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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



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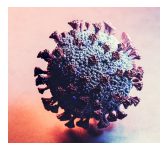
CDOT SAFETY CIRCUIT RIDER PROGRAM



Dan Roussin from CDOT's Traffic and Safety Branch gave a presentation about the Safety Circuit Rider Program, which provides safety-related information, training and support to local agencies responsible for roadway safety.

The presentation provided crash data for Grand County, including the number of fatalities and alcohol-related incidents. More than 60 percent of vehicular fatalities annually occur on rural roads. The SCR program's goal is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities on local roadways by providing local agencies with training, equipment loans, and consultation regarding signage, shouldering and striping.

PUBLIC HEALTH | COVID UPDATE



Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** gave an update about COVID-19 cases and deaths in Grand County:

- 101 cases in the last 7 days; 144 cases in the last two weeks
 - 642 / 100,000 transmission rate puts Grand County in the " (very) high transmission" category

- Currently there are 5 hospitalizations
- 4 current outbreaks, including in both school districts and the Grand County jail
- Pediatric cases (positive cases in juveniles ages 18 & younger) are steadily rising
 - 48 of Grand County's cases in August were pediatric
 - About 2% of hospitalizations are pediatric cases

WRC UPDATE

Representatives from the Wireless Research Center (WRC) gave a progress report regarding the establishment of a Digital Innovation Hub in Grand County. (WRC was previously granted \$60,000 by the Board of County Commissioners toward development of a Digital Workforce Training Program.)

The organization has applied for EDA funding via the American Resclue Plan Act in the amount of \$1.3 million, and has submitted a number of grant applications to private organizations. WRC has hired a full-time local project leader, and is beginning to engage the community via local events. A training curriculum has been developed for digital careers, including remote IT support and project management, database administration and cybersecurity.

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

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- As a follow-up to a presentation last week by the Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisor Committee, Mr. Moyer presented a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State and Town of Fraser revising grant funds awarded to the Open Lands Fund from \$14,385.50 to \$8,263.00 due to actual project costs for the Continental Divide Trail Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab and the Lunch Loop Trail Reroute and Culvert Replacement in Fraser.
- Citing a rapid rise in the number of building inspections needing to be performed by Community Development (in August, 620 inspections needed to be performed, an average of 28 per day), Mr. Moyer requested approval to move forward advertising and hiring a third County building inspector (a position that is being proposed in the 2022 budget). The request was **approved**.
- Regarding the 2022 budget: Accounting is printing the books this week, which will be delivered to the BOCC next Tuesday. Preliminary salary budgets included in the books are based on the salary survey recommendations made by Evergreen Solutions in a previous BOCC meeting.
- The Towns of Winter Park and Fraser are moving forward to form a Work Group regarding the development of a Multi-Jurisdictional or Regional Housing Authority.
- Public Health Deputy Director **Ellen Parri** has been designated Grand County's representative for the Opioid Settlement (per settlement details, each county is required to designate a representative).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ESCO Construction

ESCO Construction DBA Granby Sand & Gravel LLC withdrew a request to amend its Special Use Permit (SUP) to increase the number of loads and truck trips from 110 to 131 total trips. The applicant retained a request to include a Portable Asphalt Materials Facility and a Portable Concrete Batch Plant. Granby Sand & Gravel also requested permission for three special projects which may exceed permit limitations. Following lengthy public discussion, Commissioners approved the amended SUP with all conditions recommended by staff, an agreement by ESCO to keep truck trips at 110 per day, and also a fixed cost share agreement for road maintenance on County Road 60. The amended SUP will be reviewed in March of 2023 for renewal.

Short Term Rental Zoning Regulations

Community Development presented amendments to the Short Term Rental zoning regulations, Section 14.8. Specifically, the amendments clarified language in item D related to STR permit renewals, and added new language requiring listings on internet sites and booking platforms (such as Airbnb and VRBO) to include an active permit number. Language was also added requiring STR operators to display the active license number in the dwelling unit. The BOCC approved the amendments (which were previously approved by the Grand County Planning Commission) with a condition to continue requiring STR property owners to maintain a State sales tax license and remit County sales and lodging taxes.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented a liquor license renewal for the Roadhouse Bar & Grill, which was **approved**.
- Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented two hangar lease agreements for approval (one for Granby Airport No. 7, and one for McElroy Field Hangar D); both were **approved**.
- Grand County EMS requested approval for out-of-state travel for **Chief Robert Good** to travel to Atlanta for the National EMS Conference. The travel request was **approved**.
- On behalf of the Maintenance Department, Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented a contract with Cabin Works for janitorial cleaning services of the Department of Human Services building in Hot Sulphur Springs. The contract was **approved**.
- Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented several contracts related to Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) construction work on Drowsy Water, Bureau of Land Management land adjacent to Drowsy Water, and Smith Creek. Benson also presented a services contract for aerial seeding and mulching on Hwy 125 in the area of Drowsy Water and Sheriff Creek. All contracts were **approved**.
- **Amy Chamberlin** with the Department of Human Services presented a Use of School Facilities contract for DHS to use East Grand School District buildings for Incredible Years parenting classes. The contract was **approved**.
- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** presented a request by Aspen Pines Estates Home Owners Association to amend Fencing Plat Note 21 to allow for fencing. The discussion was continued until October 12 at 2:30 p.m. to allow for additional information to be gathered and solutions presented that allow for wildlife movement, and also prevent trespassing.