

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

June 21, 2022

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2

Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene
County Manager Ed Moyer
Assistant County Manager Micah Benson
County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cimino reported that as of 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, Commissioner Kristen Manguso resigned effective immediately.

Commissioner Cimino moved to appoint Merrit Linke as the Chair for the remainder of 2022.
The motion passed.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of May 17, 2022 as presented.
The motion passed.

General Public Comments

Daniella Gossolva will meet with Ed Moyer regarding water.

Mariette McGrath is concerned over injections given to babies and children.

Susan Volk from Tabernash came to the Board to speak regarding the County's personnel manual and the new hire for the Community Development Department. Ms. Volk stated that her concerns do not revolve around Kris Manguso's qualifications or experience. Ms. Volk stated that in her new position she will be presenting recommendations on projects that she has voted. She will present to a Board that she was recently a part with whom she has had discussion and made decisions.

Ms. Manguso hired Ed Moyer as the County Manager. She had a hand in hiring Ed and is now going to be under his supervision. These are conflicts of interest. This is why revolving door policies exist. They prevent political relationships from exerting undue influence with other departments. It maintains a clear separation between the legislative and recommending regulatory bodies.

Ms. Volk found on average that an elected official who leaves office before returning in a government capacity waits at least one year. Grand County's policy requires 30 days.

There is no reason to waive the very minimal requirements in the manual. This is an uncomfortable degree of entanglement.

Ms. Volk is asking for the Board to deny the request to waive any portion of the personnel manual for elected officials.

Employee Recognition

County Manager Ed Moyer recognized and welcomed the new employees.

June Anniversaries

Hannah Wynd	Public Health	1 Year
Michael Wagner	Sheriff's Office / Jail	1 Year
Victor Gibson	Clerk & Recorder	1 Year
Julie Aprill	CSU Extension	2 Years
Thomas Johnson	Information Systems	2 Years
Gary Sidell	Maintenance	2 Years
Blake Shannon	EMS	3 Years
Richard Gamblin	EMS	3 Years
Stephen Rubenstein	EMS	4 Years
Richard McGraw	EMS	4 Years

Allie Miller	Juvenile Services	4 Years
Richard Jansing	Human Services	4 Years
Maxine LaBarre-Krostue	County Attorney	4 Years
Rebecca Polyack	EMS	5 Years
Sarah Bausano	EMS	5 Years
Charley Shy	EMS	9 Years
Tawnya Bailey	Coroner's Office	9 Years
DiAnn Butler	Economic Development	10 Years
Zach Broady	Road & Bridge	11 Years

Departmental Comments / Contracts / Issues

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Board of Human Services.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the User Agreement CBI-CJIS Systems Access for Non-Criminal Justice Agency
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Cimino moved to appoint Eric Barber and Darci Selenke to Foothills RETAK.
The motion passed.

Emergency Manager Joel Cochran presented two updates.

Team Rubicon has been actively working in the subdivisions. Team Rubicon has:

- 109 requests for work
- Completed 79 home assessments
- Completed 31 mitigation projects

Fox 31 and Denver PBS are coming up to do stories on the work being performed by Team Rubicon.

Grand County GIS is providing assistance with GIS needs of Team Rubicon.

On Friday, there was a deadline with State Emergency Management for a hazard mitigation program grant. The County asked for \$1.2 million for defensible space projects.

Ms. Cochran discovered that the Wildfire Council had applied for competing grant for two of the projects. They were awarded the grants. On Friday, Mr. Cochran asked that the grant application be withdrawn.

Assistant County Manager Micah Benson presented an update EWP projects. Drowsy Water Ranch should be finished very soon. A large grade-control structure was put up at the ranch which now allows water and debris to flow on downstream. There is a plug point at the County culvert. NRCS suggested make a change at that culvert by installing a larger culvert.

NRCS does not pay for culverts; however, CWCB has been paying for culverts for EWP projects. The project is under design.

The Drowsy Water Project cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Ms. Benson is looking to extending the agreement with NRCS. EWP ends August 31, 2022, and the plan is to extend to December 31, 2022.

The Landslide Ditch and the East Fork Ditch will start after the ditches stop running.

The final walk through was done on June 8, 2022 for the Krenzion Ditch and the final punch list is being completed. The Corral Creek arch culvert is not a replacement of the culvert but it is an armoring of the culvert and provide a low water crossing.

Construction is underway on Kinney Creek.

Troublesome Creek ranch is still in the design phases.

Smith Creek, CPW residence, Ennis Head gate protection, and aerial seeding and mulching were finished last year.

CGRS was hired to replace the spill bucket at the Granby Fuel site. The spill bucket is in concrete so it had to be broken out. When they did that, they hit the power line for the fuel farm which was run exactly where it should not have been. Ms. Benson provided a contract amendment for the additional time and cost due to the power line being hit. The time is extended to December 31, 2022 with an additional cost of \$35,468.39.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and sign the contract amendment with CGRS in the amount of \$35,468.39 for work at the Granby Fuel site with the contract to extend to December 31, 2022. The motion passed.

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

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the exemption from the Restrictive Covenants for Lot 21, Units 40-49 Coyote Creek at Winter Park Subdivision for Vistas at Pole Creek LLC as presented. The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Board of County Commissioners.

Manager & Attorney Items

County Manager Ed Moyer stated that the plan for the Windy Gap Connectivity Channel has not been authorized by the NRCS as of yet. The construction agreement has not been signed.

The RCCP funding in the amount of \$5.6 million is TA money and construction money. Those two funds were not in the correct accounts in Washington. NRCS Colorado is trying to straighten this issue out. There was a big push last week to deal with this matter.

Mr. Moyer is working with landowners to obtain access permission regarding to two matters surrounding County Road 522. One matter is the US Army Corps of Engineer site visit scheduled for June 29. Mr. Moyer is working with landowners to get access for an appraisal for the right-of-way.

Peak Asphalt is having an open house tomorrow at the plant from 11 am to 1 pm. There have been several complaints about opacity and that has been forwarded on to Peak and CDPHE. The state provided information on how opacity is measured.

Peak Asphalt indicated that it has invited a number of people in the Fraser Valley to the open house.

Mr. Moyer stated that CDPHE indicated that it cannot attend the open house. Mr. Moyer has requested that the State of Colorado to visit the site and perform an inspection but no inspection has taken place.

Mr. Moyer presented the Board with a memo regarding Personnel Manual Section 4.04. With the recent resignation of Commissioner Manguso to accept the position of Community Development Director, Mr. Moyer requested the Board waive the 30-day separation provision.

Mr. Moyer pulled the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings that discuss this matter. The reason the section was amended into the manual was all about hourly employees and the accrual of sick and vacation time. It was about an hourly employee becoming a commissioner and then returning to an hourly position and having to deal with what that accrual of sick and vacation look like. The Personnel Committee at the time voted in two different meetings to include the 30-day separation as that solution.

In this situation, the County has a previously appointed official (being the Planning Director) that did not accrue sick or vacation that was elected to the Board of Commissioners and then stepped down to accept the job of Community Development Director and that is an appointed position.

Mr. Moyer reviewed the State Statute with the County Attorney regarding ethical issues. That has more to do with working in Community Development and then going to work for a developer.

Mr. Moyer noted that it is the ultimate authority of the Board of Commissioners for interpretation, application and enforcement of the policies. The Board can waive and interrupt the requirements of the personnel manual.

Mr. Moyer stated that after reviewing the personnel manual and statutes with the County Attorney, Mr. Moyer believes that the personnel manual does not apply in this situation.

Mr. Moyer would like Ms. Manguso to begin work as soon as possible. Mr. Moyer believes that the County needs her expertise and experience immediately to advance several development projects and to assist Community Development staff.

Mr. Moyer stated that other than one application that was internal (who does not have enough experience), Ms. Manguso was the only application received. The advertisement was made to all the normal channels.

Mr. Moyer requested that the Board exercise its ultimate authority under Section 1.02 of the Grand County Personnel Manual with regard to the application of Section 4.04 as it relates to the 30-day separation provision and the 13 week provision if applicable for this unique situation.

Mr. Moyer stated that he respects the comments made by Ms. Volk earlier today regarding this matter. He is the person that made the decision to hire Ms. Manguso. Mr. Moyer stated that he believes hiring Ms. Manguso is the best solution for Grand County.

Commissioner Cimino moved to waive the 30-day separation provision from Section 4.04 of the Grand County Personnel Manual regarding elected official after term is over.

Discussion: Commissioner Cimino stated that it appears that the Personnel Manual in the stated section is the intent is about revolving doors. Commissioner Cimino suggested making changes to the Personnel Manual stating that an elected that goes into hourly employment will not accrue. It appears that the 30 days is with regard to revolving doors. This is in the service of the public.

The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-06-07, "AUTHORIZING THE GRAND COUNTY SHERIFF TO FILL A GRANT-FUNDED POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023"

Resolution No. 2022HA-06-08, "APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRANSFER FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR COYOTE CREEK AT WINTER PARK SUBDIVISION AS TO LOT 21, UNIT 40-49"

Resolution No. 2022-06-09, "APPROVING A REDUCED INSURANCE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KINIKIN MEAT PROCESSING, LLC FOR PROCESSING OF JR. LIVESTOCK AND SHOW ANIMALS FOR THE 2022 MIDDLE PARK FAIR AND RODEO"

Resolution No. 2022-06-10, "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TAMARA MILLER AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIDDLE PARK FAIR AND RODEO BOARD"

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion passed

Airport Advisory Committee Update

Justin Anderson of the Airport Advisory Committee presented.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Committee has set up aircraft tracking boxes at both airports and they are able to collect data from every airplane that touches the ground in Kremmling and Granby. The main reason for this was the need because funding is based on traffic. Before this, everyone just guesses.

Grand River Aviation has been a big part of the increase in traffic into Kremmling.

Mr. Anderson stated that he is working with the Recreational Aircraft Foundation. He is speaking with the Foundation regarding the old terminal building. Mr. Anderson would like to use for the RAF piolets. Mr. Anderson stated that that there is an old grass cross wind runway at Kremmling. It was a published runway and Mr. Anderson would like to bring that back.

Dennis Carpenter of the Airport Advisory Committee stated that work is being done in Granby. Grand County is part of the Mountain Training Circuit. There are airplanes coming in that are being used to train people to fly in the mountains.

Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance – Decision

Human Resource Director Colleen Reynolds presented.

In 2020, Colorado voters approved the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program. Colorado's FAMLI program will be administered by the Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance. The program is not yet live, and the obligation to provide paid benefits under the program does not begin until January 1, 2024. However, the first phase of the FAMLI program takes effect on January 1, 2023.

Program recap:

- Starting January 1, 2024, employees covered by the FAMLI program will be entitled to take paid leave for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Their own serious health condition.
 - b. Serious health condition of a family member.
 - c. Care for a new child (birth, foster placement, adoption, caring for child within the first year from birth).
 - d. Make arrangements for a family member's military deployment.
 - e. Immediate safety needs and impact of domestic violence/sexual assault.
- Employees can take 12 weeks of paid leave, unless leave is needed due to a pregnancy- or childbirth related complication, in which case, an employee can receive an additional 4 weeks of FAMLI leave, giving the employee a total of 16 weeks.
- The FAMLI program is designed to run concurrently with FMLA. Employers cannot require employees to use accrued leave time in lieu of or while receiving FAMLI benefits, but can allow employees to "top up" with the use of leave time as long as the combined pay does not exceed 100% of the normal weekly wage.
- The state will pay employees directly when they are on FAMLI leave. The FAMLI benefits will not be full wage replacement. Eligible employees will instead receive partial wage replacement depending on their earnings, capped at \$1,100 per week. Example FAMLI Payout (per the FAMLI Premiums and Benefits Estimator on the CO FAMLI webpage):
 1. An employee who makes \$52,000 annually, would be eligible for a weekly pay amount of \$726.60.
 2. An employee who makes \$37,440 annually, would be eligible for a weekly pay amount of \$586.60.
- The rate for this program is set at 0.9% for the first two years of the program. Past 2025 the rate will be set each year by the Division Director and will be based on the funds balance and usage rates. The amount is statutorily capped at 1.2% of wages.
- While employees cannot take FAMLI benefits until 2024, premiums are due under the program starting January 1, 2023.
- Participation in the FAMLI program is mandatory for private employers; Local government employers may choose to opt out of the program.

Local Government Options:

1. Participate in FAMLI
 - a. Pay employer share of premium, which is 0.45% of wages and submit data once per quarter.
 - b. Remit employees' share of the premium (0.45% of wages) and submit data once per quarter.
 - c. Payroll deductions will start 1/1/2023. Employees can use FAMLI benefits starting 1/1/2024.
 - d. If GC participates in the FAMLI program, the employees cannot opt out.
 - e. 3 year commitment if opting in (requires 90 day notice to withdraw).
 - f. In the Fall of 2022, Grand County will be required to register in the FAMLI system and create an account (site not available yet).
 - g. No vote is required if participating.
2. Decline all participation in FAMLI
 - a. Requires vote and notification to the FAMLI Division of decision to decline all participation.
 - b. Employees can still participate by self-electing coverage (employees responsible for reporting and remitting their wages/premium).
 - c. Notification to FAMLI Division to opt-out must be submitted by no later than January 1, 2023.
 - d. If GC opts out of the FAMLI program, employees can opt in.
 - e. Opt out decision has to be revisited at least every 8 years.
 - f. Local governments which do not notify the FAMLI Division of a vote to opt-out by January 1, 2023, will be identified as participants in the FAMLI program (wage data and premium payments will be due on April 1, 2023).
3. Decline employer participation in FAMLI
 - a. Grand County would not participate, but would administer the plan for employees who want to individually participate.
 - b. Facilitate voluntary payroll deductions for the participating employees, remit premium and submit wage data once per quarter.
 - c. Payroll deductions will start 1/1/2023. Employees can use FAMLI benefits starting 1/1/2024.
 - d. Requires vote and notification to the FAMLI Division of decision to opt out of paying the employer premium.

Other:

* If GC participates in FAMLI, current policies will need to be reviewed/revise (sick leave, sick donations, vacation leave, comp time, FMLA, long term disability). Example: Current Grand County policy requires employees to use available leave time when on FMLA. FAMLI prohibits employers from requiring the use of leave time (except to make up difference in pay).

* The FAMLI benefit is designed to run concurrently with FMLA, so that employees cannot stack up leave by first taking FAMLI and then FMLA. Employees could be eligible for FAMLI even when they are not eligible for FMLA (FMLA requires that an employee has been employed at least 12 months and worked at least 1250 hours; FAMLI offers paid job protection leave once an employee has been at their employer for more than 180 days).

* If an employee pays into an eligible employer within the last four quarters and made at least \$2500 in wages, then they are eligible for FAMLI pay (the language from the State does not stipulate that it has to be the current employer).

Daniella Gosslova stated that there are some gray areas of this program. She encouraged the Board to be cautious.

Chris Bergquist stated this seems like a government thing that we do not want or need.

Commissioner Cimino moved to decline all participation in FAMLI at this time.
The motion passed

Public Hearing – Grand County Ordinance 19 Burn Permits, Penalties Section

The public hearing scheduled to begin at 10:45 am was called to order by Chair Linke at 10:50 am. County Attorney Maxine-LaBarre Krostue set the public record as follows:

- A Proposed Amended and Restated Ordinance 19
- B Public Hearing Notice
- C Proof of Publication
- D Public Review Sheet

This is for the amended and restated Ordinance No. 19 which is the open burn permits.

County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue read the title:

Amended and Restated Ordinance for the regulation of open burning in unincorporated Grand County, Colorado, Ordinance 19.

This is an amendment to reflect the penalty change that occurred by statutory change. No other changes were made to the ordinance other than the penalty section.

Stan Spencer of unincorporated Grand Lake stated the fines for the violation of Ordinance 19 under Section 13 Violation and Penalties are minimal and clearly are separated from Section 12 Civil Liability Mandated Restitution requirements. The proposed fines do not even begin to reflect the actual associated costs of operating or responding with fire equipment and costs and expenses associated with on scene responding personnel working the illegal fires for open burning.

Mr. Spencer stated that the Grand County Fire Protection districts and the Grand County Sheriff's Office responding to illegal fires open burning started in unincorporated Grand County in violation to Ordinance 19 should not have their annual budgets depleted for having to pay for these associated costs and neither should Grand County taxpayers be expected to bare the burden of paying these costs involving illegal fires for open burning.

Mr. Spencer would like to add a civil liability section.

County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue stated that Ordinance 19 is only for burn permits.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Amended and Restated Ordinance 19 with the change to Section 13 to provide for consistent penalties of \$1,000 per violation.
The motion passed.

Commissioner Cimino moved to close the public hearing.

The motion passed.

Region 1 Opioid Settlement Working Group Update

Ellen Parri stated that the Region 1 Opioid Settlement Working Group has been meeting for the last three or four months to define the plan moving forward.

The funding for the region for the first year will be approximately \$300,000 and will be considerably less in the following years.

The priorities that have been set are youth program and prevention to include training, expanded youth counseling, safe places and look at single prevention framework.

East Grand School District is considering adopting a new curriculum.

The Working Group will be meeting quarterly.

Ellen Parri recommended that the County follow the regional approach and pool the money with other counties.

Amanda Uline, Associate Director for the Grand County Rural Health Network, stated that she has participated in some of the meetings. All of the five counties in the region; Routt, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Grand and Jackson, all had representatives at various stages throughout the meetings. The group assessed the gaps and needs throughout the various communities knowing there are differences between the counties. The group discussed where it can make a difference.

The working group made an effort to determine the best use of the funds regionally.

Commissioner Cimino moved that Grand County government opts out of receiving the opioid funds directly and authorize the County Manager to execute any actions that allows the allocated funding to go toward the regional pool.

The motion passed.

Grand County Coroner

Grand County Chief Deputy Coroner Tawyna Bailey applied for a scholarship for the conference for the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners in Las Vega. Ms. Bailey received the scholarship to pay for hotel room, travel and Ms. Bailey would like the County to cover the cost of her meals and the cost to travel from the airport to the hotel.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve out-of-state travel for Chief Deputy Coroner Tawyna Bailey and authorize funds to cover the costs that are not covered by the scholarship.

The motion passed.

Coroner Brenda Bock presented:

I am Brenda Bock and have been the Elected Grand County Coroner for almost 16 years and was the Chief Deputy Coroner for 19 years.

I have sent you a list of the Coroner calls from 1967 through 2021. If you notice, the call volume increased 25 percent this year. We are on track to have the same amount or more this year.

Let me educate you on what we do. My office is not a pick up and removal service. We are medical legal death investigators. One case might take two to three hours to investigate and others we have we put in over 50 hours plus.

If you notice the court case in the Sky-Hi News last week from the Granby Ski area, it was finally settled from six years ago and we have still been working on it since it happened.

The Coroner's Office is responsible for determining the cause and manner of death. Did you know that what we put on the death certificate can determine how a life insurance is paid out to a family? That is why the investigation is so important to each case.

Just in the last few months, we have had a couple of hospice cases that ended up being accidental deaths instead of natural deaths all because we investigated thoroughly and got all the facts.

There again, it makes a difference in how life insurance policies are paid out.

We are responsible for state reports, OCSHA, FAA, child fatality, there are so many I cannot name them all and we are also called to testify in court. All these things take time and preparation.

One court case has been scheduled and rescheduled four different times in a two week period.

So we cannot be scheduled on call during that time. We have meetings to attend; example, the

Rainbow Family Gathering. Many hours were spent getting a plan together and how we would handle mass fatalities. Thankfully, it is not being held in our county but you cannot discount the hours of preparation that into that.

If you want to know exactly what we do every day. Some days we just try to keep our heads above water. Each day is different and each call is different. The compassion and professionalism that we use with each of our families is very evident. Go ahead and ask around about our reputation and follow through on each of the cases. We go above and beyond as if we were working with our own family.

I have always wondered why the Coroner's salary was only half of all the other elected officials when our job is actually full time. The only other elected official that is required to work and is on call 24/7/365 holidays included is our Sheriff. I am responsible for making sure that our County has coverage at all time. If you have ever been on call, you will understand what I am talking about. Your life is not your own because you can be called out any minute day or night being called out on Christmas morning and being gone all day puts the job well above family. My salary has been set by the state legislature so there was never an opportunity for a raise from the Board of County Commissioners. Finally the legislators understand the pay does not add up to the important work we do. CTSI also supported the bill. They also acknowledge it is not a 9 to 5 job.

I am asking you to approve the fulltime salary for the full time work we do at the Coroner's office making it the same as other elected officials and acknowledging the importance of what we do. The BOCC in the past has always been supportive of the Coroner's Office and I have heard the Board say many times our salaries should be higher but they had no control over that. Now is your chance to make it right.

I understand the raise will not take effect until January 2023. At that time, I will be retiring at 35 years so it does not affect me but it does affect the office and the next Coroner voted in so I urge you to vote yes on this and acknowledge and give us the respect that we deserve in this job.

Chief Deputy Tawyna Bailey presented:

I am here to day to ask that in reference to Senate Bill 22-066 that you vote to make your County Coroner position be a fulltime position. As you already know, the elected Coroner's wage is set state legislators and not each individual county or their commissioners. What your vote today is for is to decide if that position will be a fulltime position or a part-time position. When you make this decision, it will go into effect on January 1, 2023 and remain in effect through the four years of the term. Your decision will have lasting effects on the Grand County Coroner's Office and your community that it serves. Of course, data is very important but it is equally as important to have an understanding of what goes into a death investigation, how one might be handled and all of the associated workload that goes along with each investigation. Our office has been given a 25 minute slot today to explain to you what a Coroner does and there is absolutely no way that I can squeeze all of the duties in the Coroner into that timeframe.

In deciding whether you may support this bill, we would ask that you do not just consider numbers as a deciding factor. Just as we don't determine the salary of assessor on the homes they have assessed, the treasurer on the amount of tax bill they sent, or commissioner on the number of constituents that you talk to. We encourage you to support this bill based on the profession and the overall workload of the coroner and the role coroner plays in your community; not just today but for years from now.

A normal fulltime workweek is 40 hours per week which calculates to 2,080 hours per person per year. The Coroner's Office covers 24 hours per day, 365 days per year; that is 8,760 hours per year. Last year we had 101 deaths. The amount of time per death could be as little as two hours or as much as 80 plus hours. If I attempted to estimate the average time per case, I would guess 30 hours per case. That is 3,030 hours. I have not even factored in the fact that our county is 1,870 square miles and the drive time to a scene as well as the time and the means it can take us to get to the decedent from where the road ends can be very lengthy.

On paper, it looks like a full time and part time could cover that; however, that is patently untrue. To begin with, an on call shift at the Coroner's Office is for 24 hours. If you work one on call shift, you have worked 24 hours. If you work two, you have worked 48 hours. There are still five more days of on call shifts that need to be covered in a week. In order to have single deputy coroner on call at any given time, we need a minimum of three full time including the Coroner and our part-time people. However, as we know the world is not perfect. The world is in a labor crises. We are all very aware of that. On top of the labor crises, we have autopsies, vacations, sick time, holidays, trainings, meetings, and the overall administration side of running an office. Our caseload last year increased 25 percent from the year before and I can only see our call volume going up every year. Cases are becoming more demanding with each passing day. There is so much more involved in a death investigation today than even five years ago. The knowledge that a coroner needs to run the office is extensive. They must be well versed in the

medical conditions and terminology, have a working knowledge of law enforcement and law, must understand crises counseling, be an office administrator and be physically and mentally able to handle the job. There are more rules, regulations, and statutes governing how a case is handled. Death has no schedule. It does not care if it is a horrible snow storm, Christmas Day, a heat wave or the Super Bowl. It can be during normal working hours or in the middle of the night. It can be two doors down, deep in the back country, or in the water. If the office has a bare minimum staffing and we have a call in the Gore Canyon, that deputy is deep in the wilderness, does not have cell signal and is not able to take additional calls for the entire day. Another deputy has to cover. What happens when there is a death in the middle of the night and deputy has not had any sleep. Do we allow them to take another call back to back? When a case has to be autopsied, we need an additional deputy on duty to cover the on call while the other deputy is at autopsy. There are also the situations where we are subpoenaed to court and unable to schedule ourselves to take on call. This year alone, I have set aside eight weeks to testify in a court case that is continually being rescheduled. That is eight weeks we have tried to patchwork a schedule together to cover these dates. The coroner's job is absolutely full time position just as the clerk, treasurer and the assessor. We not only cover the daytime hours these offices cover, we are more like the Sheriff who covers every minute of every day. Again, death has no schedule. The Coroner works closely with the District Attorney, law enforcement, FBI, CBI, US Marshall, County Attorney, EMS, doctors, hospitals, dentists, pharmacies, fire departments, animal control, child protective services, public health, search and rescue, clerk and recorder, CDC, anthropologists, archeologists, entomologists, forensic pathologists, donor alliance, insurance companies, OSHA, toxicology labs, media, families, other coroner offices, and funeral homes.

The Coroner has to draw blood and urine from a decedent and assist the forensic pathologist with an autopsy if necessary.

They have to be able to prepare the budget, be knowledgeable about personnel rules and policies, they have to be able to read, analyze and interpret professional journals, technical procedures, and governmental regulations, comprehend medical charts, and convert levels of medication, mathematically compute toxicology results. They are required to complete mandatory state reports such as the Colorado Fatality Analysis Reporting, the Colorado Violent Death Reporting, the Colorado Unintentional Death Reporting, Center for Fatality Review and Prevention Reporting, and Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation Reporting. They also prepare payroll hours for HR and vouchers for accounting. I haven't even begun to touch on the fact the coroner is responsible to keep up on all the newest drugs and pass that information onto their deputies. It is a constant job to keep the deputy up to date and trained in all aspects of the job including investigations and most importantly to keep the deputies safety is the highest regard with everything that is going on in our world today.

Supporting Senate Bill 22-065 will go a long way in making sure that Grand County has qualified, competent Coroners for many years to come.

Thank you.

County Manager Ed Moyer noted that the legislation allows for the Board of Commissioners in consultation with the Coroner to determine if the position of the Coroner is fulltime.

Commissioner Cimino moved to determine via Senate Bill 22-065 that the Grand County Coroner position the elected official be a fulltime position as a Category 3 County and match the salary of the other elected officials. The motion passed.

Board Business

County Manager Moyer stated that he heard from the Sheriff today stating there is no need for a fire discussion today. Grand County is at a low matrix.

Calendar

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| June 21 | Rainbow Family Gathering call at 4 pm |
| June 22 | Legislator Monthly Breakfast Meeting via Zoom, 8 to 10 am |
| June 22 | Peak Materials Open House at 2270 CR 5 in Fraser, 11 am to 1 pm |
| June 23 & 30 | Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) Legislative Call via Zoom, 8:30 to 9:30 am |
| June 23 | Colorado Municipal League Conference Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) Reception in Breckenridge, starting at 4:30 pm |
| June 24 | Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) House Bill 22-1117 Lodging Tax Huddle via Zoom, 9 to 10 am |
| June 24 | Club 20 Executive Committee meeting via zoom |

- June 27 Colorado Basin Roundtable Next Steps Meeting via Zoom, noon to 4 pm
June 28 Election Day (GC BOCC Morning Meeting Set For Wednesday, June 29 – per January Resolution)
June 28 & 29 CCAT Retreat in Adams County
June 29 Regular Meeting of the Grand County Board of County Commissioners (Wednesday Meeting per January Resolution)
June 29 Downtown Design Open House at Granby Town Hall, 4 to 7 pm
July 4 County Offices Closed (Fourth of July Holiday)
July 4 Winter Park Advisory Committee at Winter Park Town Hall, 4 to 5 pm

USFS, Sulphur Ranger District Introduction, Eric Freels

Sulphur Ranger District Eric Freels introduced himself.

Mr. Freels provided the Board with maps of motorized access in both the East Troublesome and the Williams Fork fires. The Forest Service will limit the trail to motorized use. Foot travel, bicycles and equestrian uses will be allowed. The trails will eventually be opened as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Commissioner Linke stated that there is concern over the Forest Service office in Granby not being open to the public.

Commissioner Linke would like to see logging and prescribed burns started again.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 19th day of July 2022.

Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder