



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



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Commissioners CALENDAR

November 4

Community Mitigation Assistance Team

14th Judicial District Meeting | Pretrial
Services

GC Tourism Board Retreat

Transit Advisory Committee Meeting

November 5

Colo. Counties, Inc. Public Lands
Membership Meeting

November 8

Mayors / Managers / Commissioners
Meeting

*Click here to view the Commissioners' full
calendars.*

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Thursday, November 11 in
recognition of Veterans Day.**

CYBERSECURITY REPORT

Chief Information Security Officer and Information Systems Director **Thomas Johnson** gave two quarterly updates to Commissioners reporting on the office's cybersecurity efforts, and IS Helpdesk volumes and resolutions.

Cybersecurity

In general, County employees are becoming better at recognizing cyber threats (as demonstrated by simulated phishing attempts by the IS staff). However, Mr. Johnson noted he'd like to see the number of successful simulated phishing attempts decrease.

Suspect emails often contain:

- A "department@co.grand.co.us" address instead of FirstInitialLastName@

From: Edward Moyer <manager@co.grand.co.us>

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 12:58 PM

- Mouse-over any links in the email body to ensure the website in the mouse-over matches the link.
- If it seems hinky, call the individual to ask if they sent the email **before opening any attachments.**

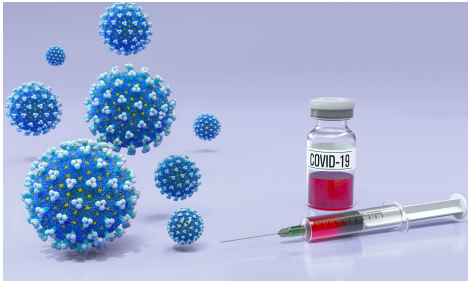
Holiday Shopping TIPS FROM IS

If you're planning to fulfill wish lists online, IS offers these tips for keeping CyberGrinches from stealing your identity and information this holiday season:

- Do not use public WiFi for any shopping activity
- Make sure the site is secure (the address begins with "HTTPS")
- Do your research and know what the product should cost
- Use a credit card or payment service like PayPal instead of your bank debit card
- Keep your computer / phone / laptop security patches updated
- Be wary of emails offering steep discounts (these are likely phishing or scams)
- Use unique and strong passwords for each shopping website
- Never save your information in your browser (usernames, passwords, credit card information)
- Keep a keen eye on statements, transaction notifications and credit reports during the holiday season



PUBLIC HEALTH | COVID UPDATE



Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided a weekly COVID update, including that Pfizer's vaccine has been approved by the FDA for distribution to individuals 5 to 11 years old. [Click here to review current statistics on Grand County's dashboard.](#)

Medical Officer **Dr. Jason Stuerman** also spoke to the Board of Health regarding the difficulties Grand County hospitals are experiencing transferring patients to the Front Range due to capacity levels. Grand County hospitals are working to purchase the appropriate medical equipment necessary to treat COVID patients in order to keep them at high altitude longer, until a bed is available at a Front Range hospital.

CDPHE's drive-thru testing site at the Inn at Silvercreek in Granby is now available noon to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The site is offering a saliva PCR tests free of charge.

BOARD BUSINESS

- As a follow-up to last week's discussion with Finance Director **Curtis Lange** regarding sales tax service fees, Commissioners approved capping the vendor service fee at \$200 per month, effective January 1, 2022. (Currently, Grand County allows a 3.33% service fee to be retained by businesses on sales tax remissions; businesses of all sizes are permitted to charge a "fee" to the County for collecting and remitting sales tax.)
- Mr. Lange also presented Commissioners with a draft of the 2021 Budget Message from the Board of County Commissioners, which summarizes Grand County's Economic Condition and Outlook, Revenue, Expenditures, Current Forecasts, Budget Document and Budgetary Basis of Accounting. **The Resolution adopting the County's 2022 budget will be presented for approval at the December 13, 2021 BOCC meeting.**

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer's** update included the following:

- Representing the Town of Fraser Public Arts Committee, **Sarah Wieck** presented a Colorado Conservation Trust Fund Request in the amount of \$50,000 for the commissioning of a new sculpture to be placed on Main Street. Commissioners directed Legal to review the request, and confirm with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) that the sculpture would be an acceptable use of the funds.
- Regarding the County's health insurance renewals, the quotes for individual and aggregate stop-loss coverage came in less than what was budgeted for 2022. As the County is self-insured, the savings will be shifted to pay for claims. Requests to approve the stop-loss quotes, and for the Manager to sign related contract renewals, were approved.
- Freeport McMoRan has approached the County with a request to channel grant funds to Wireless Research Center (WRC) through the County's Economic Development office, to be included with the County's budgeted funds approved for the WRC project. The request was approved. BOCC requested an update on the EDA Grant and WRC milestones.
- As follow-up to last week's presentation and funding requests by the Grand County Wildfire Council, \$50,000 was added to the draft Final Budget. The GCFC funding request is also slated for discussion at the November 8 "Mayor / Managers / Commissioners" meeting in Granby.
- Mr. Moyer presented a services contract with Christian Hornbaker to serve as the County's Short Term Rental Coordinator. Per the contract, Mr. Hornbaker will be advancing BOCC goals with the STR Work Group and administering the Grand County's Short Term Rental regulations. The contract was approved as presented.
- Colorado Sewer Enterprise Fund (Tabernash Sewer): Mr. Moyer stated that as part of the 2022 Budget, quarterly service fees will need to be increased for the old town Tabernash residents to pay for increased O&M on one-third of the wastewater treatment facility and 100 percent of the community collection system, pursuant to the IGA with the Tabernash Meadows Water & Sanitation District. The last service fees increase was in 2015. This matter will be discussed with the Final Budget; a letter regarding the fee increase will be sent to all owners, as well as a separate reminder with 4th quarter billing statements.



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THANK YOU to all those in our Grand community who have served, and those currently serving in our nation's military.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Voucher and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- Watershed Recovery Coordinator **Brian Murphy** presented a change order to a services contract with Meridiam Partners, LLC regarding Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) work being performed at Smith Creek. The contract change was approved.
- Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented two Statements of Qualifications from Armstrong Consultants for aviation planning and engineering consulting services at Grand County's two airports, per State and FAA requirements. The Statements were accepted. Mr. Schroeder also asked for and received approval to enter into contract negotiations with Armstrong Consultants for planning and engineering services.
- Juvenile Services Director **Kelly Friesen** presented two Justice Assistance Grants, which were approved:
 - The first was to purchase two new snowmobiles for the Sheriff's Office to enable deputies to reach remote areas of the County.
 - The second was to assist with the purchase of body cameras for Sheriff's Office deputies in order to be in compliance with SB217.
 - In conjunction with this JAG request, **Undersheriff Wayne Schafer** presented a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of body cameras and associated licenses and equipment. The contract was approved with conditions.
- Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** presented:
 - A request to reimburse the Grand Foundation \$162,607.00 for East Troublesome Fire debris clean-up programs was approved.
 - Resolution No. 2021-11-1, Approving and Adopting Emergency Operations Plan Annex Document, Significant Cyber Incident was approved, and will become an Annex to Resolution No. 2018-09-20. Both Resolutions fulfill State and Federal requirements that the County have an emergency plan in place for a significant cyber incident that could potentially harm the County's communications, response capabilities and critical infrastructure. The Resolution was approved.
- Treasurer **Frank DeLay** presented an Investment Resolution for approval. The Resolution provides the County another account option for purchasing investments in the future. The Resolution was approved.
- Community Development Planner **Taylor Schlueter** presented three items for review and approval:
 - Hadley Lee Outright Exemption / approved as presented
 - Libby Claire Outright Exemption / approved as presented
 - Aspen Pines Estates Amended Final Plat - Fencing / approved with conditions
- In response to a citizen request to analyze paving County Road 60, Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** discussed the matter with Commissioners, and other highly trafficked Grand County roads that are not paved. Road & Bridge will follow-up with the BOCC after analyzing County Road 60 maintenance costs.
- Economic Development Director **DiAnn Butler** gave an update about the upcoming Economic Summit, which will take place Friday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at River Run in Granby, and is open to the public.



ONWARD

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2021 GRAND COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Join us to understand the data behind why 2020 and 2021 were so challenging for mountain employers, and learn ways to adapt your business.

Tickets are on sale now.
\$35 / individual
\$25 / each for teams of 4 or more
GCEconomicSummit.eventbrite.com

Special thanks to our sponsors:



November 12
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
River Run Resort, Granby



VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Grand County Veterans & a guest are invited to a free breakfast at Snow Mountain Ranch in recognition of your service.

Thursday, November 11
Snow Mountain Ranch Commons
Breakfast: 07:30 - 08:45
Breakfast available for first 125 attendees.
Program: 09:00 - 11:00
Speaker Kim Monson (KLZ560 AM Radio)
Large Flag presentation (presented by Grand Fire & East Grand Fire protection districts)

Per the venue, masks are required regardless of vaccine status at this event.

