the Board of Commissioners approve increase in spending authority to an additional $250,000 to be spent subject to the approval of the Grand County Public Health Agency or County Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Board of Health**

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

Incident Commander Brad White stated that there are four positive COVID-19 cases in the County. There is testing being done and there have been a large number of negative cases. There have been no hospitalization.

There has been an order instituted with regard to short term lodging.

Middle Park Health in Kremmling is ready for patients. The emergency response agencies remain fairly quiet.

Mr. White stated that they are ready to stand up an isolation care facility. There will be a surge facility in the Kremmling area.

Winter Park Resort has been a great partner in providing a facility. Denver Health has been very helpful.

Commissioner Cimino moved to enter into the License Agreement between Intrawest Winter Park Operation Corporation and Grand County Board of Health.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Temporary Personnel Agreements between Denver Health Hospital Authority and Grand County Board of Health.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Grand County Board of Health and West Grand School District.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue stated that she is now on the Policy Team. This gives her the opportunity to look at what needs to be done for the future. Sheriff Brett Schroetlin has taken over the Operations Team.

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

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the employee re-hire requested per County policy.

The motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Cimino moved to convene an Executive Session at 12:06 p.m. citing Section 24-6-402, CRS, which states that local public bodies may utilize executive sessions for considering any of the following matters (specifically): (4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question. The topic of the meeting is negotiating positions; (4)(e) determining negotiating strategies and positions and instructing negotiators on for the acquisition of property regarding negotiating positions.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

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Public Hearing – Fraser Valley Natural Gas Extension – Public Utility Special Use Permit for Public Service Company of Colorado, an Xcel Energy company

The Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. was called to order by Chair Manguso at 3:00 p.m. Chair Manguso read the public record as follows:

A. Application with Narrative and application support materials, dated January 30, 2020
B. Public Notice – Middle Park Times, dated February 28, 2020
C. Proof of Publication – Middle Park Times, dated March 10, 2020
D. Certified Mailings List to all property owners within 500’ as established by the Grand County GIS dated November 30, 2018
E. Vicinity Map depicting 500’ notification buffer, as established by Grand County GIS
F. Memo to Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy and to interested parties, Dated March 3, 2020
G. Certificate of Recommendation, dated April 6, 2020
H. Power Point presentation, no date available
I. BOCC Resolution No. 1999-8-01 approving County Right-of-Way for Fraser Valley Parkway
J. Map showing Fraser Valley Parkway County Right-of-Way
K. Draft Special Use Permit dated March 24, 2020
L. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 1998-2-12, dated February 10, 1998
M. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 1999-8-01, dated August 3, 1999
N. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2003-1-5, dated January 7, 2003
O. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2004-3-36, dated March 23, 2004
P. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2012-3-26, dated March 20, 2012
Q. Grand County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2012-6-33, dated June 12, 2012
R. Easement Deed from J. Scott Bradley to the Grand County Board of County Commissioners recorded at Reception No. 99001184, dated January 30, 2003
S. Right-of-Way Deed from Frank Carlson to the Grand County Board of County Commissioners recorded at Reception No. 75886, dated June 1, 1953
T. Special Warranty Deed from Columbine National Bank to the Town of Fraser recorded by Grand County Recorder at Reception No. 276929, dated June 7, 1989
U. Quit Claim Deed from Pole Creek Land Co, LP to the Grand County Board of County Commissioners recorded at Reception No. 94010212, dated September 12, 1994
V. Quit Claim Deed from Susan and Paul Volk to the Grand County Board of County Commissioners recorded at Reception No. 124838, dated August 5, 2002
I. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL
The request is to construct and operate a natural gas line which was introduced to Staff in September 2019. A meeting with stakeholders was held and included Grand County Community Development and Road and Bridge Staff, Jeff Vogel as a representative of an adjacent land owner, and a Public Service Company of Colorado doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) Staff and their consultants.

The Applicant proposes running a 6 inch natural gas line primarily in County Road Right-of-Way and in some locations within private easements crossing properties which have been included Appendix A of this report. The Applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a high pressure natural gas pipeline which requires special review by Grand County. The proposed facility, if approved, will serve approximately 2,000 homes within Grand County. The facility is being constructed by contractors hired by Xcel Energy and is anticipated to be complete by September of this year.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS
The extension of the proposed 4.8 mile natural gas line will stretch from the junction of GCR 731 (Arena Rd) and GCR 50 (Church Park Rd) to the Junction of GCR 858 and US Highway 40. The project includes one segment of new pipeline and modification of four (4) existing above ground appurtenances.

Xcel states in their application there is a general need for a line to serve the public because of the growth within the towns of Grand Lake, Granby, Winter Park, Fraser and their adjacent unincorporated areas. The proposed line will increase gas supply capacity, mitigate the potential for outages and supply future growth.

Xcel proposes that most of the proposed gas line alignment follows PSCo’s existing three (3) inch Granby natural gas pipeline. Approximately 65% of the proposed line would be placed in state, county or local ROW including land dedicated for the planned expansion of the Fraser Valley Parkway. The pipeline would be buried at a depth of cover of four (4) feet where possible, although the County will be requiring the pipeline be placed at depths of 6-8 feet near drainage crossings and culverts. The proposed pipeline will be buried underground and therefore would not be visible after construction and restoration.

The proposed pipeline would traverse a sparsely developed area between Tabernash and Fraser. There are roughly a few residences and accessory buildings along the route. The Fraser Valley Recreation Center is located to the east. Existing valve sets are setback roughly .1 to .2 miles from residences for the most part.

Fraser Valley Parkway
One area which staff has the most concern is compliance with the intention to “minimize conflict with existing and planned uses shown on the County master plan map”. County Road 522 Right-of-Way commonly known as Fraser Valley Parkway or Old Victory Highway has been in its position for nearly two decades. The proposed Fraser Valley Parkway is being seen as a parallel vehicular route to US Highway 40 and is discussed in the
Master Plan. The proposed new road has been thoroughly studied by Grand County. Other than possible concerns related to the design of the proposed Fraser Valley Parkway, the project is not expected to negatively impact future development in the area.

The Applicant has indicated a plan to bury lines at least 4 feet deep to keep consistent with requirements of the transportation standards. This proposed depth could present future difficulty with constructing a road within the existing ROW boundary because the roadway grading might require cuts which have not yet been completely designed. This concern was reflected in the staff report to the Planning Commission:
1) The Applicant shall work with the County Consulting Engineer to identify locations where the line shall be buried as a deeper depth to prevent the need to move the line in the future.
2) The Applicant shall be responsible for moving the line if there are conflicts caused by future road construction along this corridor (Shall also be incorporated as a requirement in the SUP).

The Road and Bridge Department and the County Engineer has reviewed Xcel Plan and Profile drawings and have indicated to Xcel areas of concern at the cut and fill areas. The County needs to be assured when the time comes to improve the portion of road for the Fraser Valley Parkway, there is no additional work for Excel or the county when construction is taking place. Most of the excavation will require the 4’ depth minimum but the cut and fill areas may require more depth (6’ to 8’) depth. Xcel has agreed to work with Road and Bridge.

Based on the extensive list of items that needs to be submitted and reviewed and approved by the Road and Bridge Department/County, it is recommended that Xcel Energy apply for a Road Cut permit at the Road & Bridge Department at least three weeks prior to construction commencing. Other items needed are listed in Appendix B.

Potential Permits
The Applicant has outlined all the potential permits that will be required to be obtained for the construction of this transmission line including the Army Corps of Engineers, CDOT, and CDPHE. Other required permitting under Grand County authority include: road cut permits from Road and Bridge and Building Permits for structures over 120 ft2.

Private easements are proposed to be outside of County Right-of-Way. These easements shall be obtained prior to the signature of a Special Use Permit and construction. Proof of recorded easements shall be supplied to the Community Development via email prior to ANY county permits being granted. This is listed as a condition below.

Staff notes that there are several construction proposals within the Pole Creek Valley and Coyote Creek Subdivisions and would recommend that Xcel implement a best practices approach to identify dates of construction. This will help local residents who are under the process of constructing a residence in the vicinity from having difficulty. While the County may not have specific authority to restrict construction within these areas we will work with residents and Xcel to keep open all communications to prevent delays on either side.

II. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
Planning Commission reviewed this application during their regularly scheduled March 11, 2020 meeting. Staff presented the project and how it meets compliance with the County regulations.

The Commissioners and Staff discussed the end date of the permit. It was noted that there was some inconsistency between the draft permit provided and what was in the recommendation. This will be revised prior to the permit being signed. The Applicant, represented by Cheryl Dietrich, then presented background on the project and further detail of construction and timing. The Applicant further clarified that there would be an entirely new six inch (6”) natural gas pressure transmission line, which would parallel an existing three inch (3”) line. The existing three inch (3”) line is in a permanent easement granted by Denver Water Board who owns a large portion of the property along the proposed alignment.

An impacted private property owner was curious about the need for an additional fifty feet (50’) width easement needed to accommodate this transmission line. The Applicant responded with the design constraints of spacing of natural gas and electric utilities and space that would be needed in the event of repairs.

The question of financial security outside of Road and Bridge concerns was raised. Staff has found no previous requirement for additional financial security to be provided by the Applicant to the County. Staff has not found other evidence that it is required by state or federal regulations.

With some minor alterations to recommendation language, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the approval of the natural gas pipeline Special Use Permit with the following conditions to be met:
1) Approval of all other jurisdictional permits shall be provided to Community Development prior to construction (Which includes CDOT, CDPHE, Army Corps, and GC R&B).
2) The Applicant shall provide confirmation of contact and recommendations from Headwaters Land Trust which manages local conservation easement lands.

3) Water crossings/culverts should be incased for additional protection from general culvert replacement and or maintenance. All water crossings should also be at a minimum 6’ to 8’ in depth for protection.

4) Grand County has a portion of this R.O.W to improve between Fraser Ballfield’s and Tabernash. There is great concerns for some improvements to be done when building the road in this area. As such, Grand County requires As-Built drawings when completed and also require 6’ to 8’ depths in the cut areas.

5) If upon construction of the road, Grand County should have conflicts with the gas line then Excel will need to make whatever corrections to make sure the gas line is buried to the proper depth.

6) The Applicant shall be responsible for moving the line if there are conflicts caused by future road construction along this corridor (Shall also be incorporated as a requirement in the SUP).

7) All private and temporary easements and permits shall be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to construction.

8) The Applicant shall update Community Development Staff about a construction schedule and contractor contacts to assist local residents coordinate potential project conflicts.

9) The Applicant shall be responsible to maintain noxious weed growth for the next year (e.g. Summer 2021, if constructed in 2020) following construction.

10) Compliance with Road and Bridge permit requirements, as outlined by Road and Bridge and the County Consulting Engineer and specifically NO DIGGING IN CR 5 OR CR 50, Boring is REQUIRED.

11) Verify need for additional financial security needed for site restoration outside of County Right-of-Way.

12) That Xcel implement a best practices approach to identify dates of construction and inform neighboring landowners undergoing construction projects.

13) The Traffic Control Plan should consider existing trucking operations needing use of CR 5.

The following requirements shall be made a part of the Special Use Permit:

14) The permit shall be for the term of lifetime following the completion of construction and complete restoration. Permittee shall begin construction within 12 months from Board of County Commissioners approval. Modifications are required when there is a substantial change to the site plan.

15) The following Special Use Permit sections shall read as described in this certificate: Exterior Lighting, Site Maintenance, Uses Permitted, Area of Operation, and Miscellaneous Terms.

16) That all standard language and conditions of Grand County Special Use Permits shall be made part of any approved permit for this request, under the following headings, as follows:

- Control of Site
- Noxious Weed Control
- Site Maintenance
- Rehabilitation of Site
- Storage of Abandoned Equipment
- Compliance with County, State and Federal Regulations
- Limitation of Liability
- Alteration of Terms and Conditions
- Access and Right to Enter Site
- Assignability
- Binding Contract
- Abandonment
- Violation of Terms and Conditions
- Non-Transferable
- Termination

The applicant will leave the three-inch line in service. They will add a six-inch transmission line.

The intent is to get the work completed before September.

The Corps of Engineers is working on issuing a 404 Permit for the project. No work will be performed on any areas with wetland impact prior to the issuance of the 404 permit.

Ed Moyer stated that the Corps of Engineers confirmed they are working on the project. It is currently delayed due to the need for cultural resource survey.

The Board agreed to add to Condition No. 1, “U S Army Corps of Engineer Permit shall be provided prior to site disturbance of any jurisdictional wetland.”

Assistant County Manager Ed Moyer stated that with regard to Condition Nos. 4 and 5, Grand County cannot have the pipeline interfere with the County’s ability to build the County road.

The applicant understands the need for a proper depth in the area of the proposed County road.
Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Fraser Valley Natural Gas Extension - Public Utility Special Use Permit with the conditions including the addition of verbiage to Condition No. 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to close the public hearing.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 6th day of April 2020.

Kristen Manguso, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder