



# Grand County

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## COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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*SIGNS OF SPRING!*  
Photo courtesy Rich Cimino, Grand County Commissioner

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## BOARD BUSINESS

**Bureau of Land Management** | County Road Use Agreement  
Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management's Kremmling Field Office presented a Road Maintenance Agreement, which was approved as presented.

### Senate Bill 22-230

Senate Bill 22-230, Collective Bargaining For Counties, has been updated to include no-strike provisions along with other amendments. The bill is scheduled to go before the Colorado House this week. **Click here to read an editorial written by Commissioner Cimino on the topic that was recently published in the Denver Post.**

### SEC Rule | Climate Related Disclosures

Commissioners discussed the negative impacts the Security and Exchange Commission's proposed rule "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate Related Disclosures for Investors" would have on local ranching and agriculture. [Click here to read more about the proposed rule.](#)

### MPEI Board of Directors Ballot

The BOCC cast their vote for the District 2 (Fraser / Winter Park Area) election.

### Community Chipping Day

Commissioners approved the Grand County Wildfire Council to use County property east of Hot Sulphur Springs on U.S. Hwy 40 for a community chipping day, contingent on GCWC's providing a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1.2 million.



## HWY 40 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has asked for Grand County's support of grant requests for several safety projects on U.S. Highway 40, including:

- Bustang Outrider Park-n-Ride flag stop locations in Milner, at the CO Hwy 14 junction and near Parshall
- Passing lanes on Hwy 40 between Craig and Kremmling
- Red Dirt Hill improvements



Commissioners supported the projects, and approved Manager and Assistant Manager signing grant application documents outside of meeting.



## COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- May 4** | Virtual Town Hall with Senator Hickenlooper
- May 5** | NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit (Silverthorne)
- May 5** | AGNC Legislative Call (Zoom)
- May 5** | NWCCOG Regional Broadband Summit (Silverthorne)
- May 5** | CCAT Committee Meeting
- May 5** | CCI Check-In with Kate Greenberg
- May 6** | Sustainable Community Plan Meeting (Winter Park)
- May 9** | Mayor / Manager / Commissioner Meeting (HSS)
- May 10** | Homegrown Talent Initiative Celebration (River Run)

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



# MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

**Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Spring Grant MOU for the Town of Hot Sulphur Spring's Himbaugh Gulch project** | Approved as presented.

**Waller Consulting Services Contract Renewal Request** | County Manager will be signing an updated contract this week.

**Colorado River Connectivity Channel Funding Contract (Windy Gap Water Activity Enterprise)** | Approved as presented.

**Grand Places 2050:** Commissioners approved a letter of support for an outdoor regional partnership program grant, as presented.

- County Road 522: Manager is in discussion with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address and finalize details to the revised MOA.
- Aerial mulching on BLM property: The Bureau of Land Management made a funding of \$3.5 million that must be approved by the Washington D.C. office, but could take more than 60 days. Grand County and Northern Water are concerned on the timing with Northern Water's contractor. Manager's Office will be reaching out to Sen. Bennet's and Sen. Hickenlooper's offices to assist with expediting the request.
- On behalf of the Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District (FVMRD) and the Fairways at Pole Creek HOA, Snow Mountain YMCA of the Rockies has requested a letter of support for a Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership grant to help fund repairs to the Gaylord Dam. Following discussion, Commissioners approved and signed the letter of support.

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Addressing the County's 20% + vacancies in many departments, Manager discussed incentive pay options with the BOCC:

- Sign-on Incentive Pay
- Loyalty Recognition Pay
- Referral Pay

Sign-on and Loyalty pay would be issued in installments, and would require employees to remain employed with Grand County for two years. Referral pay is contingent upon the candidate being hired.

Next steps:

- BOCC approved sign-on incentive pay in the amount of \$5,000 (which would be paid from vacancy savings in those departments with greater than a 20% vacancy). The pay would be \$2500 after completing the first six months of employment and the second installment after completing two years.
- BOCC provided direction for Manager to continue moving forward with loyalty recognition pay and referral pay, and discuss details and options with Finance Director related to the 2022 Budget and vacancy savings. A detailed plan will be brought back to the BOCC next week.

