

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

July 19, 2022

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2
Commissioner Randal F. George, Commissioner District 3

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.

Approval of Board Minutes

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of June 21, 2022, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of June 29, 2022, with a correction.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of July 5, 2022, with a correction.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of July 12, 2022, with a correction.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on July 20, 2022, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner George moved to approve the checks presented on July 19, 2022, for payment on July 20, 2022, for the Grand County Housing Authority.

The motion passed.

Commissioner George moved to approve the vouchers presented on July 19, 2022, for payment on July 20, 2022, for the Grand County Department of Human Services.

The motion passed.

Commissioner George moved to approve wire payment, interfund transfers, and vouchers presented on July 19, 2022, for payment on July 20, 2022, for Grand County.

The motion passed.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris Baer stated that he requested bids for snow removal services from private companies for the 2022 – 2023 snow plowing season. Mr. Baer would like to know if he can move forward to sit with each of the contractors to find what they are willing to provide for not just Road and Bridge but also for the community.

Mr. Baer stated that plan around this is to put a contractor in place and utilize the contractor on roads that are closer to the vicinity of the contractor's shop. Mr. Moyer suggested that the County is not necessarily closing bids. If there are contractors contacting the county and the contractor is in the area of the county where the county needs assistance, Mr. Moyer requested that staff be given the authority to consider that contractor.

Mr. Baer stated that he would like to develop a route for the contractors and then Road and Bridge will fill in around the route. It would be as if they were an operator for Road and Bridge and that was the contractor's route every time it snowed over four inches.

Mr. Baer would like to have these contracts on a yearly basis. Mr. Baer would like to continue to utilize the contractors even if Road and Bridge is fully staffed.

The Board agreed with the solution suggested with regard to annual contracts for contractors to plow county roads.

EMS Chief Good stated that Deputy Chief Allen Pulliam is retiring soon. Chief Good introduced Austin Wingate as the new Deputy Chief.

Chief Good stated that Grand County EMS just received \$11,700 in grants for classes for the crews.

Community Development Director Kris Manguso stated that the APEN permit for Cornerstone Batch Plant has been delivered to Community Development as well as the discharge permit from the State. If the Town of Fraser is ok with the permit, Ms. Manguso will be bringing this back for signature.

Sheriff Schroetlin stated that there were a couple of fire starts within the last week. The fires were small lightning strike fires south of Copper Creek. The conditions are not good for fire growth. There were a couple of small fires from lightning strikes in the Highway 14 / Highway 40 area near Mount Baker. The size of the fire was 1/10th of an acre or less.

The matrix in Grand County does not meet any fire restrictions.

Sheriff Schroetlin stated that the Sheriff's Office has been using EForce Software for records management and computer added dispatch system since 2013. Countywide law enforcement switch to Spillman Technologies for the new system. Sheriff Schroetlin stated that he needs to downgrade the license with EForce to a category B license. All of the software that is in the previous system will still need to be accessed.

Sheriff Schroetlin requested approval of Contract between Grand County and EForce Software for one year in the amount of \$11,418.58 being half of what was being paid previously. The contract will go from date of signing for 365 calendar days.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Contract between Grand County and Eforce Contract in the amount of \$11,418.58 for one year.
The motion passed unanimously.

Manager and Attorney Items

County Manager Moyer stated that Winter Park Horseman's Association invited the Board to sponsor appreciation night which is a country and western dance. The Horseman's Association have offered tickets to the County for the Board and employees.

Mr. Moyer presented a letter to Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation District. The District has been working with properties that are on the County Road that are north of post office. There are properties that desire central water only. The District is proposing to include those properties into the District. The District would be expanding its District boundary and including the properties into the District. They would pay their District mill levy for water only. The properties are in the community service area. The County would still serve the properties with sewer. The letter Mr. Moyer prepared memorializes the County's support of this happening subject to the points in the letter.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Contract between Grand County and Cabin Works for janitorial services in the Judicial Building from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$28,080 and authorize the Chair to sign.
The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Contract between Grand County and Cabin Works for janitorial services in the Public Health Building from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$6,760.08 and authorize the Chair to sign.
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moyer noted that the Town of Winter Park is interested in being part of the discussions regarding the Moffat Tunnel lease.

Mr. Moyer stated that there is around 300 hours or approximately \$48,000 needed on the SQ Contract to fully implement Acela. The County has an annual renewal of Acela in the amount of \$26,000. That was reduced to

\$22,000. The Community Development Director is looking at how much staff time can be dedicated to minimize the number of hours that the County would contract with SQ to complete the work. It is best to get this implemented in the fall.

Mr. Moyer stated that NRCS authorize the connectivity channel project and approved funding.

Mr. Moyer prepared a letter of support for the Grand County Irrigated Land Company for the Vail Ditch Conservation and Efficiency Project. The Grand County Irrigated Land Company is applying to the community funding partnership accelerator grant through the River District. Mr. Moyer requested the Board approve and sign the letter of support.

Commissioner George moved to approve the Letter of Support for the Grand County Irrigated Land Company for the Vail Ditch Conservation and Efficiency Project to the River District for the community funding partnership accelerator grants.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve the Grand County Business Correspondence Policy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Weydert has agreed to serve on the County's Insurance Committee to replace the term being vacated by Sara Rosene.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-07-04, "AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORTS SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND CDOT AERONAUTICS SURPLUS AUCTION"

Resolution No. 2022-07-05, "AUTHORIZING GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO HIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST I"

Resolution No. 2022HA-07-06, "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 2"

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously

Board Business

Commissioner Cimino stated he will schedule time with Mariette McGrath regarding the Grand County Board of Health.

The Board discussed the committees and boards upon which member serves.

Commissioner Cimino:

1. Tourism Resort and Economic Development Steering Committee of CCAT (Chair)
2. Attends the other steering committees of CCAT
3. Emergency Fire Fund
4. Health Insurance Affordability Board
5. Board of Geographic Names
6. CCI

Commissioner Linke:

1. AGNC (Associate member)
2. Club 20 (Executive Committee)
3. CCI
4. Colorado River Roundtable (Ag Representative)
5. Northwest Colorado Workshop Consortium (Serves as Local Elected Official)
6. Grand County Wildfire Council (Vice Chair)

Commissioner George is interested in taking on the committees upon which Commissioner Manguso served.

Water Protection, Letter of Support Request

Water Quality Specialist Kyli Foulk came before the Board to request a letter of support for the accelerator grant application for the Kawuneeche Valley Ecosystem Restoration Collaborative (KVERC)

Who is KVERC?

A collaborative of agencies and organizations focused on ecosystem restoration of the Kawuneeche Valley to support its ecological, economic and community well-being. It is committed to:

- Using an inclusive process that seeks and values input from the diversity of residents, businesses, landowners and interests in the valley.
- Strengthening the Valley's resilience to the impacts of climate change.
- Developing comprehensive and ambitious restoration plans for implementation with local partners.
- Achieving long-term benefits of a healthy environment, including improved water quality, wildlife habitat, drought resilience, and aesthetic and recreational value.

KVERC is comprised of representatives from seven core organizations: Town of Grand Lake, Grand County, The Nature Conservancy, National Park Service - Rocky Mountain National Park, United States Forest Service - Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Northern Water.

Why did KVERC form?

KVERC formed in early 2020 to facilitate an effective approach to restoration in the Kawuneeche Valley. The KVERC organizations share the goal of a healthy and resilient watershed, occupied by a mix of public and private landowners, which serves diverse ecological, recreational, and economic interests.

Why does the Kawuneeche Valley need restoration?

The Kawuneeche Valley has a long history of diverse land uses, and some of those now-abandoned land uses have contributed to impaired ecological function. For example, past land use activities and wildlife management in the region have nearly eliminated willows and reduced other wetland plant communities, dewatered wetlands, and reduced biodiversity needed in a high functioning ecosystem. In addition, the impacts of a changing climate have led to instances of unusually drier and warmer seasons, and this has exacerbated the negative ecological effects of the valley's historic uses. The combined effects and events led to the Kawuneeche Valley being unable to provide many of the ecological functions it used to support and we need it to support for ecological and social well-being: flood control, wildfire resilience, wildlife habitat, and drought adaptation.

What are the specific plans for restoration?

KVERC identified four potential sites that would be highly suitable for the first ecosystem restoration project based on the sites' degraded ecological status, and the likely success and cost-effectiveness of restoration activities. These sites are KVERC's current focus, and include Beaver, Baker, Bowen, and Onahu Creeks, all located within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The Collaborative has completed the survey work for the project; however, funding is needed for the survey data analysis, final design which would include design drawings, in-stream treatments (e.g. simulated beaver structures), willow plantings, and fencing and monitoring plans. Thus, KVERC is applying for the Accelerator Grant Funding through the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

The grant request is for up to \$50,000.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and sign the letter of support for KVERC as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Information Security Officer and Information Quarterly Reports

Chief Information Security Officer and Information Systems Director Thomas Johnson presented his quarterly report.

Mr. Johnson noted that there have been an increase in tickets of approximately 100 per month from last year. Most of the tickets are attributed to projects and to cyber security related questions. Sheriff and Dispatch had peaks in March due to the deployment of a new program.

There are seasonable spikes such as election time for Clerk and Recorder.

Internally, the Department sets a SAL response for one hour. When someone puts in a ticket, there is an automated response stating the ticket was created. A live interaction is set for 30 minutes.

Once a ticket is resolved, a survey is sent out. There were 111 responses. To date, there have been 83 responses. The aggregate is 97 percent above 75 percent.

Mr. Johnson noted that Grand County has a fairly high failure rate with regard to clicking on simulated phishing attempts. Mr. Johnson encouraged employees to think before clicking on odd emails.

For the annual training, Grand County is at 51 percent completion. Mr. Johnson is asking employees to log into knowbe4, which is the platform used for training.

There is a broadband working group with a lot of ISPs and Mr. Johnson is participating with that group.

Board Business

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the letter of support for the service additions by Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation District and authorize the Board signatures be stamped.

The motion passed unanimously.

Calendar

July 20 Commissioner Cimino to Speak at Legislative Wildfire Matters Committee Meeting at CCI in Denver, Starting at 2 pm
July 20 GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to Town of Kremmling, Starting at 6 pm
July 20 Technical Working Group for Wolf Introduction 8 to 4
July 21-24 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference at Gaylord Rockies Resort in Aurora, All Day
July 21 AGNC Legislative Call via Zoom, 8:30 to 9:30 am
July 21 Peak Health Alliance Executive Committee Conference Call, 2-3 pm
July 22 Kawuneeche Visitor Ecosystem Restoration Collaborative Field Tour in Rocky Mountain National Park, Starting at 9 am
July 25 Colorado Basin Roundtable via Zoom, Starting at noon
July 27 Peak Health Alliance Executive Committee Conference Call, 2-3 pm
July 28-29 Summer Policy Committee Meetings at Colo. NW Community College in Rangely, All Day
July 28 AGNC Legislative Call via Zoom, 8:30 to 9:30 am

Wireless Research Center Update

Jeremy Kennell presented.

Connected Communities, a project of WRC, is excited to announce the launch of DigitalBridge Grand County (DigitalBridge) beginning in August 2022. We launched our initial DigitalBridge @ Dubois earlier this year at the Dubois Campus in Wake Forest, North Carolina. As a result, we have provided more than 225 trainings since our opening in April of '22. We are excited to bring this infrastructure and momentum to Grand County. As we continue to implement programming, DigitalBridge Grand County (DigitalBridge) will hire two part-time employees to provide training in Grand County through the end of 2022. Utilizing the Grand County Library District and other community facilities, the DigitalBridge will provide free digital Skills training, job pairing, and access to the Digital BPO. These facilities' use allows regular programming in the Winter Park/Fraser area, Granby area, and Kremmling area.

As mentioned in the previous updates, we have been building the infrastructure necessary to bring opportunities for job skilling into Grand County, and we are excited to open training opportunities to Grand County Residents.

As part of this process, we are working with several collaborators, including the Office of the Future or Remote Digital Work, Colorado Broadband Office, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, keystone businesses, and others, to accelerate the momentum and opportunities. The team has also begun reaching out to keystone businesses to provide internal staff training to upskill existing employees to offer digital skills to necessary business operations.

Utilizing the funding provided from Grand County, partners, and the revenue model of the BPO, this programming is free to charge to Grand County residents.

Updated Timeline & Milestones (Updated Jul 13, 2022)

Utilizing the allocated funding, DigitalBridge plans to implement the following scoping items below, based upon funding allocations.

Q3 - Q4, 2022 (90 days): Planning/Scaling & Deploy Programming & Training

- Secure location for the first DigitalBridge to act as a central shared location
- Begin marketing & registration
- Begin programming
- Network with existing anchor employers in Grand County to provide training opportunities for existing employees.
- Network with local, and national, businesses to create job pairing opportunities
- Begin enrollment & informational sessions
- Continue key partnerships with institutions such as: Grand County Higher Education, Northwest Colorado Workforce Development, and other key organizations.
- Introductory Pathways: These courses allow all individuals to engage in training regardless of their existing skill set, providing foundational knowledge to continue onto additional Upskilling/Retraining courses or Career Pathways.
- Establish a regional advisory board to create additional input and opportunities
- Begin Career Pathways Certifications: These courses vary from six to ten weeks and include; Data Analytics Certification, UX Design Developer Certification, IT Support Certification, Digital Marketing Certification, Remote working Fundamentals
- Select 5 - 10 individuals for immediate career change through Career Pathways.
- Provide training to a total of 150 (non-exclusive) participants between July - December 2022
- Provide a minimum of 15 new digital middle-skill jobs in Grand County

In late December 2021, Connected Communities (CC), was awarded full funding from the Town of Wake Forest (\$1.2M in ARPA funding) to open its first DigitalBridge at the Dubois Campus in Wake Forest, North Carolina. This funding allowed us to move forward with building the core infrastructure, website, curriculum, process design, measurement and evaluation, and other necessary components to also help implement training in Grand County. Using this funding allows Connected Communities to begin programming while generating income and additional funding for additional services.

As a result of these changes, the existing allocated funding for Grand County will be directed to key services associated with delivering programming of the DigitalBridge, in Grand County, including the necessary infrastructure to support these services. We will be using the funding from Grand County and others, to implement the DigitalBridge in Grand County.

This funding allows the Connected Communities to further develop the following components;

- Continued development of the Service Bureau (Business Process & Outsourcing) to fund additional services and funding
- Leveraging support and funding both in kind/cash from existing entities and organizations
- Website and development of virtual & in-person learning pathways
- Development of necessary infrastructure, measurement & impact systems, and necessary support mechanisms.
- Utilize the Grand County / Freeport funding to provide staffing and programming beginning in Quarter 2, 2022
- Adding additional services, including working with key employers to develop an upskilling and trailing Spouse training program for existing and new families in Grand County.

During the second half of 2021, Connected Communities submitted an EDA Economic Adjustment Grant (Grand County) and an EDA Build Back Better Challenge Grant (Regional). The EDA did not provide funding for either of these grants. The successful funding from the Town of Wake Forest, negates the need for much of the budget that was required from these EDA applications.

Utilizing the momentum and infrastructure provided through Connected Communities' efforts in North Carolina, funding from Grand County, Freeport-McMoRan, and in-kind support from Grand County organizations, Connected Communities, intends to open a DigitalBridge in a central location in Q2 2022, utilizing allocated funding. Connected Communities is actively seeking additional local, regional, and national funds for this project. If successful will accelerate the numbers and timeline below (TBD based on the amount of funding secured).

Currently, we and Grand County Economic Development to schedule meetings with key employers across Grand County to begin soliciting potential participants, including trailing spouses, family members, and general community recommendations. This list includes organizations such as Winter Park Resort, YMCA of the Rockies, Granby Ranch, Mountain Parks Electric, Cabin Works, and others to better inform the specific training needs for key industries in our community. We will also discuss with these organizations the upskilling of their employees.

Department Comments, Contract, Issues

Commissioner George moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-9-40, "A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE GRAND GRAVEL SPECIAL USE PERMIT LOCATED ON 21.21 ACRES, LOCATED IN SECTION 1 AND 12 TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 80 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., GRAND COUNTY, 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 1:54 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 26th day of July 2022.

Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder