



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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They're awake...and hungry! It's time once again to #BeBearAware.
Photo courtesy Town of Winter Park.

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CPW FISHERIES UPDATE

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) Aquatic Biologist, **Jon Ewert**, gave a Fisheries Management Update for Grand County.

The presentation included:

- **Fire impacts on fish populations in Willow Creek and Trail Creek:**
 - The Trail Creek Cutthroat Trout population appears to have been decimated.
 - Sculpin populations in the Willow Creek area have also been negatively impacted by fire debris run-off.
- **Fish Movement Study at Windy Gap** to establish a baseline of movement patterns prior to the Colorado River connectivity project.
- **Shadow Mountain Reservoir Management:**
 - Pros and Cons of introducing Tiger Muskie to the fish population.
 - Concerns about gill lice infestation.
- **Fraser River sculpin concern:**
 - In fall 2021, CPW found sculpin numbers in the Fraser River to be the lowest since they have been monitoring.



[Click here to view Mr. Ewert's presentation.](#)



BOARD BUSINESS

Colorado House Bill 22-1362

Following discussion on House Bill 22-1362: Building Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Commissioners expressed their opposition to the Bill. HB 22-1326 has been introduced in the House, and assigned to Energy & Environment.

The bill requires the Colorado energy office (office) to identify for adoption 3 sets of model code language:

- Model electric and solar ready code language;
- Model low energy and carbon code language; and
- Model green code language.



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- April 13-14** | Energy and Environment Symposium (Rifle)
- April 14** | Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting (Java Lava)
- April 14** | AGNC Legislative Call
- April 14** | CCAT Hybrid Meeting
- April 15** | Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Board Meeting
- April 15** | CCI Short Term Rental Discussion
- April 18** | CCAT Governing Board Hybrid Meeting
- April 20** | Sen. Hickenlooper visit to Granby

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



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

We are pleased to **welcome** seven new employees this month, and **thank** those celebrating employment anniversaries for their dedication and service to the Grand County community and our visitors.

WELCOME

Christopher "Benny" O'Brien - Sheriff's Office
Daniel Battenhouse - Sheriff's Office
Kristyn Pfannenstiel - Assessor's Office
Gaige Cospier - Sheriff's Office (Jail)
Maxwell Baumgarten - Sheriff's Office (Jail)
Jennifer Finn - Assessor's Office
Randi Pepper - Coroner's Office

THANK YOU

Benjamin "Ben" Steinle - Sheriff's Office, 1 Year
Magli Escobedo-Amaya - Public Health, 1 Year
Neil Brown - Sheriff's Office, 3 Years
Eric Selzer - Information Systems, 4 Years
Aaron Trainor - Sheriff's Office, 5 Years
Alan Gonano - Emergency Medical Services, 5 Years
George Clark - Road & Bridge, 8 Years
Curtis Lange - Accounting / Finance, 8 Years
Lacie Barbee - Sheriff's Office / Dispatch, 8 Years
Thomas "Tom" Manguso - Sheriff's Office / Dispatch, 10 Years
Janette Fudge - Treasurer's Office, 14 Years
Cathy Henderson - Accounting / Finance, 15 Years
Ryan Gallagher - Emergency Medical Services, 16 Years
Teresa Hertel - Clerk & Recorder / Motor Vehicle, 17 Years
Brenda Bock - Grand County Coroner, 27 Years



Coroner **Brenda Bock** (middle) - herself celebrating 27 years of service to the Grand County community - and Chief Deputy Coroner **Tawnya Bailey** (right) presented a Coin of Excellence to East Grand Fire Chief **Todd Holzwarth**. Chief Holzwarth has served Grand County in a variety of capacities - including with EMS and as a Deputy Coroner - for more than 45 years.

Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** also recognized Equipment Operator **Bryan Holley** with a Coin of Excellence for more than **43 years of service** to the Grand County community. Mr. Holley is officially retiring this week. (Mr. Holley was needed snowplowing this morning and wasn't available for a photo.) **THANK YOU, Bryan, for your dedication to keeping Grand County safe and moving!**

WATER PROTECTION UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**, Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris**, and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** gave an update on the County's current water and watershed recovery projects along with outreach programs, including:

- Colorado River Headwaters Project
- Grand County Mutual Ditch and Reservoir Company
- Moffat & Windy Gap Firing Projects
- Drought Preparedness Program
- Cyanotoxin Monitoring Program
- Learning By Doing Projects

The presentation also included information about post-wildfire recovery efforts in the affected watersheds, and a snowpack update. [Click here to view the full presentation.](#)



Click the image to watch a video about a new aquatic organism passage on Cabin Creek done in collaboration by Grand County Learning By Doing.

ETF RECOVERY REPORT

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** and Recovery Manager **Alyssa Ingles** presented a draft of the East Troublesome Fire Recovery Report.

The Report provides background information about the East Troublesome Fire, and an overview of the task forces and 2021 recovery projects. The Report also outlines future opportunities for training. Mr. Cochran will be providing the State with a copy of the Report. [Click here to read the draft report.](#)



Grand County Sheriff's Office and **Granby Police Department** have partnered with Shield616 to provide officers with upgraded protective equipment which our departments do not have in sufficient number, or require replacement due to expiration.

Shield616 is a trusted non-profit ministry that connects community fundraising with first responders. The effort currently underway is to raise funds for these departments. Any amount will help, and your donation is tax deductible. **To learn more, and to donate, visit Shield616.org.**

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

- The Manager and Sheriff's Office spoke with staff from Representative Neguse's office regarding applying for Community Project Funding (CPF) to help fund repairs and improvements to the Jail and Sheriff's Office facilities. Commissioners gave direction for staff to apply for CPF, which is due Friday, April 15.
- The County has received a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for County Road 522. Comments are due by 25th; the topic will be brought before the BOCC next week.
- Manager provided an update on a recent Insurance Committee meeting with HUB regarding final 2021 health insurance plan performance. **Commissioner Cimino** proposed adding mental health benefits to the County's offerings in 2023.
- Manager discussed the 2016 InterGovernmental Agreement between Grand County and the Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation District, specifically regarding a property line adjustment at the sewer plant, and an issue related to the County Road 522 required wetland mitigation on that site. Manager and Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** will be attending TMWS' Board meeting to discuss the matter, and Manager will report back to the BOCC on this topic next week.
- Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update regarding the recent Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board meeting concerning the Sales Committee.
- Manager and Assistant Manager will be out of the office April 13-15, attending the Colorado City & County Management Association's Annual Conference in Glenwood Springs.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Airports

Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented the following:

- Letters of Agreement for five hangar leases at Emily Warner Field / Granby Airport | Approved as presented.
- An updated Airport Ground Lease was approved as presented.
- An update about GPS approach due for publication at the Granby Airport. Once published, the approach will be available to all pilots. The night approach will be published at a later date.

Road & Bridge

- A credit application for the lease of two motor graders presented by R&B Assistant Superintendent **Zac Broady** was approved.
- R&B Superintendent **Chris Baer** also presented a contract with CGRS for repairs needed to the fuel stations at the Granby Shop.

Sheriff's Office

Out-of-state travel requests for **Deputy David Elthrop** and **Sergeant Nathan Opsahl** to attend the National Police Canine Association - Regional K9 Training in Wyoming were approved.

Commissioners supported a request by **Undersheriff Wayne Schafer** to pursue a vehicle currently at auction in Denver.

Housing Authority

On behalf of the Multijurisdictional Housing Authority Working Group, Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented an InterGovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Towns of Winter Park, Fraser, Granby and Grand County to establish a multijurisdictional housing authority, which will be known as the "Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership." Commissioners approved and signed the Agreement.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Grand County Treasurer **Frank DeLay** presented the following updates:

- As of March 31, the County has received a total of \$28.6 million in property taxes (about 44.6% of total taxes due).
- Inflation is now at 7.9% and the Federal Reserve increased their short-term borrowing rates 0.25% in mid-March.
- Grand County's unemployment rate increased slightly to 3.0% in February 2022, with 318 unemployed individuals.

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** gave a monthly update, noting that recording revenue is down from 2021, but increased over 2019 and 2020.

EMS

Chief **Robert Good** presented an application for a CDPHE EMTS Emergency Funding Grant to offset the costs of the unbudgeted and unanticipated major mechanical failures of two older ambulances. Commissioners approved EMS the application, subject to Legal review.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Yak Subdivision Exemption | Approved with conditions as presented.

Sagebrush Subdivision Exemption, Final Plat | Approved with conditions as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

Great Divide Lettuce Colony, Inc., New Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility License (*continued from April 5*) | Approved with conditions.