



Grand County

Colorado

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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The 2022 Middle Park Fair & Rodeo kicks off this weekend! Don't miss Family Day Saturday, August 6. [Click here to view the full schedule of events.](#)

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COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT UPDATE

Colorado River District Board of Directors member **Mike Ritschard** gave an update regarding several current Colorado River District matters that were discussed at their last Board meeting, including:



- The Bureau of Reclamation's request to the Colorado River Basin states to provide an additional 2-4 million acre feet of water to the system to protect critical elevations at Lake Powell and Lake Mead.
- The Colorado River Water Conservation District General Background

[Click here to learn more about the Upper Colorado River Commission and view their recent news.](#)

[Click here to watch a video of the Colorado River District's recent Board Meeting.](#)

[Click here to listen to the full BOCC discussion.](#)



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

July 27 | Peak Health Alliance Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)

July 28 | AGNC Legislative Call (Zoom)

July 28-29 | Club 20 Summer Policy Committee Meetings (Rangely)

July 28 | AGNC Legislative Call (Zoom)

July 29 | CCI Bylaws Committee Meeting (Zoom)

July 30 | Chipping Day

August 1 | Winter Park Transit Advisory Committee (WP Town Hall)

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Upcoming Community Chipping Days

Upcoming free chipping days hosted by the Grand County Wildfire Council. Chips produced during these events are free for the public.

- July 30, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. across from Trail Ridge Marina
- August 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Grand Fire



KVERC Field Trip

Commissioner George attended the Kawuneeche Valley Ecosystem Restoration Collaborative (KVERC) field trip in Rocky Mountain National Park last week. [Click here to watch a video about KVERC's initiative.](#)

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

- **County Road 522:**
 - Cooperating parties have submitted comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' most recent MOA.
 - An alternative wetlands mitigate site is being reviewed.
 - The appraiser is continuing work on a portion of the right-of-way and wetland mitigation easement.
- **Windy Gap Connectivity Channel:**
 - NRCS anticipates the construction document approval being signed this week; a full notice to proceed being issued by Northern Water will follow.
 - Senator Bennet's office is planning a groundbreaking at the site on Tuesday, August 23. The BOCC agenda is proposed to adjust accordingly.
- Manager provided an update regarding the Colorado Basin Roundtable's meeting on Monday that he and Commissioner Linke attended.
- Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** is reaching out to the BLM in regards to Grand County becoming a cooperating agency regarding the BLM's Big Game Habitat and Migration Corridor Environment Impact Statement and Amendment to the BLM Statewide Resource Management Plan.
- **Three Lakes Watershed Association:**
 - The Association is in discussions with Rep. Dylan Roberts, who sits on the State Water Resources and Ag Review Interim Committee, to sponsor a bill related to the impact of the Colorado Big Thompson Project on the Upper Colorado River watershed. Manager has asked that the Grand Lake Clarity MOU partners be invited to an upcoming meeting with the interim committee regarding the proposed bill on August 4.
- Middle Park Fair & Rodeo is underway. Manager will be in and out of the office next week for several events.

Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue presented several items:

- **Resolution No. 2022-7-08** appointing the current Community Development Director as Grand County Fire Code Official | Approved as presented.
- **Resolution No. 2022-7-09** appointing the current Community Development Director as Grand County Building Code Official | Approved as presented.
- Ms. Krostue's request for a disclaimer in Case No. 2022-CB30045 was approved as presented.

2023 BUDGET

As part of the 2023 budget process, each County department is giving brief Workshop presentations to the BOCC in July and early August to provide them with a high-level overview of their requests and needs going in to 2023. This week's presentations included:

Human Services

- Human Services currently has four vacancies out of their 17 positions. The Director anticipates asking for a Deputy Director position to be created.

Information Systems

- Replacement of legacy storage equipment and phone systems will increase capital expenses over the next couple of years.

Emergency Medical Services

- EMS is budgeting operational and capital reserve in 2023, pursuant to their commitment to the community with the recent mill levy increase.
- Pursuant to the recent request for proposals, EMS will have architectural expenses related to Stations 1 and 2 in 2023.
- Fee increases are being considered.
- The Chief anticipates submitting a request to replace all of the department's hand-held radios, along with purchasing additional safety equipment.

Asphalt Plan

- The County's Engineer and Road & Bridge Superintendent reviewed the County's 2022 Asphalt Plan and recommendations for 2023. [Click here to view the presentation.](#) At the direction of the BOCC, staff will bring back final recommendations for 2023 at a future meeting.



Flood After Fire

This was the scene on Highway 125 over the weekend after a mudslide closed the highway between Trail Creek and FS Road 112 shortly after a Flood Advisory was issued for the East Troublesome burn area. **Know Before You Go by checking [COTrip.org](https://www.cotrip.org) for road closures, and be sure to sign up for CodeRED emergency alerts. Sign up and learn more at [GCEmergency.com](https://www.gcemergency.com).**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Mr. Lange's request for an extension to file the 2021 audit was approved. The process is taking longer because the annual audit is taking place remotely again this year.

Treasurer

Grand County Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley's** request to update the Certificate of Authorization signatories on the Bank of the West accounts was approved as presented.

Housing Authority

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

- A space agreement with CSC Services, Inc. for laundry facilities at Grand Living Senior Homes was approved as presented.
- A rental agreement with CSC Services, Inc. for commercial washers and dryers at Silver Spruce Apartments was approved as presented.

Ms. Darland and Manager Moyer also provided an update regarding a recent Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership meeting on the draft Housing Needs Assessment and polling and survey results concerning the proposed ballot initiative. [Click here to learn more about the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership.](#)

Emergency Management

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** gave an update regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP): On June 7, 2022 the BOCC approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified firms to update the CWPP. On June 10, the RFP was posted with a closing date of July 5, 2022; three proposals were received.

The proposal that the panel recommended accepting would require additional funding. Commissioners authorized the additional funding, not to exceed \$10,000.

Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Wayne Schafer's request to purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle was approved as presented. The funding for the UTV is covered by contracts with the U.S. Forest Service and Northern Water for patrol of their respective properties.

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** requested direction regarding amending the fee schedule to lower fees for corporate structure change on marijuana licenses. Following discussion, it was determined no action was needed today; the Attorney's Office will provide direction at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 2021-8-32, Cornerstone Concrete Batch Plant Special Use Permit | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2022-6-22 Correcting Resolution No. 2022-6-21 Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Amended Final Plat | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2022-7-10 Emore, Inc. Special Use Permit | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2022-6-23 Simmons Minor Subdivision | Approved as presented.

Second Amended Final Plat, Lot 2A - Tom Drake Subdivision Exemption | Approved as presented.



Do you know a child who needs assistance covering the cost of swimming lessons, a school science program, or a soccer club? The Blue Valley Ranch Youth Fund provides this assistance to local youth up to the age of 18. **The application deadline is July 31st.** [Click here to learn more.](#)

