

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

August 23, 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.

Mariette McGrath presented information regarding the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (www.openvaers.com).

Daniella Gosselova wanted to make sure that people knew that the State Water Plan is up for review.

Finance

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on August 24, 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 August 23, 2022, for payment on August 24, 2022, for the Grand County Housing Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve the vouchers presented on August 23, 2022, for payment on August 24, 2022, for the Grand County Department of Human Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve wire payment and vouchers presented on August 23, 2022, for payment on August 24, 2022, for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the renewal of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License with Optional Premises for Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District dba Bistro 28 at Pole Creek as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to appointment Alexis Kimbrough as Interim Director of Grand County Emergency Management.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve out-of-state travel for Alex Kimbrough to the 2022 International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 70th Annual Conference & EMEX. In Savannah, Georgia from November 12, 2022 to November 17, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve out-of-state travel for DiAnn Butler to the Orton Heart and Soul Foundation Coach Training in Burlington, Vermont, from September 20, 2022 to September 23, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Update from the Wireless Research Center

The Digital Bridge continues to move forward with establishing programming and partnerships for Grand County Employers. To provide equitable access to our residents, we have partnered with the Grand County Library District to provide place-based programming in the Winter Park/Fraser, Grand Lake, Granby, and Kremmling areas.

Notable updates include;

- An employer-based survey was to the employers in Grand County (the week of Aug 22). This survey measures the need for digital skills from employers. We will work directly with employers to deliver training to their employees' digital skills gaps. This information allows the Digital Bridge to assist our local businesses in filling the jobs internally and for new hires.
- The Digital Bridge will host a soft launch in August with employers and individuals for initial training the week of August 28.
- A more significant launch event will take place in early September, including an analysis of the gap in digital skills in the work force within Grand County and the more significant gap in the US. This larger event will be promoted through multiple channels, including press, partner newsletters, and community announcements.
- Continued updating of courseware continues with our current catalog, with over 130 courses and certifications available to our clients.
- The Digital Bridge has partnered with the Mountain Family Center to provide training & job placement to employers in Grand County, with their clients looking for employment requiring digital skills.
- Corresponding with our launch event in early September, we will announce Connected Communities Works, an inner arm of Connected Communities that provides job pairing and access to benefits for digital workers in the markets we serve

Commissioner Cimino moved to accept the grant award in the amount of \$57,500 from FEMA and authorize the County Manager to sign the award document for EMW-2021-FG-11606. This is to purchase 12 radios in order to communicate with Federal partners.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Agreement for Shared WIC Services between Summit County, Colorado and Grand County, Colorado in the amount of \$42,750.50 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Health Director Abbie Baker stated that Grand County Homecare is licensed through Medicaid. Grand County Homecare was under the prevue of Grand County Home Health but that portion of the agency is no longer a part of Grand County Public Health. The bylaws need to be updated to reflect that change.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the change to the Grand County Homecare Program Bylaws and authorize the Board to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-7-12, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED FINAL PLAT, LOT 4 & LOT 5, BLOCK 21, INNSBRUCK-VAL MORITZ SUBDIVISION, A REPLAT OF AMENDED FINAL PLAT, LOT 4 AND LOT 5, BLOCK 21, INNSBRUCK-VAL MORITZ RECORDED AT RECEPTION NUMBER 2016004264 OF THE GRAND COUNTY REAL PROPERTY RECORDS, LOCATED IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 76 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO" and authorize the Chair to sign all applicable documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-5-19, "A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN A PART OF THE SOUTH ½ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 76 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., GRAND COUNTY COLORADO" and authorize the Board to sign all applicable documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-2-9, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED FINAL PLAT OF COLUMBINE LAKE LOTS 85A AND 87A, COLUMBINE LAKE SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 85, 86 AND 87, BLOCK 6 COLUMBINE LAKE, AT RECEPTION NO. 100970, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4N, RANGE 76 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO" and authorize to the Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Community Development Director Kris Manguso stated that Kremmling Memorial Hospital is requesting the building permit fee be waived for a permit to repair a wall due to a recent accident and a permit to replace equipment.

Commissioner Cimino moved to waive building permit fees for Kremmling Memorial Hospital District as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager & Attorney Items

County Manager Moyer stated that he attended a meeting between the Grand County Mutual Ditch and Reservoir Company (for which he is the President) and Grand County Irrigated Land Company. There was a tour of the Vail Ditch looking at the potential projects.

Commissioner Cimino moved to enter into the Letter of Understanding between East Grand, Grand, Grand Lake, Hot Sulphur Springs and Parshall, and Kremmling Fire Districts and Grand County in the amount of \$26,250 for the Grand County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moyer requested the approval and execution of Letter of Support for the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs for a Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership Grant. This is tied to the East Troublesome Fire and the aftermath of that and the impacts to the Colorado River. The request is for legal and technical support and developing a new clear well for water treatment.

Commissioner Cimino moved to sign of Letter of Support for the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs to apply to the Colorado River District for a Community Funding Partnership grant.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moyer met with the Corp of Engineers to finalize the comments and language on the draft MOA.

Yesterday the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership met and they are finalizing the ballot language to be on the November ballot.

Assistant County Manager Micah Benson stated that there was a tour with NRCS, Northern Water, and Grand County. The tour visited areas A and B.

In the County portion (Area B), the tour visited three sites: Ennis Headgate, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Residence, and Drowsy Water.

In Area A, the tour visited Pole Creek, projects on C Lazy U, Stillwater berm, and Redtop Ditch.

There was a major flood and debris flow event on Saturday. Mud came down the hillside behind one of the residences at Drowsy Water Ranch. The debris also caused two cabins to come off the foundations.

NRCS would like to know flow rates and whether the cause of the damage was a 25-year storm or 50-year storm, or 100-year storm. The precipitation gauge above Drowsy Water showed they received 1.17 inches in about 1 hour and 15 minutes. (There was .25 of an inch in five minutes.)

In the same time period, Windy Gap, rose about 54 cfs and below Drowsy water, the Colorado River rose 560 cfs. Smith Creek flooded as well but there was no damage to the EWP project.

The damage from the rain event may prompt more EWP projects in the Drowsy Water area.

Ms. Benson stated that the Wellness Committee would like to bring someone to do chair massages for County employees. This would allow for a 15 minute massage for County employees. Ms. Benson requested the Board waive the requirement for a contract.

Commissioner Cimino moved to waive the requirement for a contract for massages for County employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022HA-8-10, "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 901, UNIT 14"

Resolution No. 2022-8-11, "APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO GRAND FOUNDATION"

Commissioner George moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Aug. 24, 2022 Henderson Community Partnership Panel via Zoom, 10 to 11:30 am
Aug. 25-26, 2022 Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) Conference in Salida, All Day
Aug. 25, 2022 Associated Government of Northern Colorado (AGNC) Economic Development Summit in the Ute Theatre, Rifle, Colo., 9 am to 4:30 pm
Aug. 26, 2022 Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) Wildfire Subcommittee Update via Zoom, 8 am to noon
Aug. 26, 2022 CCAT Housing Meeting & Initiative #108 via Zoom, starting at 1 pm
Aug. 28, 2022 Grand County Historical Association Fundraiser Event at Bar Lazy 2 in Fraser, 1 to 4 pm
Aug. 29, 2022 Colorado Basin Roundtable: Next Steps, via Zoom, noon to 4 pm
Aug. 30, 2022 No Regular Meeting of the Grand County Board of County Commissioners (Fifth Tuesday); County Offices Closed
Sept. 5, 2022 County Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day
Sept. 7, 2022 GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to the Town of Fraser, at Fraser Town Hall, 6-7:30 pm
Sept. 8, 2022 Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting at Java Lava Café, in Granby, 7:30-9 am
Sept. 9-10, 2022 Club 20 Fall Conference and Candidate Debates at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, All Day
Sept. 12, 2022 Mayors / Managers / Commissioners Meeting with Town of Winter Park as Host, Winter Park Town Hall, 10 am to noon
Sept. 14, 2022 GC BOCC to Attend Department Head Meeting in the Grand County Administration Building Boardroom, 8 to 9:30 am
Sept. 15, 2022 National Association of Counties (NACo) West Region Regular Conference Call, 2 to 3:30 pm
Sept. 15, 2022 Peak Health Alliance Executive Committee Conference Call, 2 to 3 pm
Sept. 15, 2022 CCAT Ad Hoc Committee Meeting via Zoom, 3:30 to 5 pm
Sept. 16, 2022 Colorado River District Annual Water Seminar at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, All Day
Sept. 16-18, 2022 Stanko Ranch Community Dialogue Event in Steamboat Springs, All Day
Sept. 17, 2022 Military Veterans Park Dedication in Grand Lake, 9 to 11 am
Every Friday High Country Conservatives Lunch Gatherings at Rockies Restaurant in Grand Lake, Noon to 1 pm

Grand County Assessor – Abstract

County Assessor Tom Weydert presented the Abstract of Assessment. This includes preliminary numbers after going through evaluations, protests and appeals. The Abstract now goes to the State for it to review.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Abstract of Assessment and authorize the Chair to sign all applicable documents.
The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Stagecoach Meadows Amended Final Plat, Lots 15A, 17 & 18; and Utility Easement Vacation

The public hearing scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. was called to order by Chair Linke 9:47 a.m. County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue set the record as follows:

- A Application dated May 11, 2022
- B Public Notice – Middle Park Times, July 27, 2022
- C Proof of Publication – Middle Park Times, July 27, 2022
- D Vicinity Map as established by the Grand County GIS System
- E List of adjacent property owners, as established by the Grand County GIS System
- F Certified Mailings to all property owners within 500’ as established by the Grand County GIS System
- G Public Review Sheets (no names)
- H Certificate of Recommendation dated August 23, 2022

PROJECT NAME Stagecoach Meadows Amended Final Plat Lots 15A, 17, and 18 and Utility Easement Vacations
APPLICANT Christopher Koerner; Christine and Paul Bockmann
LOCATION 1142 GCR 5171 Stagecoach Meadows
ZONING Forestry and Open (F)
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS Grand County Zoning Regulations; Grand County Master Plan; Colorado Revised Statute (CRS)§43-2-303
ATTACHMENTS
A. Project Narrative

B. Vicinity Map

C. Proposed Amended Final Plat

STAFF Jorune Klisauskaite, Planner I

REQUEST The Applicants are requesting approval to split co-owned Lot 17 into halves and combine each respective half to Lot 15A and Lot 18. The Applicants are also requesting approval to vacate twenty foot utility easements along common property lines of Lot 15A & 17 and 17 & 18.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

Christopher Koerner is the owner of Lot 18 by Warranty Deed recorded at Reception No. 2000010539. Christine and Paul Bockmann are the owners of Lot 15A by Warranty Deed recorded at Reception No. 2021014097. Both parties have undivided 50% interest in Lot 17 which lies in between their individually owned lots, by Special Warranty Deed recorded at Reception No. 2022002353 of the Grand County Records.

The Applicants are requesting approval of an Amended Final Plat to split and combine half of Lot 17 with Lot 15A and the other half with Lot 18, creating two lots out of three.

Stagecoach Meadows was originally platted in 2000 (Reception No. 2000008387) with dedicated twenty foot (20') easements along all rear and side lot lines. This request would vacate the common property line of Lot 15A & 17 and 17 & 18 in addition to the corresponding utility easements.

The proposal will also extend building envelopes of the existing two lots, Lot 15A and Lot 18, by connecting them to the building envelope of Lot 17. The newly established building envelopes will remain the same distance from County Road 5171 and all setbacks. If approved Lot 17A will become 3.87 acres and Lot 15B will become 5.83 acres.

The proposed Amended Final Plat will vacate property lines and corresponding utility easements of Lot 17 and reestablish a twenty foot (20') utility easements to the newly shared property line of Lot 15B and Lot 17A.

ZONING REGULATIONS –FORESTRY AND OPEN DISTRICT

Each proposed lot is compliant with minimum area and width requirements for the Forestry and Open District. The lots will additionally contain sufficient land to meet minimum setbacks, should additions be made to the existing single family dwellings on Lots 17 and 15A.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff believes that the utility easement vacation request is in compliance with the above statutes and applying the vacation would not affect utility access to adjacent property owners. Staff received written approval from Middle Parks Electric on August 5, 2022 stating, "We do not have any power lines along these lot lines so we are okay with the vacation... however, we would like to reserve 10 feet along the sides of the new lots for our equipment". This is satisfied by ten (10) foot utility easements dedicated on the front and side lot lines of proposed Lots 15B and 18A. Xcel Energy was notified by mail, however, Staff did not receive any correspondence from the company.

Adjacent landowners were also notified twenty (20) days prior to the Board of County Commissioners meeting by first class mail on July 27, 2022. Public notice was published in the July 28, 2022 issue of Middle Park Times. Staff received an HOA letter from Stagecoach Meadows dated on June 28, 2022, approving the proposed project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Stagecoach Meadows Amended Final Plat Lots 15A, 17, and 18 and the corresponding utility easement vacations. The following conditions are to be met or sufficiently addressed prior to recording:

1. The title of the plat shall be corrected to reflect conveyance to the subdividers as outlined above.
2. Easement references shall be corrected to reflect accurate Reception Numbers.
3. A 14"x 18" black-line Mylar with approved addresses and road numbers shall be provided.
4. Quit Claim Deeds shall be provided conveying the new property description for each newly created lot.
5. An electronic copy of the Final Plat shall be provided.

All recording fees are to be paid by the Applicant. All legal documents required in conjunction with the final approval of this request are subject to the review and acceptance of the County Attorney.

Commissioner George moved to approve Stagecoach Meadows Amended Final Plat Lots 15A, 17, and 18 and Utility Easement Vacations as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to close the public hearing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Rural Health Network – Update and School-Based Health Center Announcement

Presented by Rural Health Network Director Jen Fanning:

The Rural Health Network received a School Based Health Center Grant in the amount \$50,000. The grant started July 1, 2022 and goes through June 30, 2023 and there are some multiple years after that. The grant is to help plan for and talk with community about school-based health centers.

Grand County is one of five counties in Colorado that has neither a federally qualified health center nor a school based health center. These centers serve people who are uninsured.

About 11 percent of the children and 17 percent of adults in Grand County are uninsured.

Review Budgeted Revenues, Finance Director Curtis Lange

Finance Director Curtis Lange provided the Board with projected revenues. To provide that information, Mr. Lange uses different methods; last year's budget or this years' actual estimated revenue.

According to the most recent Abstract of Assessments, assessed value is up by nearly \$1 million from last year. Mr. Lange understands that new construction is what caused the value to go up. Property taxes are essentially flat for 2023.

For the first part of 2022, sales tax has been up 20 to 25 percent. Mr. Lange used the actual sales tax numbers to predict the revenue for 2022 and 2023.

Mr. Lange does not expect Specific Ownership Tax to increase.

Mr. Lange reported that he will budget \$61 million for 2023.

Grand County Tourism Board – Sustainability Update

Ron Ellis, Nancy Dulac, Paul Lewis, and Lindsey Morrow came to the Board to discuss the Tourism Board.

Mr. Ellis stated that he has three items to discuss today.

1. Sustainability project
2. Impact of project will have
3. What will economy look like going forward

Tourism is a big piece of Grand County. By one estimation, approximately 61 percent of economy supporting over 5,600 jobs, generating 73 percent of the sales tax revenue, it is the largest industry in the County. It has an immeasurable impact on who we are and what we do.

It is important to know what impact it has and what impact we want it to have moving forward.

Creating a sustainable future for Grand County Tourism – Doing our part to ensure Grand County remains a great place to live, work and play for generations to come.

Creating a future that's right for Grand County Tourism

The need has surfaced for a Sustainable Tourism Strategic Plan to support responsible growth, positively impact quality of life, and respect our county's natural environment.

- A strong tourism sector has consistently helped grow & sustain the Grand County's economy.
- Concerns have risen about a shortage of housing and affordability, as well as perceptions of too much tourism, and stress on infrastructure.
- Recent events have impacted our resilience as a destination and overall sentiment towards tourism.

What the Tourism Board has learned through the outreach work

Key Themes

➤ Due to the perception of over tourism, locals are concerned that Grand County is losing its identity and sense of community.

- Grand County’s current tourism infrastructure may be unable to support growing tourism levels.
- Preserving the natural beauty of Grand County is critical to the future success of tourism and local quality of life.
- Grand County lacks a diverse array of assets and activities and is overly reliant on its outdoors and recreational assets.
- Workforce issues and housing shortages are putting even more pressure on the strained infrastructure and local community.
- The local community and some industry stakeholders have yet to fully appreciate the positive impacts that tourism brings to Grand County.
- We don’t have a countywide plan for strategic, coordinated management of the destination.

With a spirit of collaboration, we need to work together to create the right plan for Grand County.

1. Stakeholder Outreach—county-wide survey and interviews to understand how people are thinking about tourism and the future
2. Advisory Group—provides real-time input and perspective from residents and industry stakeholders
3. Town Hall Listening Sessions—ensures we provide the opportunity for community input at critical junctures of the planning process
4. Special Counsel—opportunity to access specific subject matter expertise as the planning work progresses

Mr. Ellis stated that the Tourism Board has partnered with economic development to get more information to find what customers do while in Grand County. The Tourism Board is able to be more targeted in its marketing.

Mr. Ellis stated that the tourism industry needs to think of itself as destination stewards, considering

Economy	Culture	Environment
Positively contributes to a long-term balanced and healthy local economy, creating opportunity and benefit for all Grand County communities	Honors, celebrates and supports local culture, heritage and traditions, and enriches quality of life for all Grand County residents.	Respects, protects and preserves our natural resources and wildlife.

County infrastructure – including, but not limited to, roads, facilities, wayfinding, and broadband – is able to keep pace with resident and visitor demand.

The Tourism Board will be updating its vision and mission to align with sustainable tourism, will work on how to broaden its marketing functions and will adjust priorities in its financial strategy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 6th day of September 2022.

 Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

 Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder