



COMMISSIONERS Corner

News & Updates from Grand County's
Board of County Commissioners



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

August 24

2 p.m. - Proposed Fee Changes*

**Subject to change.*

Final agendas are posted by the Friday
ahead of Tuesday BOCC meetings at:
www.co.grand.co.us./AgendaCenter

GRAND FOUNDATION: 2021 DONOR ADVISED FUND REPORT

Grand Foundation Executive Director **Megan Ledin** gave an update regarding 2021 distributions for the BOCC Donor Advised Fund:

\$330,000 was awarded to 24 nonprofit organizations. \$213,200 (64.6%) went to Health & Human Service organizations; \$85,000 (25.8%) to Environmental organizations; and \$31,800 (9.6%) to Education organizations.

Ledin asked if Commissioners are planning to fund block grants for 2022; Commissioners were in favor of continuing to provide for the Board of County Commissioners Donor Advised Fund in three main categories (Health and Human Services, Education, and Environment).

The application period for 2022 will open October 15. Applications are due by December 1. Awards will be announced in January 2022. **For more information, visit www.GrandFoundation.com.**

The Grand Foundation has played an integral role in Fire Recovery. In addition to financially assisting victims, Ledin secured a grant to help fund the OEM's Recovery Coordinator position.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** gave a COVID-19 update for Grand County:

- 18 cases in the last 7 days; 31 cases in the last two weeks (*figures do not include 7 cases that were due to be reported Wednesday*)
- Positivity is now over 10%
- Vaccination rate remains relatively flat at 62.6%
- Public Health has adjusted testing offerings, and is closely monitoring hospital resources available both locally and regionally

As a follow-up to a discussion last week regarding Informed Consent, Director Baker provided examples of what patients and parents receive prior to receiving any vaccine. Baker also stated that the County's website provides links to each vaccine providers' offering and documents explaining emergency use authorization.



Per CDC guidance, Public Health is currently making plans for vaccine clinics to administer booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals with severe autoimmune issues.

BOARD BUSINESS

The BOCC discussed the following items:

- As part of the Opioid Settlement, Grand County has until November 3 to appoint a representative to the NorthWest Region. Grand County is currently set to receive \$16,000 per year as part of the settlement, which must be spent on opioid addiction treatment and addition education. Other regions have pooled each county's annual settlement award to fund a detox center. A workshop will be scheduled to discuss the options further.
 - What, if any, contribution the County could make to assist with fuel reduction projects in unincorporated neighborhoods.
 - Commissioners reviewed a draft of Grand County EMS' mill levy resolution.
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2021 ASPHALT PLAN

County Engineer **Tim Gagnon** gave a presentation outlining the County's 2020/21 construction projects, including asphalt paving projects and bid summaries. Since 2015, Grand County Road & Bridge has worked to resurface many county roads according to the County's asphalt plan. Gagnon compared the pros and cons of chip sealing old asphalt roads vs. complete asphalt resurfacing, and provided a financial summary of the options.

To view the entire presentation:

- Visit www.co.grand.co.us, and click on the Agendas & Minutes icon.
- Click the link for the Aug 17, 2021 County Commissioners Agenda
- When the PDF opens, click the blue "Click Here to Access Agenda Items Support Documents."
- Navigate to the August 17 folder documents.



TERM LIMIT BALLOT QUESTION

The BOCC approved a ballot measure and language related to term limits for Grand County elected officials, including the Sheriff, Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, Coroner, Assessor and Surveyor (*Commissioners are already limited to three consecutive terms*). The ballot language will be available to the public after certification by the Clerk & Recorder in early September.

WEST GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

West Grand School District Interim Superintendent **Elizabeth Bauer** and Finance Director **Martha Schake** gave a District update that included information about a proposed 4.525 mill levy increase that will appear on the Town of Kremmling's local ballot this November.

Currently, the District receives 18.419 mills for operating expenses, and an additional 6.921 bond mill - for a total of 25.340 mills.

The additional 4.525 mills would assist the District with long-term financial security; several of the federal grant funds the District has taken advantage of will no longer be available.



Photo courtesy Mountain Town News

Schake said the additional mills would translate to a property tax increase of \$126 per year assuming a home price of \$400,000.

Bauer said the District has taken advantage of grants as they come available. Recent projects funded by grants include a new HVAC system at the high school, new security camera systems at both schools, and one of Colorado's first electric school buses.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** provided the following updates:

- **Internships:** The County had two internship applicants this year, and was budgeted for 16. Going forward, additional efforts will be made to promote internship opportunities.
- **Short Term Rentals:** A work group comprised of staff and engaged citizens is being created to discuss the topic. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 7 to address amendments to the Short Term Rentals regulations. Staff is looking into making contract amendments with Host Compliance and Granicus to aid with enforcement.
- Budget meetings with the department heads and staff will take place the week of August 30.
- Results of the Evergreen Solutions compensation survey are tentatively scheduled to be presented to the BOCC September 7.
- County Attorney **Christopher Leahy** gave an update regarding the Moffat Tunnel Lease. In addition to correspondence to the Department of Local Affairs expressing Grand County's expectations to be involved in future lease negotiation discussions, staff was given direction to contact all of the counties that would be involved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- On behalf of Grand County Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg**, Collaborative Management Program Manager **Amy Chamberlin** presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to receiving \$24,754.65 in funding to support the department in managing the workload related to the Public Health Emergency. The IGA was approved as presented.
- Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave Commissioners an update about Emergency Water Protection (EWP) projects. The Drowsy Water Creek project has been put out to bid to the pre-qualified contractors, a site meeting with the contractors is scheduled for next week. Construction is anticipated to begin early Sept and be complete by mid Oct. This project includes work on BLM property. Landowner meetings continue for several other projects.
- Emergency Manager Director **Joel Cochran** and Deputy Director **Alexis Kimbrough** gave a fire recovery update, stating that more than 70 support documents have been submitted to FEMA related to East Troublesome Fire expenses. The County is seeking to be reimbursed for 75% (\$333,443) of total wildfire-related expenses (\$444,591).
 - Cochran also reported that Southern Baptist Disaster Recovery is returning this week to complete debris removal on six job sites. The Colorado-based volunteer teams are expected to be here about two weeks.
- Regarding Fire Restrictions: Commissioners stated Grand County will remain in Stage 2 for at least another week, and will re-evaluate conditions next week.
- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** presented the following Resolutions, all were approved as presented:
 - Resolution No. 2019-8-18 approving the final plat, Blue Valley Ranch Spring Creek Bridge Outright Exemption
 - Resolution No. 2021-4-34 approving the amended final plat of amended Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Block 2, Val Moritz Village
 - Resolution No. 2021-7-41 approving the amended final plat of Lot 32A, Olvey's First Subdivision
- Water Quality Specialist **Katherine Morris** presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Grand County and several other agencies regarding a Drought Preparedness Plan. The MOU was approved.

Two Public Hearings were held:

- Special Use Permit Renewal for Grand Gravel, Kremmling, CO - **Approved with conditions**
- Special Use Permit for Byers Peak Properties, LLC Mobile Concrete Plant - **Approved with conditions**

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE
Betty Cranmer's 100th birthday!

Sunday, August 29 4 p.m.
Polhamus Park, Granby