



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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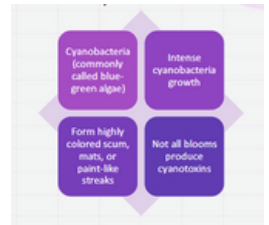
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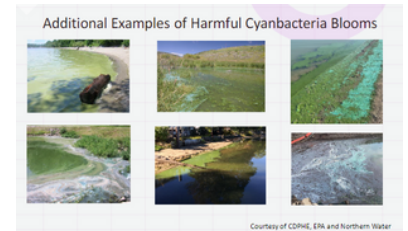
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CYANOBACTERIA MONITORING PLAN

Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** gave an update about the Cyanobacteria Monitoring and Communication Plan: Stakeholders have been monitoring the impact the East Troublesome Fire and resulting debris run-off from the burn scar has on the surrounding watersheds and reservoirs, and has possibly led to an increased existence of cyanotoxins.



Ms. Morris discussed the Toxin Advisory Levels for Recreation established by the CDPHE. Willow Creek, Granby, Shadow Mountain reservoirs and Grand Lake Public Beach will be monitored by Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN) mid-June through mid-September. Signage about the toxin levels will be posted based on testing results.



The CDPHE has two sets of standard educational signs that will be deployed by the U.S. Forest Service based on cyanobacteria levels: if toxin levels are above recreational levels, a Danger sign will be posted indicating the area is closed to full body contact. If toxin levels that are below those levels, Caution signs indicating that toxic algae may be present will be posted. The Town of Grand Lake will be posting additional information on sandwich boards at key access points. Grand Lake's Mayor **Steve Kudron** and Commissioners expressed their concerns about the economic impact of beaches and water bodies being closed, but understood the necessity for signage. Additional discussion will take place as testing begins. [Click here to view the full presentation.](#)



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

June 7 | GC BOCC Bi-Annual Update to the
Town of Winter Park

June 9 | Utility Coordinating Committee
Meeting (Java Lava, Granby)

June 15 | NWCCOG Water Quality /
Quantity Meeting (Gunnison
County)

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TEAM RUBICON RETURNS!

See the Office of Emergency Management's
update on **PAGE 3** for details.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners requested that referees be appointed for the upcoming Board of Equalization Hearings. Experienced local appraisers interested in serving as referees should send a Letter of Interest to cmccoy@co.grand.co.us by July 8. Full-day stipend of \$500 is provided for referees.
- Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** gave an update about a recent study performed by short term rental platform AirBNB. Grand was one of five Colorado counties included in the study; the other four counties are proposing a joint letter disputing the study results. The BOCC approved each Commissioner signing the letter outside of meeting should they decide to do so.
- The BOCC acknowledged a Thank You letter from the Continental Divide Trail Coalition for the BOCC's Open Lands, Rivers and Trails grant of award of \$3,030 to help restore a segment of the CDT.

MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

- Manager gave an update regarding the recent Grand Places meeting:
 - The Governance document was approved, and a discussion regarding future funding.
 - CPW grant was discussed, but has not yet been formally submitted. Additional discussion will take place in July.
- Regarding pumping at Windy Gap Firing Project: Manager is coordinating with Middle Park Water and Colorado River District on release and contract for the Grand County Interim Transfer Water (approximately 1300 acre feet, which can be released sometime after August 1, pursuant to the Windy Gap Firing Project IGA). This Water represents 50 percent of the un-used Windy Gap water pumped to and stored in Granby Reservoir for the benefit of Middle Park Water Conservancy District.
- Senate Bill 22-065, Modification To County Coroners' Salaries passed on March 24, and will be on the BOCC Agenda June 21 at 11:30 a.m.
- Local Irrigators are invited to attend the upcoming Learning by Doing Operations Call Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.
- Regarding a citizen complaint about Peak Materials' asphalt plant's emissions and smell: Community Development staff forwarded the complaint to CDPHE, which is responsible for air quality complaints, as well as to Peak Materials.
- Manager updated the BOCC on a recent citizen request regarding truck traffic from a local business in Tabernash, and any U.S 40 access restrictions to the business by CDOT.
- Manager and Housing Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** attended a recent Fraser River Valley Partnership Board Meeting to provide a recap for new board members. The four-member board will now be appointing three at-large board members. The Work Group will remain in place through at least the remainder of the year to assist the new board. Members of the public wishing to serve on the Board as an At-Large Member should contact the Grand County Housing Authority: SDarland@co.grand.co.us.
- The Blue Valley Acres Land Share, Inc. submitted a building permit to replace an old outhouse and to install a vault toilet in the property owner fishing area along the Blue River; that item will be coming before the Board of Health at a future meeting.
- A Conservation Trust Fund request by the Town of Winter Park in the amount of \$5,667 for snow removal on Corona Pass (County Road 80) was approved. Snow removal on Corona Pass is a partnership between the Town of Winter Park, Grand County and Grand Adventures.

County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue presented the following:

- Ms. LaBarre-Krostue will be attending the Colorado County Attorney's Conference this week.
- Ms. LaBarre-Krostue's request that the BOCC authorize Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenburg** to sign all documents protected by Title 19 related to out-of-county child foster placements was approved.

WORKSHOP: SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION REGULATIONS

Commissioners hosted a Workshop with members of the Planning Commission to discuss the County's Subdivision Exemption (SubEx) Regulations, in particular as they relate to: Growth areas, water, lot sizes, historical philosophy and intent of the Regulations.

Currently, the County requires SubEx's to prove that a domestic well permit be surrendered for a household-use only permit to serve each lot. However, well sharing agreements that preserve domestic use can still be proposed, if reviewed and approved by the State of Colorado. Much of the discussion on Subdivision Exemptions and growth areas tied to the larger picture of Grand County's Master Plan, and current and future growth. The Grand County Master Plan is scheduled to be updated in 2023. *As this was a Workshop, no decisions were made. [Click here to listen to the discussion.](#)*

GRAND COUNTY DEPUTIES RECOGNIZED BY MADD COLORADO AND CDOT

On June 1, 2022, two members of the Grand County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, **Sergeant Steve Hines** and **Deputy Dustin Barbee**, were honored to accept the 2022 Outstanding Team Dedication to Impaired Driving Enforcement Award for the Mountain / Local Law Enforcement region from MADD Colorado Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

The Outstanding Team Dedication to Impaired Driving Enforcement award was presented to a team that demonstrated outstanding dedication to drunk and drugged driving enforcement. The **Grand County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division** has shown a commitment to visible and proactive enforcement including public awareness and outreach, community education, and professional development.



ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Natural Resources

Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** presented a letter from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kremmling Field Office regarding four proposed fuels treatments to remove hazardous fuels in four areas of Grand County: Hogback Road, Fox Loop, Mule Creek and Gore Lakes project areas. Commissioners gave direction for staff to submit a letter of support for the projects.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin gave an update regarding the renovation of the Inmate Recreation Yard. Juvenile Services Director **Kelly Friesen** has secured approximately \$155,000 in grant funding; project costs are estimated at \$180,000.

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** gave an update that the County received an AIM Grant from Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc. grant in the amount of \$46,250 with an equal match amount. The County and Fire Districts will each be contributing approximately \$15,000 for matching funds. Mr. Cochran asked for direction to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) seeking a firm to update and expand the 2006 Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Mr. Cochran also gave an update regarding **Team Rubicon's** mitigation project. Teams began arriving last week, and will be in Grand County for the next four to six weeks working in the Icebox, Alpine Acres, Alpine Park and Winter Park Highlands areas. 48 homes sites are currently scheduled for mitigation work, free of charge to the homeowners. **If you are a property owner in one of these areas and would like to have your property assessed for mitigation, please email Team Rubicon at: grandcowildfiremitigation@teamrubiconusa.org, or stop by the incident command at MPHS to complete a form allowing access to your property and to learn details.**

Public Health

Two CORE services contracts with CDPHE for Child Fatality Prevention funding and Emergency Preparedness-Public Health Emergency Preparedness presented by Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** were approved.

Ms. Baker also gave a brief communicable disease update: Grand County has seen a slight uptick in COVID-19 cases. Click here to view the entire report.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** gave an update to the 2022 Asphalt Budget, as the cost of asphalt has increased with the recent rise of oil prices. Because asphalt costs are expected to increase into and through 2023, Mr. Baer recommended paving County Road 22 in its entirety; Commissioners supported this plan. An updated Asphalt Plan will be presented to the BOCC in late July prior to the 2023 Budget kick-off.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Housing Authority

Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented several items:

- An increase to the Rent Schedule for Silver Spruce Apartments from \$1,135 to \$1,167 (Residents' rent will continue to be based on their Adjusted Gross Income.)
- An Application for Exemption - Restrictive Covenants for Ranches at Devil's Thumb was approved as presented.
- Applications for Exemption from the Restrictive Covenants for multiple units at Coyote Creek at Winter Park by Grand Land Company LLC were approved as presented.
- An application for Exemption from the Restrictive Covenants for multiple units at Coyote Creek at Winter Park by Lynne M. Ly and Paul H. Archiband was approved as presented.

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** gave an update that 11,229 primary ballots were mailed to Grand County residents yesterday.

Drop boxes at the Administration Building in Hot Sulphur Springs, the CSU Extension Building, Grand Lake Town Hall, the Granby Town Hall and Grand Park Recreation Center open by 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8. The in-person voting center in Hot Sulphur Springs will open June 20.

Citizens can update their information, including party affiliation, at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 2022-3-9, Rainbow Meadows Minor Subdivision | Approved as presented.

Ridgeview Townhomes Sketch Plan | Approved with amended conditions.

Himebaugh Subdivision Exemption, Sketch Plan | Approved with conditions, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amended and Restated Ordinance 20, Establishing Fire Restrictions | Approved as presented.

Grand County Ordinance 19 Burn Permits, Penalties Section | Continued until June 21, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.

Sego Blight Hearing (*continued from February 1, 2022*) | The property is no longer in violation, public hearing closed.