



## COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



14 below makes for some amazing sunrises.  
This one captured by **Granby Ranch**.

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### Commissioners CALENDAR

- Jan 12** | GC Planning Commission
- Jan 14** | Winter Park Sustainable Committee Planning Meeting
- Jan 14** | CCI BH21-1110 Compliance Webinar
- Jan 17** | Transit Advisory Committee
- Jan 19** | Statewide Transit Advisory Committee
- Jan 19** | GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to Town of Kremmling
- Jan 20-21** | Voices of Rural CO Joint Legislative Visit / Denver Chamber of Commerce
- Jan 20** | National Assoc of Counties West Region Conference
- Jan 21** | Wolf Technical Working Group

[Click here to view the full BOCC calendars.](#)

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION | THANK YOU!

Commissioners welcomed a new employee and expressed appreciation for all those celebrating employment anniversaries in January.

Welcome **Constance Burns** to the Clerk & Recorder's office!

- Andrew Terrell**, Emergency Medical Services - 2 Years
- Joni Holme**, GC Housing Authority - 3 Years
- Richard Cimino**, Grand County Commissioner - 5 Years
- Logan Price**, Emergency Medical Services - 6 Years
- Wayne Schafer**, Grand County Undersheriff / SO - 7 Years
- Merrit Linke**, Grand County Commissioner - 9 Years
- Corinne Lively**, Accounting - 10 Years
- Jennifer Gelbhaus**, Public Health - 10 Years
- Deb Ruttenberg**, Human Services - 16 Years
- Scott Kentfield**, Road & Bridge - 16 Years
- Royce Reynolds**, Road & Bridge - 17 Years
- Erich Barber**, Emergency Medical Services - 17 Years
- Duane Dailey**, Veteran Services Officer - 23 Years
- Peter Rempel**, Community Development - 24 Years
- Warren Ward**, Grand County Surveyor - 31 Years
- Sara Rosene**, Grand County Clerk - 31 Years



Commissioner and Chair Kristen Manguso presented Certificates of Service to Commissioner Rich Cimino (top) and Public Health Project Coordinator / Lead Accountant Jennifer Gelbhaus (bottom).

Last but not least...

**Chief Todd Holzwarth** of East Grand Fire has served Grand County part time with EMS and the Coroner's office for more than 45 years



**WHEREAS** this is County Attorney **Chris Leahy's** last week with Grand County, we will take this bittersweet opportunity to thank him for his service, and to wish him well in all of his future endeavors. His ever-positive attitude, calm demeanor, and blind and deaf dog, Tyco, will be missed.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners made the following re-appointments:

- **Debbie Fitch** to the Planning Commission, representing District 2 for a three-year term.
- **Loreta Silverio** was re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment for District 1.
- All members of Grand County Board of Fire Appeal and Board of Adjustment.

**Grand County Commissioners continue seeking interested citizens to serve on the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment. A representative from each of the three Commissioner districts is sought for a three-year term. Meetings are one time / month, and pay \$100 / meeting. Please email letters of interest to [grndcty1@co.grand.co.us](mailto:grndcty1@co.grand.co.us).**

- Grand County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been assisting the City of Louisville and its City Manager, Jeff Durbin, with many facets of wildfire recovery based on our experience with the East Troublesome Fire.
- The BOCC requested that a reminder about the Senior Tax Exemption be added to Commissioners Corner.
- The BOCC discussed the Sheriff services in the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs, noting the need for further discussion with the Town.

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- The flag pole at Silver Spruce Senior Apartments is in disrepair and needs replaced. A proposal was submitted for the American Legion to pay for 50 percent of the replacement costs (\$500), and for the BOCC and Grand County Housing Authority to split the remaining 50 percent. However, Commissioners approved paying 50 percent (\$500) of the replacement cost.
- County Manager and Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** will be traveling to Fort Collins to meet with the Great Plains Regional Director and the Eastern Colorado Area Manager from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for the annual meeting. In addition to several general matters concerning the headwaters of the Colorado River and various partnerships with BOR operations, topics to be discussed include the Grand Lake Clarity MOU (which was recently extended for five years), the Windy Gap Firming Project – Grand County 1041 Permit and the Nutrient Reduction Plan, Nutrient Monitoring Plan and Adaptive Management Plan.
- Windy Gap Reservoir Modification and Connectivity Channel Project update: County Manager recently met with Colorado River District regarding their \$1 million grant awarded to Grand County for the Windy Gap project, as well as timing and invoicing requirements that will be memorialized in a grant agreement that will be presented at a future meeting. County Manager is also meeting with Northern Water today regarding Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) \$1 million contribution to the Windy Gap Reservoir Modification and Connectivity Channel project and the timing based on construction and the other 16 funding sources. Commissioners initially discussed placing the funds in escrow to be paid as projects are completed in the future. Manager will be coming back to the BOCC with a funding disbursement recommendations for both OLRT and Colorado River District funds (total of \$2M) once he has follow up meetings with each entity.
- Manager's Office is working on: 1) proposed Amendments to the County's Facility Snow Closure policy based on last week's snow closure; 2) Holiday Expense Policy per BOCC direction; and 3) an Unscheduled Holiday Work Stipend Proposal.
- Manager is meeting with Short Term Rental (STR) Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** later today regarding STR Regulation Amendments to be presented to Planning Committee at the January meeting, as well as an update of current violations and fines.

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

Grand County Treasurer **Frank DeLay** provided a monthly update to the BOCC:

- Fees increased for annual tax collections.
- 2022: Estimating a return of half a percent on the Treasurer's portfolio. The office is continuing with a laddering strategy to take advantage of fluctuating rates and to ensure notes mature at different time frames. The Fed's commitment to raising rates several times this year will result in the funds showing overall short-term increases.
- The Semi-Annual Report was approved for publication in the Middle Park Times.
- **Tax notices will be mailed and emailed next week. In general, property taxes increased quite a bit year-over-year due to mill levy and valuation changes.**

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Accounting

- Finance Director **Curtis Lange** and County Attorney **Chris Leahy** presented a request to release escrow funds for vehicles purchased for the Sheriff's Office.
- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved as presented.

### Clerk & Recorder

Grand County Clerk & Recorder Sara Rosene gave a monthly update, noting that revenues are continuing to increase.

Ms. Rosene also stated that the State did NOT send December license plate renewal cards. Because vehicle registration cannot be renewed online without the code on the cards, Ms. Rosene encouraged residents to check if their plates expired in December, and to reach out to the Clerk & Recorder's office to renew:

**GrandDMV@co.grand.co.us**  
**Phone: 970-725-3063**

Late fees will not be assessed until after January 31 for plates that expired in December 2021. The State will be sending January renewal cards late, but they will be mailed.

### Grand County Public Health

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided the Grand County Board of Health with a COVID-19 update.

Ms. Baker noted that testing supplies for both antigen and PCR tests are extremely limited across the state right now. Providers in the county have stopped providing walk-in testing to make sure they have testing supplies for appointments with patients experiencing symptoms. The tests that Public Health has cannot be given out to individuals to take home but the department is exploring their capacity to open additional public testing locations across the county.



**Exercise, Sunshine, Fresh Air, Plenty of Sleep, Good Hygiene, Healthy Eating Habits, Vitamins D & C**

**What do these things have in common?** They're time-proven ways to help stay healthy and prevent disease - including seasonal colds, influenza and COVID-19.

Are you:

**65 or older as of January 1?**

Have you:

**Owned and occupied your Grand County property as your primary residence for at least 10 years?**

**You qualify for the Senior Exemption from property tax.**

Individuals who qualify for the exemption on January 1 may file an application with the County Assessor by **July 15**.

The application is available on the County's website under Assessor's Office / Forms.



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Colorado

### Did your plates expire in December?

The State did not send renewal cards for vehicle registrations expiring in December 2021. Contact Grand County DMV directly to renew over the phone, or visit us Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.)

