



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



*This beautiful view from above Byers Canyon courtesy of Information Systems Administrator **Mark Jensen**.*

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Commissioners CALENDAR

Jan 5 | Counties & Commissioners
Acting Together (CCAT)

Jan 6 | Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI)
Short-Term Rental Tax Policy
Stakeholder Hybrid Discussion

Jan 7 | Club20 Executive Committee

Jan 10 | Wolf Technical Committee

Jan 10 | Mayors / Managers /
Commissioners Hybrid
Meeting, Town of Fraser

Jan 12 | GC Planning Commission

Jan 14 | CCI BH21-1110 Compliance
Webinar

Click here to view the full BOCC calendars.

WALLER CONSULTING | UPDATE

Mark Waller and **Joe Miklosi** of legislative lobbying firm Waller Consulting provided an update and their forecast for 2022's major State bills and legislative themes, including:

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Tax Task Force and Enterprise Tax Zones
- Stimulus spending review
- Affordable Housing measures
- Metro District legislation
- Homeowners insurance changes to post-loss underwriting requirements
- Collective bargaining for municipal employees
- Pond use and fire department use
- Delta Dental
- Worker Rights / Labor



Potential health care legislation in 2022:

- Public-private option legislation to expand health care access for low-income residents
- Re-examination of reinsurance legislation
- All payer health care claims database
- Reporting requirements for Colorado Insurance Commissioner
- Advisor Board to establish rates

Click here to view Waller's presentation, and click here for audio of the discussion.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved several Resolutions for 2022 Start of Business, including:
 - 2022 dates for the Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners
 - Appointments of the County Manager, County Attorney, Veteran Services Officer, and BOCC Chair. *Click here to view all Start of Business Resolutions.*
 - Commissioner **Kristen Manguso** was appointed as the 2022 chair
- Commissioners re-appointed **Mike Ritschard** as Grand County's representative to the Colorado River District. Mr. Ritschard provided the BOCC with a River District update from the Colorado River Water Users Association's December conference.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Amendments to the Short Term Rental Regulations (Section 14.8) previously discussed in an update from Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** will be presented to the Planning Commission at next week's meeting.
- Manager discussed a previous Pole Creek Valley Homeowners Association – CR 522 workshop request and scheduling it once we have updated information from any Army Corps of Engineers meeting and draft MOA discussions in the coming weeks.
- Per the BOCC's request, Manager is still working on a Colorado Wildfire Fund matter.
- BOCC directed staff to draft a Holiday Spending Policy
- Grand Fire District and EMS will be appearing before the BOCC at an upcoming meeting to discuss projected needs related to Grand Fire's new County Road 40 Fire Station.
- Human Resources has re-posted the County Attorney job opening; applications will be accepted through March 1.

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs for non-exclusive use of County land off of County Road 55 to be used as a trailhead for access to the Town's - Himebaugh Creek property. The IGA was approved as presented.

MARIJUANA LICENSING ORDINANCE

The First Reading of proposed Amendments to the Grand County Marijuana Licensing Ordinance No. 22, was read as part of the regular meeting. The Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled before the BOCC on January 25. [Click here to view the ordinance.](#)

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

- Finance Director **Curtis Lange** presented annual forms for approval, including the sales tax exemption application and the County's W-9, which were approved as presented.
- Voucher and wire payments were approved with no discussion.

Road & Bridge

Public Works Superintendent **Chris Baer** presented the following:

- A services contract with Souder Miller & Associates for work on the Kremmling and Granby landfills was approved as presented.
- Annual certification of mileage usage to be provided to the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Highway Users Transportation Fund (HUTF) distribution.
- Mr. Baer updated the BOCC on snowplow operations and discussed a specific matter. **BOCC and Manager thanked R&B for their dedication and plowing since December 18 with little to no time off and acknowledged them being down 15 positions.**

Sheriff's Office

Grand County Undersheriff **Wayne Schafer** presented two contracts for approval:

- TurnKey Bond Amendment (Jail Vending Service Agreement) was approved as presented.
- A services contract with Axon Enterprises for body cameras and related services was approved as presented.

Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** asked that **Sheena Darland** be re-appointed to the Fair Board for a three-year term. The appointment was approved.

Grand County Housing Authority

Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for housing collaboration between the Towns of Winter Park, Fraser, Granby and the County to explore the formation of a multi-jurisdictional housing authority. The MOU was approved by the BOCC as presented.

Community Development

- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** presented Resolution 2021-12-26 renewing the Grand County Benson Gravel Pit, which was approved as presented.
- Community Development Planner **Taylor Schleuter** presented Resolution 2021-11-22 approving the Special Use Permit for Union Cellular's SanToy site, which was approved as presented.
- The Public Hearing for Flintstone Gravel & Trucking Inc.'s Special Use Permit Amendment was continued until February 1 at 11 a.m.

Grand County Public Health

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided the Grand County Board of Health with a COVID-19 update. Documented cases of COVID-19 have risen, with a small percentage of being pediatric (under 18). [Click here to review Grand County's COVID data.](#)

NOTE: GCPH is working to correct incorrect data being reported on Grand County's dashboard, including that the County has had two additional deaths.

**Plow Drivers Dispatchers
Deputies First Responders**

Thank You

For working tirelessly through the holidays and recent storms to keep our County and citizens safe!