



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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



This snowmobiler's paradise courtesy Grand Lake Trailroomers.

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COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

March 2 | GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to the
Town of Fraser

March 2 | GC Rural Health Network Board
Meeting

March 3 | CO Assoc. of Ski Towns (CAST)
Annual Legislative Meeting

March 3 | NWCCOG Water Quality / Quantity
Committee Meeting

March 3 | GC Tourism Board March Meeting

March 3 | Associated Governments of NW CO
Legislative Call

March 3 | Check-In with CO Commissioner of
Agriculture Kate Greenberg

March 4 | CCI Legislative Briefing

March 7 | BOCC to Attend U.S.F.S. Winter
Park Resort Master Plan Meeting

[Click here to view the BOCC's full calendar.](#)



AIRPORT CONSULTANTS RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to **Armstrong Consultants** for receiving an Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado.

McElroy Field Runway 9/27 Rehabilitation

Merit Awards

Consulting Engineer:
Armstrong Consultants
Client/Owner: Grand County

The last federally funded pavement surface was placed on this McElroy Field runway well over 20 years ago. In the interim, a private developer performed a pavement strengthening project to allow for heavier aircraft usage. With a pavement section well beyond its useful life, the Armstrong team was charged with designing a new pavement surface and bringing all cross-slopes into compliance, while both minimizing the new thickness of pavement and maintaining the minimum thickness required for aircraft. This resulted in an extensive, iterative design process to use variable depth milling and overlays. Through numerous scenarios and refinement, a solution was found which was cost-effective, brought the runway into compliance, and met budget.



Armstrong, the County's airport planning and engineering consultant, was recognized in the Winter 2022 edition of Colorado Public Works Journal for its design of the runway resurfacing project at Kremmling Airport's McElroy Field in 2020. The engineering firm was instrumental in completing the project in a timely fashion and minimizing runway closures despite significant logistical challenges.

BOARD BUSINESS

- The Willow Creek Land Exchange between the U.S. Forest Services and TMI Development is moving forward. Commissioners previously submitted a letter of support for the exchange.
- Commissioners approved a letter in support of the Winter Park and Fraser Chamber of Commerce grant application for the Winter Park Area Sustainability Plan.
- Commissioners previously submitted a letter of opposition to President Biden's executive order to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. land and water by 2030, commonly known as "30 x 30."
 - In response to a recent Western Slope discussion concerning the opposition of 30 x 30 and the American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas (the tool used to reflect baseline info on the 30 x 30 lands and water), the BOCC approved signing on to the American Stewards of Liberty joint letter of opposition. Commissioners reiterated their strong opposition to 30 x 30 and Atlas, and directed staff to draft an updated letter of opposition to Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper and Representative Neguse.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Last week, Manager met with landowners regarding their requirements related to the section of County Road 522 between County Road 73 and County Road 50. Landowners are meeting separately to discuss their responses to questions posed during the meeting.
 - The County will need to purchase a right-of-way, and also acquire an easement for the wetland mitigation areas. Details related to snow storage and a pedestrian trail are some of the questions being discussed by landowners.
 - Commissioners gave direction for the Manager to hire an appraiser to value the right-of-way and wetland mitigation easement.
 - The Cultural Survey identified three areas of mitigation: signage, recommended archeological monitoring during construction, and registration on the National Register of Historic Places. Manager will further discuss the proposed mitigation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the landowners.
- Manager met with Middle Park Health's CEO yesterday regarding the organization's application for a USDA-Rural Development Community Facilities construction loan for a new healthcare facility in Fraser. MPH will be presenting a project update to the BOCC in the next few weeks.
- Freeport-McMoRan has requested a meeting with Commissioners in the next week or two, possibly on site at the Henderson Mill. Additional details will be provided.
- Acting County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue**, County Manager and staff met with the Aspen Pine Estates (APE) HOA to review the final plat notes, conditions, and amended and restated covenants from the November 2021 BOCC approval of the APE amended final plat regarding fencing to ensure the plat correctly captures all conditions.
- Commissioners approved a letter congratulating **Paul Bruchez** for his Governor-appointment to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and thanking him for his leadership on Colorado River matters.
- BOCC is being invited to a meeting with regarding the Winter Park Resort Master Plan on March 7.
- Commissioners are scheduled to meet with staff from Senator Hickenlooper's and Senator Bennet's office today regarding the Blue Valley Ranch Land Exchange.
- Commissioners approved an extension to WRC's Services Contract.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

Vouchers and wire payments presented for payment by Finance Director **Curtis Lange** were approved as presented.

Clerk & Recorder

Latigo Ranch's Liquor License Renewal presented by Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** was approved.

Housing Authority

Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented the title for a van sold by Mountain Family Center to Cliffview Assisted Living for \$1. Sitting as the Housing Authority Board, the BOCC approved the vehicle purchase, and thanked Mountain Family Center for their generosity.

Human Services

Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented an End User License Agreement with the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) for GCHS to access the DOR's "DRIVE" system to assist with eligibility determinations and child support services. Following discussion, the BOCC approved the Agreement.

Public Health

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided the last regular weekly COVID update for Grand County. ***Future COVID Updates will be provided only as needed.***

Cases have continued to decrease significantly, with one hospitalization and no new COVID deaths. Grand County's low case rates along with guidance from CDPHE allow for discussions with school districts to remove quarantine requirements.

The letter to districts includes information about when quarantines may need to be re-implemented to mitigate spread in the future should a new variant be detected. Grand County's Board of Health will continue to support individual choices regarding masks.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has removed mask mandates for school buses (but not for public transportation).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Amended Final Plat, Villa Harbor Lots 22 & 23 | Approved with conditions.

Rainbow Meadows Minor Subdivision Final Plat | Approved with conditions, as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING | BLIGHT ORDINANCE

Commissioners approved Resolution 22-3-1 adopting Ordinance #6: Grand County Prevention of Environment Blight. *Click here to read the Ordinance.*