MEETING MINUTES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
May 14, 2019

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

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019, of the Board of Commissioners
as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comments

Kremmling Chamber Director and member of the Middle Park Fair Board Tara Sharp requested $40,000 for a
concert at the Middle Park Fair. The original request was for a $40,000 loan. The County cannot make a loan
but may consider granting the funds. The Board will review further and contact the Chamber and the Fair
Board regarding the request.

Employee Recognition & Coin of Excellence Ceremony

The Board acknowledged employment anniversaries for County employees. In addition, the Board honored two
employees with five-year anniversaries:

Five-anniversary for Paul Fisher
Five-anniversary for Samijean Lechman

Citizen Bernie McGinn nominated Duane Dailey to receive the Grand County Coin of Excellence. Mr. McGinn
noted Mr. Dailey’s years of service to the County, his service to our Country, and his excellence service to
veterans as Grand County’s Veterans Service Officer.

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on May 15,
2019, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board’s approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the vouchers presented on May 14, 2019, for payment on May 15, 2019
for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the wires payment and vouchers transfers presented on May 14, 2019,
for payment on May 15, 2019 for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve out-of-state travel for Greg Thorne to attend a GIS conference in
San Diego as presented by Community Development Director Robert Davis.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Modification of Grant or Agreement with the
United States Forest Service in the amount of $6,000 for spraying weeds on public property as presented by
Dick Broady.
Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Chair to sign Task Order B attachment to Professional Services Agreement between Grand County and Armstrong Consultants in the amount of $299,650 for the runway rehabilitation project at Kremmling Airport as presented by Micah Benson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Hangar Lease for Zook Enterprises and rescind the previous motion for the lease as presented by Micah Benson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the contract for between Grand County and Gonzales Construction for installation of guardrail on County Road 1 in the amount of $42,316 as presented by Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris Baer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager and Attorney Items

County Manager Kate McIntire presented the weekly update.

County Attorney Chris Leahy stated that the Statewide Assessor’s group is engaged with the lawsuit with Duff and Phelps regarding abatements. This is the common ownership case. Mr. Leahy asked if the Board is fine with Grand County participating in the amicus brief as long as County Assessor Weydert has no objection.

Commissioner Linke moved to authorize the County Attorney to move forward to join the amicus brief regarding common ownership against Duff and Phelps with the condition that it is approved by the County Attorney, County Manager and County Assessor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2019-4-19, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN MERIDIAM PARTNERS, LLC AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE COUNTY ROAD 3 ARCH PIPE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT”


Resolution No. 2019-5-4, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO AUTHORIZING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR COMMISSIONER CIMINO”

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

County Treasurer Christina Whitmer presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-3-6, “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GRAND COUNTY TREASURER TO DISBURSE FUNDS FROM THE ESCROW ‘COLORADO RIVER CA ESCROW’ ACCOUNT” as presented by County Treasurer Christina Whitmer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Colorado Division of Veteran Affairs Update

Joanne Iglesias Director Division of Veteran Affairs – West presented:

Ms. Iglesias is responsible for assisting veterans in a 24-county region (including Grand County), operation of the Western Region One Source and Operation of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Western Region One Source:

- Expand capacity to serve over 40,000 Veterans, Military members, and their families in the Western Region
- $3.5 million renovation of a state-owned former Colorado Army National Guard armory
- Over 14,000 square feet including:
  - 10 Standard Offices
  - 1 Large Conference Room
  - 1 Large Multipurpose Room
  - Indoor Lounge Area
- 2 Large Offices
- 1 Computer room
- 4 Open Space Cubicles
- Outdoor Courtyard
- Now accepting Tenant Interest Forms!

Services currently offered:

- DEERS ID cards
- State Veteran Services Officer
- Volunteers of America
- Resource wall with pamphlets and brochures
- Artist of the month display
- Coffee Bar
- Beautiful Courtyard

Potential types of assistance and services offered by future tenants:

- Veterans Benefits
- Recreation
- Counseling Services
- Health & Wellness
- Housing/Shelter
- Family Support
- Disability Support
- Behavioral Health
- Education/Training
- Military Deployments
- Employment
- Separation/Transition
- Legal Services
- Financial Services

Partnerships

- VA Western Colorado Health Care System
- Mesa County Human Services
- Joining Community Forces
- Volunteers of America
- Bill Daniels Veterans Services
- Mount Carmel Center of Excellence
Sponsorships
Founder’s Club - $25,000 Contribution
Includes plaque recognition for one of the high volume shared spaces (reception, lobby, computer room, large classroom, or large conference room)

Platinum - $10,000 Contribution
Includes plaque recognition for one of the twelve offices

Gold - $5,000 Contribution
Plaque recognition for one of the flag poles

Silver - $2,500 Contribution
Plaque recognition for one of small conference or huddle rooms

Bronze - $1,000 Contribution
Recognition in the reception area

Veteran Service Office Quarterly Update

Veterans Service Officer Duane Dailey stated that the VA estimates out of the 1,415 census veterans, 770 in Grand County are getting service connection disability checks, pension checks, or medical care equivalent at either Denver VA hospital, Grand Junction VA hospital, or Cheyenne, Wyoming VA hospital to a total of $5,300,000.

Mr. Dailey stated that he has 548 people registered. There is a big push to enroll veterans.

The VA Town Hall was in Kremmling in April. Some of the presenters were not able to attend because of weather conditions in the Denver area.

The Memorial Day parade will be held in Grand Lake again this year. Former Grand County Manager Colonel Lee Staab will be the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day events.

American Legion Post 88 Commander Gerry Boyd stated that in March the Post celebrated its 88th anniversary. The Post is working to put grave markers on the graves of all veterans in the County.

The Post supports Constitution Week and are working on having events throughout the County.

Board Business/Correspondence/Calendar

Commissioners Linke and Cimino attended the Freeport CPP meeting. Freeport reported production of 15 million pounds per year. If they stay at that rate, closure is expected in 2031. If they go to the projected rate of 10 million pounds per year, closure will be expected in 2039. When there is shut down, tax contribution will not be zero.

Commissioner Linke attended the Local Emergency Planning Council meeting.

All three commissioners attended the Mayor and Manager’s meeting in Grand Lake.

Commissioners Linke and Cimino attended the Mountain Parks Electric annual meeting.

Commissioner Cimino attended the open house with Senator Bob Rankin.

May 16  Commissioner Cimino will speak at the Fraser Valley Lions from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Carvers
May 16  Commissioner Manguso – TPR meeting in Steamboat Springs Town Hall at 9:00 a.m.
May 17  Commissioner Linke - Club 20 conference call at 10:00 a.m.
May 17  Commissioner Cimino – Governor’s signing of HB 19-1168 (Reinsurance Program) at 1:00 p.m. at the Summit County Family Resource Center in Silverthorne
May 20  Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday instead of Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-4-22, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, AS THE GRAND COUNTY PERMIT AUTHORITY, GRANTING TO THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AN AMENDED PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS AN ACTIVITY OF STATE INTEREST PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 1978-5-4 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO” and authorize the Chair to sign the 1041 Permit.

The motion passed unanimously.

2018 Monitoring Results – Temperature, Fish Surveys & Marco Invertebrates

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fisheries Biologist Jon Ewert presented the 2018 monitoring results for temperature, fish surveys and macro invertebrates.

Mr. Ewert stated that fishing is a big deal in Grand County. It accounts for at least $20 million in total economic benefit and funds. Skiing is the only thing that is bigger than fishing in Grand County.

In 2018, they checked on four different locations in the Fraser River. To have rivers in the condition to produce a quality fish (born in the river) that is sought after by anglers is of a much higher value.

Mr. Ewert stated that there is an upstream movement in the Fraser River of the Brown Trout. The Rainbow Trout are not hanging on in the upper part. The Brook Trout is still in the upper part.
Mr. Ewert provided additional information on the rivers in Grand County. He noted that the Colorado River near pump house produces a lot of fish.

Kayli Foulk of GCWIN came to the Board to speak about temperature monitoring in Grand County.

There are over 60 stream temperature sites across Grand County in conjunction with Grand County, GCWIN, Denver Water, Northern Water, BLM, and USGS.

Monitoring information is available on the GCWIN web page.

Water Quality Special Katherine Morris stated that they have been looking at flushing flows and presented data around that.

**Henderson Mine Permit Change Overview**

Henderson Chief Environmental Engineer Aaron Hilshorst stated that he recently submitted an amendment to Henderson’s Mining and Reclamation Permit to the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety.

In 1996, they submitted a technical revision to the State of Colorado to change the washing plant. The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety let Henderson know that it did not rise to the level of an amendment. Henderson submitted a technical revision. The technical revision was accepted.

Now the Division is letting Henderson know that the technical revision was not sufficient and it should have been an amendment to include the water treatment plant.

The permit is wholly located in Clear Creek County.

**Public Hearing – Winter Park Horseman’s Association, Inc. Special Event Permit**

The public hearing scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m. was called to order by Chair Cimino at 3:15 p.m.

Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene stated that the property was posted and her office has received not remonstrance. She recommended that the hearing be cancelled.

Janette Fudge, Secretary of the Winter Park Horseman’s Association is requesting a Special Events Permit. The events will be held on July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, July 27th, August 3rd August 10th and August 17, 2019. The Winter Park Horseman’s Association will sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquor from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on the dates listed.

All fees have been paid to the State and to Grand County. Ms. Rosene recommended approval of the Special Event Permit.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Special Event Permit for Winter Park Horseman’s Association as presented by Clerk and Recorder Rosene.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – GCR 8 Right-of-Way Vacation – continued**

Grand County Planner Alex Taft stated that after further consideration and discussion, Mr. Taft would like to withdraw this request and close the public hearing.

The applicant has no objection to this request.

Commissioner Manguso moved to close the public hearing on the County Road 8 vacation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Manguso moved to enter into Executive Session at 3:45 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 meeting legal requirements, insuring legal compliance and insuring public participation while not compromising county property interests or negotiation.
positions regarding county road 5 properties. The other subject to be covered will be ambulance licensing. Present for the meeting were the Board, County Manager McIntire, and County Attorney Leahy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to reconvene the regular meeting at

The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 4:35 p.m.

I, Richard Cimino, 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, Chris 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.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 20th day of May 2019.

Richard Cimino, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder