



Grand County

Colorado

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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Photo courtesy Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.

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WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR UPDATE

Colorado River Conservation District staff members **Andy Mueller** and **Hunter Causey**, along with Grand County Board Member **Mike Ritschard** provided an update about upcoming Wolford Mountain Reservoir operations, noting the state of snowpack and associated run-off. The reservoir is not anticipated to fill this year, however, it will be maintained to accommodate recreational activities (the boat ramp opened last weekend).

The River District also updated the BOCC on the ongoing and extensive monitoring of Ritschard Dam.

[Click here to listen to the conversation.](#) 



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

May 18-20 | NACo Interstate Region
(Hybrid) Conference

May 19 | AGNC Legislative Call & West
Region Conference Call (Zoom)

May 19 | Peak Health Alliance Executive
Committee Meeting (Zoom)

May 19 | CCAT All-Member Meeting (Zoom)

May 20 | Health Insurance Affordability
Enterprise Board Meeting (Zoom)

May 23 | Colorado Basin Roundtable
(Zoom)

May 23 | GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to the
Town of Grand Lake

May 24 | CCI Electric Vehicle Charging
Station Webinar (Zoom)

May 24 | GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to the
Town of Granby

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

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved Grand Fire District's request to waive building permit and driveway permit fees for the station being built on County Road 40.
- Following discussion, the BOCC appointed **Robyn Wilson** to the board of directors as Grand County's representative on the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership Board. Commissioners would like to thank all of the applicants for their interest, and encouraged those not selected to consider applying for one of the three At-Large Board seats, which will be appointed by the new FRVHP board of directors.
- **Commissioner Manguso** gave an update regarding a lunch meeting with Representative Joe Neguse last week at the Grand Old West in Kremmling.
- Commissioners took a moment to recognize that this week marks the 51st anniversary of the Petrified Wood monument dedication outside of what is now the Administration Building, but was then the Court House. [Click here to read more about the monument's history.](#)

From a May 21, 1971 SkyHi News article:

"No words can properly express our appreciation to those who have gone before us for all that they have done and we shall strive to maintain our continued progress during our brief tenure here."



MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

- Northern Water requested that the previously approved Windy Gap Enterprise Funding Agreement be signed via DocuSign.
 - Manager is meeting with project partners regarding several agreements (Partnership, O&M and Monitoring, necessary for the Colorado River Connectivity Channel project).
- County Road 522: As part of the mitigation efforts, the Army Corps of Engineers has requested a site visit of the wetlands that will be impacted, as well as the wetlands mitigation sites. Staff is reaching out to land owners for permission to access property, and will accompany the Corps on the site visit.
- Senate Bill 22-065, Modification to County Coroners' Salaries will be included on an upcoming agenda, as there are decisions the BOCC needs make following the bill's passage.
- County Manager updated BOCC on the zoning associated with Grand Fire's new station on County Road 40, and that no SUP is required, consistent with the Red Dirt Hill Fire Station.
- The Wildfire Council has requested that the County waive \$200,000 of the \$1.2 million liability insurance requirement for their upcoming chipping day on county property. Commissioners approved the reduction of the insurance requirement and requested the contractor also name Grand County as Additionally Insured.
- A contract with Cold Creek Excavation to replace the sewer line at the CSU Extension building was approved as presented.
- CDOT is planning to pave sections of Berthoud Pass beginning next week.
- Meeting Reminder: Colorado River District's State of the River meeting is at 5:30 this evening at River Run in Granby.
- County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** asked for direction regarding exercising the County's right of first refusal for the conservation easement of the Pine Air Addition. Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2022-5-12, waiving the County's purchase option.

MIND SPRINGS UPDATE

Mind Springs Health's Program Director **Makena Line** gave an annual update. Colorado currently ranks 45th in the country for the prevalence of mental health and substance use issues.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Tools for all age groups to cultivate mental wellness are available on Mind Spring's website: MindSpringsHealth.org.



NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

In accordance with Section 30-29-101 Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, Grand County Treasurer **Frank DeLay** presented Resolution No. 2022-5-9 providing for the distribution of the National Forest Reserve Apportionment funds - which this year was more than \$1.6 million - to Grand County public schools.

Commissioners approved the resolution, noting that fund distribution is contingent on the U.S. Congress approving reimbursement of the funds. Funds are distributed between the school districts based on average daily attendance:

- West Grand School District will receive \$390,011.78 (23.4%)
- East Grand School District will receive \$1,276,221.77 (76.6%)

Commissioners also approved:

- Resolution No. 2022-5-10, Authorizing the Grand County Treasurer to Disburse Funds in the amount of \$35,254.08 from the Account "Payment in Lieu of East Grand School Land."
- Resolution No. 2022-5-10, Authorizing the Grand County Treasurer to Disburse Funds in the amount of \$1,069.92 from the Account "Payment in Lieu of West Grand School Land."



Information Systems Director and CISO **Thomas Johnson** was selected to be a member on the Colorado Cyber Advisory Committee under the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee is the formalization of the Whole of State Working Group that ensures representation from a wide variety of areas across Colorado, jurisdiction types, and sizes. Mr. Johnson will be representing Grand County, and providing feedback and guidance on statewide cybersecurity efforts.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Road & Bridge

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update regarding a water truck purchase with the County Manager's approval, per BOCC's previous direction.

Human Services

A contract with the State for the County use Work Number to verify income presented by Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved as presented.

Short Term Rentals

Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** gave an update regarding the current number and impact of STRs in unincorporated Grand County. Number of new STR applications:

- April - 35
- May - 17

Mr. Hornbaker and the STR Workgroup will continue evaluating alternative solutions for managing Short Term Rentals.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 2022-3-8 Approving amendments to section XIX and readopting the Grand County Zoning Regulations.

Resolution 2022-5-13 - Approving amendments to section XVIII and readopting the Grand County Zoning Regulations.

Ridge Point Condominiums Preliminary Plat | Approved with modified conditions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GCR 4811 Right-of-Way Vacation | Approved as presented.

GC Zoning Regulation Amendments, Section 18 Enforcement | Approved as presented.

Great Divide Lettuce Colony, Inc. Marijuana Cultivation; New Special Use Permit | Approved with conditions, which must be met prior to the issuance of the SUP.

Jerome & Cheryl Helmicki dba Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch, New Liquor License Application | Approved as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 20

First reading of the Amended and Restated Ordinance No. 20 Establishing Fire Restrictions. **Second reading and a Public Hearing will take place June 7, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.**



On behalf of the BOCC
**Congratulations &
Best Wishes**

CLASS OF 2022!

The BOCC is looking for
Middle Park residents
(living in Summit or Grand county)
to fill open seats on the
**Middle Park Fair & Rodeo
Board.**

Click here for
details and to
complete the
application.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Grand County **ROAD & BRIDGE**

Equipment Operators

\$46,096-\$69,725 annually (DOQE) + \$5,000 sign-on pay
CDL-B required; assistance may be available to obtain.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

\$53,362-\$80,715 annually (DOQE) + \$5,000 sign-on pay
and tool allowance
CDL-B required; assistance may be available to obtain.

Seasonal Summer Labor

\$30 / hour

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