



Grand County

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

Rich Cimino | District 1
Merrit Linke | District 2
Kristen Manguso | District 3



Grand County ranchers **Paul & Doug Bruchez** were featured in an ABC News story about the state of the Colorado River. Click the image to watch the report. Photo courtesy ABC News.

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OLRT SPRING GRANT CYCLE

Members of the Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) Advisory Committee, **Anna Drexler-Dreis** and **Mike Crosby** presented the organization's spring 2022 grant cycle recommendations.

OLRT received nine grant requests for trail improvements from Headwaters Trails Alliance, Town of Hot Sulphur Springs, Grand Lake Metro Rec District, and Continental Divide Trail Coalition. Commissioners approved all of the recommendations as presented.

[Click here to view the full presentation that included project descriptions.](#)



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- April 20** | Sen. Hickenlooper visit to Granby
- April 21** | Associated Governments of NW Colorado (AGNC) Legislative Call
- April 21** | National Association of Counties West Region Regular Conf. Call
- April 21** | CCAT Monthly All-Member Meeting
- April 21** | GC Builders Association Membership Meeting
- April 22** | CCI Legislative Briefing
- April 25** | Colorado Basin Roundtable Next Steps

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Fair Board Appointment

Commissioners approved the appointment of **Janet Engel** to the Fair Board for a one-year term.

Collective Bargaining

Commissioners discussed a proposed bill that would allow public employees to unionize and engage in collective bargaining. Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) has taken a position in direct opposition to that of the Grand County BOCC on this matter. The BOCC discussed their ongoing membership with CCAT.

Utility Coordinating Committee (UCC)

Commissioner Manguso updated the BOCC on a recent UCC meeting concerning local energy issues that could lead to rolling black-outs this summer, as well as potential propane shortages.

Commissioners approved a request by Granby Rotary Club to use concession stands at Flying Heels Arena for rodeo dates this summer.

The **Granby Cemetery Association** is seeking board members. To learn more, please contact the Manager's Office: 970-725-3100.



MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

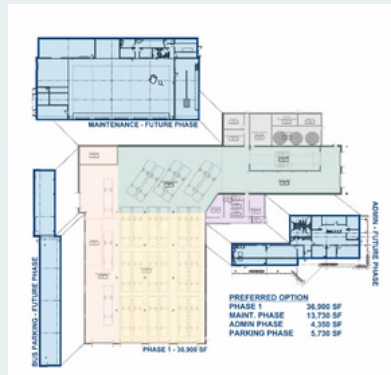
- Commissioner Cimino's questions regarding Senate Bill 22-029 (Water Speculation in the State) have been forwarded on to the Colorado River District, as Commissioner Cimino is testifying on the bill Thursday, April 21.
- Regarding community concerns about potholes on Berthoud Pass: Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** has been in contact with CDOT. At this time, CDOT is planning to patch potholes with cold mix this week, and is planning to re-pave sections in May and June (weather dependent).
- Commissioners approved Resolution 2022-4-3, Fraser Valley Housing Partnership IGA.
- The Granby Cemetery Association is in need of new board members. Commissioners directed staff to draft a public statement soliciting volunteers for the Granby Cemetery Association.
- Regarding County Road 522:
 - Manager's Office met with Great Old Broads for Wilderness, who asked the County to consider an alternative alignment (County Road 731, Arena Road). This alignment was an alternative that was previously analyzed as part of the original 404 permit application and does not fulfill the project objective.
 - Comments to the draft MOA concerning cultural mitigation are due Monday; Manager requested BOCC comments by the end of the week.

WP TRANSIT FACILITY UPDATE

Representatives from OZ Architecture presented updated renderings and plans for the new Winter Park Transit Facility. Due to increasing building costs, the project was scaled back but designed for future growth and expansion.

Winter Park Town Manager **Keith Riesberg** updated the BOCC on their augmentation plan.

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



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Lot 23A Silvertips Amended Final Plat | Approved with conditions as presented.

Simmons Subdivision Exemption, Sketch Plan | Denied, will be brought back through an alternative subdivision process.

April Showers

...bring May Potholes



As we turn the corner into spring, Commissioners have received comments from the public about road conditions, in particular, U.S. Highway 40 on Berthoud Pass.

The main highways that run through Grand County are "owned" by CDOT; per statute 43-2-102, the State Department of Transportation (CDOT) constructs and maintains all roads comprising the state highway system - which includes: U.S. Highways 40 and 34, and State Highways 125 and 9.

While the County and Towns lobby for important improvements to these highways, we compete for CDOT resources and funding with metropolitan areas and heavier traveled highways. However, the State is receiving additional Federal funding via the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for projects on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). [Click here for more information about the STIP.](#)

Pertaining to our county roads: In 2022, Commissioners approved spending more than \$4.5 million on operating expenses related to road and bridge maintenance on county roads, \$2.89 million of which is for road oil and asphalt.

Concerns about road conditions on the U.S. and state highways that run through Grand County can be directed to CDOT's customer service: 970-243-2368.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Clerk & Recorder

A request by Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** to use the lunch room in the Hot Sulphur Springs administration building for primary elections June 17 - 28 was approved.

Emergency Water Protection

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** and Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** presented change orders related to the Drowsy Water Ranch EWP project. The revised project cost is \$1.1 million - which will be funded by NRCS and CWCB.