## Voting Fact



Like 61 other counties in Colorado, Grand County uses Dominion Voting Systems to tally votes during elections. **None of Dominion's machines are connected to the Internet - meaning they cannot download (or upload) data, nor can they communicate with other Dominion machines in the state or country.**

*We'll be sharing election and voting facts throughout the summer leading up to the 2022 mid-term elections this fall. Send your questions or concerns about election security to [GrandElections@co.grand.co.us](mailto:GrandElections@co.grand.co.us).*

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Accounting

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

A lease agreement for GC Human Services' copy machine was also approved.

### Road & Bridge

A Construction Contract with Acord Asphalt for paving projects on county roads 1, 6 and 22 presented by Superintendent **Chris Baer** was approved as presented.

### Airports

Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented several items:

- A grant application in the amount of \$331,387 to update McElroy Field's (Kremmling Airport's) master plan was approved. (The grant requires a 5% match by the County.)
- Scope of Work and Professional Services Agreement with Armstrong Consultants for the master plan update was also approved as presented.

### Juvenile Services

Two contracts presented by Juvenile Services Director **Kelly Friesen** were approved as presented:

- A contract with CDHS, Office of Behavioral Health for substance abuse and mental health treatment in the jail.
- A contract with CDHS, Office of Children Youth and Families Division for community based alternative to secure detention services for delinquent youth.

### Public Health

Three contracts presented by Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** were approved as presented:

- A CORE services contract for public health funding with the State Office of Public Health Practice Policy & Partnerships.
- OPHP Workforce Funding contract.
- CDPHE core immunization funding for routine childhood vaccines provided by GCPH to un- or under-insured Grand County families.

### EMS

EMS Chief **Robert Good** and County Manager **Ed Moyer** presented the Grand County EMS Service License for renewal. The Service License was approved, contingent upon final legal review, effective May 1. Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** will be reviewing the ambulance permits; a resolution of approval will be presented to the BOCC next week.

### Housing Authority

Two items presented by Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** were approved:

- An application for exemption from affordable housing transfer fee for Lot 16 Ranches at Devil's Thumb.
- A lease agreement in the amount of \$1 / month with Middle Park Health for a van donated to Cliffview Senior Living Center by Mountain Family Center.

### Fair Board

Commissioners approved a request for alcohol sales during Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board events this summer, beginning with this weekend's Kentucky Derby event at the Fairgrounds.

### Human Services

A corrected Colorado Driver License, Record, Identification and Vehicle Enterprise Solution End User License Agreement presented by Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved as presented.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Clerk & Recorder

Grand County Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented several items:

- Liquor License Renewal for Discount Liquor | Approved as presented.
- Renewal of Igadl's licenses | Approved as presented.
- Request to proceed with a support services contract with Dominion Voting Services in the amount of \$4,896.00 | Supported (*see below*).

Due to diminished staffing levels this year, Ms. Rosene has asked Dominion to prepare the ballot content, which is a service they provide for many other Colorado counties.

The service ensures all ballot information is available in a variety of formats (e.g. ballot language can be read audibly to visually impaired voters). The ballot setup also provides the correct logic for scanning and counting the ballots.

As part of this process, the Clerk & Recorder will perform a Logic & Accuracy test using 25 ballots marked and tallied by the political parties, as well as test ballots prepared by the Clerk's Office using an algorithm to ensure that a sufficient number of ballots are marked for every vote position for every contest. **The test is open to the public to observe using a WebEx connection.**

Commissioners requested a Workshop be scheduled for the Clerk & Recorder to provide information about the Dominion machines and election processes.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Special Use Permit, Administrative Amendments for Name Change from Everist Materials LLC to Kilgore Companies LLC dba Peak Materials** (for Cottonwood Quarry and Fraser County Road 5 gravel pit) | The name change was approved for each pit with a condition that there be a one-year term, and the applicant must make application for an amendment within 30 days.

**Corman SUP Name Change, Resolution 2022-5-4** | Approved as presented.

**Sagebrush Subdivision Exemption, Resolution 2022-4-13** | Approved as presented.

**Request for Extension - Sketch Plan Approval of Tabernash Highlands Subdivision Exemption and Aspen View Estates Subdivision Exemption** | Approved until July 6, 2023.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Grand County Assessor, Abatement AB21-21** | The request was denied.