



## COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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Photo courtesy **Latigo Ranch**.

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### COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- May 10** | Homegrown Talent Initiative Celebration (River Run)
- May 11** | GC Association of Realtors Annual Meeting (Headwaters Center)
- May 12** | AGNC Legislative Call (Zoom)
- May 12** | CDOT NW Transportation Planning Regions Meeting
- May 13** | Natural Resources Roundtable
- May 13** | Club 20 Executive Committee Meeting
- May 14** | Mountain Parks Electric 72nd Annual Member Meeting (MPHS)
- May 14** | Be Wildfire Ready Meeting (Fraser Library)
- May 14** | Lunch with Rep. Neguse (Dean West, Kremmling)
- May 16** | GC Wildfire Council Board Meeting

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



## ETF WATERSHED RECOVERY

Representatives from Northern Water along with Grand County Water Quality Manager Katherine Morris and Watershed Recovery Coordinator Brian Murphy gave an update about East Troublesome Fire Watershed Recovery.

The presentation included :

- Collaboration & Outreach: Partnerships with local, state and federal agencies
- USDA-NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Project Updates (EWP). This program protects life and property on private land. Project types and locations can be viewed at [www.GCWatershedRecovery.com](http://www.GCWatershedRecovery.com)
- In addition to the original EWP work, a second emergency declaration resulted in subsequent EWP funding to clean up following the 2021 flooding and debris flows on Highway 125.
- 2022 EWP Projects will bring more flood mitigation, gully erosion, sediment management and roadway protection projects, including construction on County Road 21 to protect access to emergency communication towers.
- Additional efforts outside of EWP include establishment of workgroups to research and monitor water quality and mulch treatment success (through CSU), development of an ongoing cyanobacteria monitoring and response plan, and self-service stations to help landowners install their own protections in 2021.
- Northern Water also provided updates about funding needs for recovery on USFS and BLM lands, and information about their Master Watershed Recovery planning process, which will kick off this year with mulch on high priority USFS and BLM lands in the burn scar.



This image was captured by a Northern Water staff member who was flying on the evening of October 21, 2020.

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



## FIRE FAMILY & WORKFORCE HOUSING

Grand Foundation Executive Director **Megan Ledin** and Grand County Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** announced that the Grand Foundation has secured property in Grand Lake for East Troublesome Fire victims and workforce housing. Some of the units will be available immediately upon finalization and closing of the sale in September; additional units will be rehabilitated for workforce housing using DOLA funding to expand kitchenettes into full kitchens. The Grand Foundation will be purchasing the property, and donating it to the Housing Authority to manage.

Commissioners were in full support of the project, and authorized County Manager to release the County's committed funds upon closing of the sale. (The property owner has asked that details be kept private until the sale is finalized.)

# MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

- Reminder: Colorado River District is hosting Grand County's State of the River meeting at River Run Tuesday, May 17 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Regarding the Grand County Wildfire Council's Chipping Day: Staff is working with the Wildfire Council on insurance requirements for the county property east of Hot Sulphur Springs they would like to host a chipping day on county property in Hot Sulphur Springs on June 4.
- Department Head meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday.
- Received notice of transfer of property within Pine Air Addition, which is under conservation easement. The transfer is being reviewed by Legal with regard to any transfer fee and first right of refusal.
- In response to residents' concerns about a Union Pacific train that blocked access to a Tabernash neighborhood for more than two hours last week, the County has followed-up with the railroad's public affairs office.
  - The County Engineer and Road & Bridge Superintendent are evaluating a request for additional stop sign placements due to concerns about vehicle speeds in the same neighborhood.
- As a follow-up to last week's discussion regarding Employee Recruitment and Retention, as well as the BOCC's approval of Sign-On Incentive Pay, Manager presented details for Loyalty Recognition Pay and Referral Incentive Pay. Commissioners made suggestions on each pay amount and following discussion, approved the pay incentives, which will be paid out of County vacancy savings.

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update that the Waste Tire Collection event hosted by the Granby Rotary will take place October 1 at the Granby Road & Bridge shop from 8 a.m. to noon (in conjunction with the Town of Granby's clean-up day).

**Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District Spring Grant MOU** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2022-5-3**, approving GCEMS to operate an ambulance service and executing a certificate of licensure.

## MPFR AND RODEO BOARD UPDATES

Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board President **Holly Hester** gave an update regarding 2021 revenue, 2022 budget, and the 2022 events schedule:

- May 7: Kentucky Derby Party
- June 10: Monster Trucks
- July 31 - August 7: Middle Park Fair & Rodeo

MPFR needs a judge for Round Robin and a judge for the Open Exhibit Hall. Interested parties should contact CSU Extension Director **Olivia Clark** at 970-724-3436.

**The Fair Board currently has 4 open seats.**

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE FAIR AND/OR 4-H PROGRAMS IS **NOT** REQUIRED to be considered. *Click here to download the application.* Please submit completed applications to both: GrndCty1@co.grand.co.us **and** middleparkfairandrodeo@gmail.com.



*This year's Junior Livestock Sale will take place Saturday, August 6*

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

### WELCOME!

Randi Pepper, Coroner's Office  
Jorune Klisaukaite, Community Development  
Dennis Gainer, Community Development  
Nicole DeAvila, Sheriff's Office  
Nathan Macchione, Sheriff's Office

### THANK YOU!

To our staff members celebrating employment anniversaries this month: Thank you for all that you do to keep our county Grand!

Samuel Norman, EMS - 1 year  
Taylor Griffith, EMS - 1 year  
Stephen (Steve) Renda, EMS - 1 year  
Douglas Crocker, Sheriff's Office - 1 year  
Brandie Hines, Sheriff's Office - 1 year  
Christine Travis, Communications - 2 years  
Kay Borda, Road & Bridge - 3 years  
Scott Lyles, Road & Bridge - 3 years  
Jim Riley, Road & Bridge - 3 years  
Robert Davis, Community Development - 4 years  
Lance Schofield, Sheriff's Office - 12 years  
Patty Brown, Clerk & Recorder - 14 years  
Rannette Bakke, Treasurer - 17 years  
**Jill Hansen, Assessor's Office - 25 years**  
Chris Baer, Road & Bridge - 26 years



*Appraisal Clerk **Jill Hansen** has served Grand County for 25 years.*

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Accounting

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

### Sheriff's Office

An out-of-state travel request made by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** for him to speak at the State of Montana's Fire Warden Wildfire Leadership Conference about the East Troublesome Fire later in May was approved as presented.

### Clerk & Recorder

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

- Tabernash Tavern Liquor License Renewal | Approved as presented
- In her Monthly Report, Ms. Rosene noted that recording revenue is down year-to-date and month-over-month.

### Emergency Management

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** gave an update that Grand County was awarded the Action, Implementation and Mitigation Grant. Commissioners approved accepting the grant, contingent on final legal and finance review.

### Public Health

Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** presented several items:

- A contract with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Vintage to help fund the senior nutrition voucher program was approved as presented.
- A Clinical Education Agreement with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs for a nursing student internship with GCPH was approved as presented.

### Economic Development

Economic Development Director **DiAnn Butler** gave an update that Grand County received an EDA Tourism Revitalization and Project Grant Award in the amount of \$400,000.

The Grand County Tourism Revitalization Project will create a framework for future implementation elements, and will determine economic transitions throughout the year, as winter and summer months create unstable tourism patterns. This will serve as a roadmap for the county and towns on tourism related policies as it relates to sustainable tourism and business and workforce challenges.

### Housing Authority

Regarding the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership: To date, the County has received two applications for the board appointment; applications are due by this Friday. *Click here to download and complete an application, if interested.*

### Treasurer's Report

Grand County Treasurer **Frank DeLay** gave a monthly report regarding the County's investments.

- As of May 4, the County has received 73.6% of total property tax payments due.
- March inflation was 8.5% - the largest 12-month increase since August 1982.
- The Federal Reserve increased short-term borrowing rates .5% last week.
- Grand County's unemployment rate decreased in March to 2.5% (272 individuals).

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 2022-5-4 Corman SUP Name Change to Red Dirt Capital LLC SUP** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2022-4-14 Shorewood Amended Final Plat** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2021-11-25 Val Moritz Village First Filing Amended Final Plat, Lot 17A** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2022-5-7** Request for Extension of Sketch Plan Approval for the Tabernash Highlands Subdivision Exemption

**Resolution 2022-5-6** Request for Extension of Sketch Plan Approval for the Aspen View Subdivision Exemption

**Resolution 2022-5-2** Approving a name change of the Permittee from Everist Materials, LLC to Kilgore Companies dba Peak Materials (CR 55 Cottonwood Quarry)

**Resolution 2022-5-1** Approving a name change of the Permittee from Everist Materials, LLC to Kilgore Companies dba Peak Materials (CR 5 Fraser)

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Rotary Club of Granby Foundation Special Event Permit** |

No remonstrance was received; the Public Hearing was canceled and Commissioners approved the Special Events Permit as described by the Clerk & Recorder.

### **Winter Park Horseman's Association Special Event Permit** |

No remonstrance was received; the Public Hearing was canceled and Commissioners approved the Special Events Permit as described by the Clerk & Recorder.

The BOCC is seeking applicants for appointment as **Grand County Treasurer and Public Trustee** beginning May 27, 2022 through the remainder of the current term.

Please submit a letter of interest to the BOCC by May 20 via email to [GrndCty1@co.grand.co.us](mailto:GrndCty1@co.grand.co.us)

The H5N1 Avian influenza was detected in 8 Canada Geese and a turkey vulture found deceased along the Colorado River in late April.



H5N1 is thought to be spread by direct contact. If you find a dead or injured bird of any kind - do NOT approach or handle it. Please note its location and notify Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW).