



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



The rare Santa Hatted Western Pine Marten captured on camera by the Western Riviera Lodge..

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Commissioners CALENDAR

12/22 ~~Monthly Legislator's Breakfast~~
CANCELLED

12/22 Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI)
Greater Sage Grouse Management
Plan Meeting (Zoom)

**12/24 COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED IN
OBERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**

12/28 Shortened Regular BOCC meeting
(8:30 - 9:30 via WebEx ONLY)

**12/31 COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED IN
OBERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S**

Click here to view the full BOCC calendars.

HOLIDAY PHOTO CONTEST

County departments were invited to compete in a Holiday Photo Contest. The BOCC selected Community Development and the Treasurer's Office as the co-contest winners. **View a video compilation of all submissions on the County's Facebook page: @GrandCountyGov.**



Treasurer's Office



Community Development

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved the 2022 BOCC regular meeting schedule.
- **Commissioner Cimino's** out-of-state travel request to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. February 12-16 was approved.
- Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** showed a 2021 Year in Review presentation to Commissioners. **The presentation is posted on the County's Facebook page (@GrandCountyGov), or click here to view it via the County's website.**

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** presented the following:

- Regarding last week's Grand Places 2050 meeting: A sub-committee is drafting a scope of work for a new facilitator. There have been discussions with the National Forest Foundation Regional Director to provide those services. Participants also discussed the need for additional organizational structure, especially with regard to grant eligibility, as well as ongoing facilitator funding moving forward. The Manager will be providing an update to the BOCC as discussions on the matter continue.
- County Manager reported that Northwest Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days has requested \$1,000 to sponsor the 2022 Rural Philanthropy Days conference in Steamboat Springs next September and he is in conversation with Grand Foundation and Grand County Economic Development.
- County Manager provided the BOCC an update on the Windy Gap Reservoir Modification and Connectivity Channel Project:
 - Public scoping for the Final Watershed Plan EA is anticipated in January. Following an anticipated NRCS Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in early March, additional funding will be requested through NRCS's watershed program (known as PL566) to address the anticipated funding gap.
 - News regarding corporate sponsorships will be announced in the upcoming months (naming rights are not being considered). Though there are still a few key components of the project to be finalized, construction is still on track to commence in May 2022.
- County Manager and Assistant County Manager attended the Tabernash Meadows Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting last week to make a formal request regarding a partial tap on the District's books and owed by the County. The District Board unanimously approved the request. County Manager committed to working with the District on additional items brought up by the District Board, including expansion of water to old town, as well as the wastewater plant property re-plot.



County Manager **Ed Moyer** and Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** looking dapper at the BOCC meeting.

County Road 522

- County Manager and Assistant Manager had a call with the Army Corps of Engineers last week regarding mitigation of the POW Camp and Lumber camp, project construction, permitting and wetland mitigation. The County will be requesting an extension of the 404 permit in February, while all parties work on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to address mitigation. The Manager has requested that the BOCC be involved in any upcoming larger stakeholder meeting to be scheduled by the Corps.

SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE

Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** provided an update regarding STR units in and not in compliance in unincorporated Grand County:

- According to Host Compliance, 251 units remain out-of-compliance with STR Regulations; Mr. Hornbaker is looking into discrepancies in some of the data provided by the STR compliance monitoring firm. As a result of the discrepancies, Mr. Hornbaker proposed waiting until after the first of the year to assess fines to out-of-compliance properties. Commissioners supported the delay.
- Mr. Hornbaker will be working with the Planning Commission to draft changes to the STR Regulations (Section 14.8 of the Zoning Regulations) regarding moving STR permits to an annual renewal in January, and pro-rating new permit fees throughout the year. In addition to these amendments, Mr. Hornbaker is working with the STR Workgroup on permit fees and a recommendation will be presented at a future public hearing before the BOCC, likely in January.

Next week's BOCC meeting (December 28) will be a shortened regular meeting, with limited items that must go before the Board, and will be via WebEx.



ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

- Resolution 2021-12-20, correcting a typographical error in the original Resolution (2021-12-13), presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange** was approved as presented.
- Voucher and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- Resolution 2021-12-21 certifying Levies & Revenue for Budget Year 2022 presented by Assistant Finance Director **Cathy Henderson** was approved as presented.

Sheriff's Office

Grand County **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** presented a contract extension with Turnkey Correctional Services through 2025. Commissioners requested an amendment to the contract prior to its approval.

Fairgrounds

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented two applications for appointments to the Fair Board. Seth Stern and Todd Osborne were both appointed to three-year terms with no discussion.

Water Protection / EWP Update

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** and Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** presented several change orders to the Drowsy Water Ranch EWP project:

- Following a series of complications, the contract has been amended to reflect additional costs, including water line relocation and replacement; additional linear feet of a precast concrete grade control structure; and re-design and implementation of a boulder channel. Like other EWP projects, these expenses will be fully reimbursed by State and Federal agencies as part of East Troublesome Fire recovery.
- Commissioners approved the Drowsy Water Ranch Change Orders as presented, and authorized the Chair to sign outside the meeting.
- Projects are wrapping up for the winter, construction will start up again in the spring.
- Staff will be submitting a time extension request to NRCS for the EWP program to go through August 31, 2022.

Water Quality

Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** submitted an amended Grand Lake Clarity MOU, formally extending the MOU for four years. The MOU extension was approved as presented.

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** discussed an upcoming application for the Emergency Management Performance Grant, and requested approval authorizing appropriate Department Heads, County Manager and other Elected Officials to sign related documents as necessary. Commissioners approved the request.

Grand County Housing Authority

Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented the following:

- A Services Contract with RAM Services for snow removal services at the County's senior living facilities. Following review of all bids submitted for the service, Commissioners approved the contract with amendments to the Scope of Work, to be signed by the Chair outside the meeting.
- Affordable Housing Transfer Fee Exemptions for two Devil's Thumb Ranch properties were approved as presented.

Community Development

- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** presented the Nature Valley Subdivision Preliminary Plat | Approved with conditions.
- Community Development Planner **Taylor Schleuter** presented the Amended Final Plat, Tract 29A Breckon Subdivision | Approved as presented.

Grand County Public Health

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** presented a Professional Services Agreement with the Kremmling Memorial Hospital District DBA Middle Park Health for COVID-19 Surveillance Services, which was approved as presented.

Ms. Baker also provided the Grand County Board of Health with a COVID-19 update. [Click here to review Grand County's COVID data.](#)

Due to the abbreviated BOCC meeting planned for next Tuesday, December 28, Public Health is not planning to give a weekly update unless a dramatic change occurs.

