



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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STAGE 1 DROUGHT UPDATE

Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** gave an update about the Stage 1 Drought Warning declared by the Drought Preparedness Committee. Despite this winter's snowpack and the late May storms, the persistent poor soil hydrology has led to the soil soaking up much more of the run-off than in previous years. NOAA has released its three-month summer outlook for the Grand County region, indicating it will be hot with very little moisture.

Under Stage 1, water conservation efforts are voluntary, not mandatory regulations. The Committee recommends reducing and re-using water as much as possible:

- Limit outdoor watering to two days a week, between the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- Use a wash bay, pressure washer, or a nozzle that shuts off when not in use to wash vehicles.

The Drought Preparedness Committee is made up of stakeholders representing all aspects of water consumption and interests: Water districts, agriculture, environmental, fire districts, town representatives and the County.

Click here to learn more, and follow the Drought Committee on Facebook: @Grand County Drought Preparedness Program.



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- June 15** | NWCCOG Water Quality / Quantity Meeting (Gunnison County)
- June 15** | Wolf Reintroduction Technical Working Group
- June 16** | AGNC Legislative Call
- June 16** | NACo West Regular Conference Call
- June 17** | Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Board Meeting
- June 22** | Legislator Monthly Breakfast

Click here to view the BOCC's full calendar.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners were notified by Eagle County, the towns of Avon, Eagle, Gypsum, Minturn, Red Cliff and Vail, and the Beaver Creek Metropolitan District of their intent to create a Regional Transportation Authority that borders Grand County.
- Commissioners thanked the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for awarding Grand County Veterans Services a grant in the amount of \$26,500 to assist local veterans with financial assistance for housing, rent, healthcare, food and utility assistance.

MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

- Peak Asphalt is hosting an open house at the plant on County Road 5 on June 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Air quality complaints about the operation have been forwarded to Peak as well as the State, along with a request for a Compliance Inspection.
 - Peak's leadership will be discussing the various ways they're addressing the complaints at the June 22 open house.
- Manager has been assisting Community Development, meeting with developers, and keeping projects moving forward.
 - Staff will be meeting with United Companies regarding the County Road 60 pit to ensure all of their conditions have been met, and they process a name change on the permit from ESCO to United Companies.
- Manager will be speaking about the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement at tomorrow's Water Education Upper Basin Tour, when they stop at the Gore Canyon White Water Park at Pump House.
- BOCC received a notice from the Flintstone Gravel Pit regarding the amended 112 permit. Staff will contact the owners regarding the SUP.
- As an information item, County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** presented an affidavit of compliance from the owner of Raynor's mobile home park in Kremmling notifying the County of the pending sale of the park.

Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** presented several items related to the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo:

- Commissioners approved the appointment of **Tamara Miller** to the Fair Board.
- A request by Kinikin (the company that provides meat processing services for the Junior Livestock Sale) to reduce liability insurance from \$1.2 million to \$1 million was approved.

LIBRARY DISTRICT UPDATE

Executive Director **Polly Gallagher** presented the 2021 annual report. GCLD expanded its virtual and digital offerings during the pandemic, and are now back to pre-pandemic operating hours.

In 2021, the library welcomed 112,519 visitors to the libraries, and 101,501 website visits. GCLD currently has 16 full-time and 9 part-time employees. All branches are working to engage community teens.

Ms. Gallagher reminded the public that computers are available to the public, and all of the libraries offer public WiFi. Additionally, through the Access Grand program, cardholders can "check out" day passes to many local and state, including Winter Park Ski Resort, Headwaters River Journey Museum, Grand Park Recreation Center, the Butterfly Pavilion, Denver Botanic Gardens and many more.

Click here to read the Annual Report.



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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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



Congratulations to the Finance team (Curtis Lange, Cathy Henderson, Alina Bell & Corinne Lively) for receiving the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 30th year in a row!

Road & Bridge

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented a Damage Reimbursement Agreement related to the transfer of the Kattenburg Mine from ESCO Sand & Gravel, LLC to Oldcastle SW Group, Inc dba United Companies. Commissioners approved the agreement as presented.

Water Protection

Modifications to the Grand Lake Clarity Stakeholders' Memorandum of Understanding presented by Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** was approved as presented.

Clerk & Recorder

The Drowsy Water Liquor License Renewal presented by Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** was approved as presented.

Ms. Rosene also gave a monthly report, reflecting that year-to-date revenue is down, but has grown over the four-year period.

Human Services

Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** and Collaborative Management Program Director **Amy Chamberlin** presented several items:

- Collaborative Management Plan MOU | Approved as presented.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (ARPA request) | Approved as presented
- Colorado Child Care Assistance Program MOU | Approved as presented.
- ColoradoWorks MOU | Approved as presented.

Sheriff's Office / Juvenile Services

A contract with the State Behavioral Health Administration for the JBBS program presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** was approved as presented.

The Sheriff also requested approval to hire a grant funded position for a one-year term to assist with case management to support the JBBS and other medication programs within the jail. His request was approved.

Housing Authority

An application for exemption of an Affordable Housing Transfer Fee by Vistas at Pole Creek for Coyote Creek at Winter Park Lot 21 Units 40 through 49 presented by Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** was approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Treasurer

Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley** gave a monthly report, including:

- As of June 9, the County has received property tax payments in the amount of \$58.4 million, approximately 91.2% of total taxes due.
- There are currently approximately 78 single family homes for sale in Grand County, with only 9 listed under \$500,000.
- Ms. Wheatley will be attending the Colorado County Treasurer and Public Trustee Association's Summer Conference in Breckenridge later this month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Cabins at Porcupine Ridge, Amended Final Plat | Approved as presented.

Simmons Minor Subdivision, Final Plat | Approved with amended conditions.

Himbaugh Ridge Subdivision Exemption, Final Plat | *Tabled for the applicant to notify neighbors and address any existing ditches onsite.*

Resolution 2021-5-29, Hickam Subdivision Exemption | Approved as presented.



Voting Fact

In Colorado, **Unaffiliated voters** (who represent 45% of the State's electorate), receive BOTH Democratic and Republican Primary Ballots. *(Those registered with a party affiliation receive only the ballot for their party.)*

Only ONE ballot submitted by Unaffiliated voters will be counted. Should both be received, BOTH will be invalidated.

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.