



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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Summer looks good on you, too, Winter Park! Photo courtesy Winter Park & Fraser Chamber.

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COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- August 4** | AGNC Legislative Call (Zoom)
- August 4** | Water Resources and Agricultural Review Committee (Denver Water HQ)
- August 5** | EWP Aerial Mulching Flyover
- August 6** | MPFR Events, including Commissioners Cookie Jar and Junior Livestock Sale

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Fire Restrictions: None

See Page 3 for more information about how, why and when fire restrictions are recommended.

GCPH SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Grand County Public Health summer intern **Krista Conrad** gave a presentation to the Board about her experience.

A 2021 Grand County graduate, Krista is currently a sophomore at Whitman College in Washington.

She chose GCPH for her internship because, after volunteering to aid with the first COVID-19 vaccine rollout, she discovered a love for public health and medicine and wanted to give back to her community.

Krista also complemented her internship at the Rural Health Network, and is considering pursuing a masters degree in public health or nonprofit management.



During her time with GCPH, Krista created a series of vaccination flyers, and helped update the website.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved updates and amendments to the County's Personnel Manual as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.
- Commissioner Linke** reported on the Club 20 meeting that took place last week in Rangely. Club 20 is a coalition of individuals, businesses, tribes and local governments in Colorado's 22 western counties. The group is organized for the purpose of speaking with a single unified voice on issues of mutual concern.



The BOCC and Manager would like to thank **Micah Benson, Chris Baer, Troy Simon**, Road & Bridge staff, the Fair Board, Sales Committee, CSU Extension and all event superintendents for their work to host the **106th Middle Park Fair & Rodeo** this week.

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Photo courtesy MPFR.

MANAGER & ATTORNEY UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

Windy Gap Connectivity Channel:

- The construction agreement was executed on Friday, July 29, 2022. Northern Water has issued a full notice to proceed, and is working with NRCS on final documents for additional funding.
- Senator Bennet is hosting a groundbreaking on August 23 at 10:30. (The BOCC meeting will recess that Tuesday to accommodate Commissioners attending the groundbreaking.)
- \$250,000 of the Colorado River District's \$1 million Community Funding Partnership monies has been requested. This, along with \$250,000 from the Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) funds, will be vouchered to Northern Water in the upcoming weeks, pursuant to the approved funding agreements.

Water Releases

- 35 CFS of the 5412.5 acre-foot pool from Granby Reservoir resumed August 1.
- Staff is working on delivery of Grand County's 1300 acre-foot interim transfer water (50 percent of the un-used Middle Park Water contracts) that would be released from Granby Reservoir in August and early September.

Health Insurance Committee

- County Manager provided BOCC with an update of the recent Insurance Committee meeting. Recommendations on 2023 plan and benefits will be presented to the BOCC at a future meeting.

- The Benson Pit detention pond breached again last week during a severe rain event. The County's engineer will be reviewing the site to propose long-term solutions. (The BOCC requested an onsite meeting later this fall.)
- County Manager updated BOCC on last week's discussion regarding the State Interim Water Resources and Ag Review Committee meeting August 4 at 1 p.m. concerning a study on impacts of the Colorado Big Thompson Project on the Upper Colorado River Watershed. Manager will forward meeting details to the BOCC.
- Commissioners approved Ed Moyer as the County's voter designate for Mountain Parks Electric.
- Manager updated BOCC on comments concerning the Fairgrounds Arena, and reported that **Micah Benson** coordinated with a contractor to remove rocks from the arena today.

County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** presented the following:

- **Resolution No. 2022-08-01**, amending the effective date | Approved.
- **Resolution No. 2022-08-02**, appointing Community Development Director as the Grand County Health Officer | Approved.

2023 BUDGET

As part of the 2023 budget process, each County department is giving brief Workshop presentations to the BOCC to provide Commissioners with a high-level overview of their requests and needs going in to 2023.

County Attorney

- Attorney anticipates few significant budget changes. The office will be seeking to fill the currently vacant Assistant Attorney position this fall.

Surveyor

- Surveyor anticipates submitting for approximately \$9,000 of contracted time to review subdivision plats.

Clerk & Recorder

- The Clerk intends to ask again for funds to purchase a new ballot printer; the current equipment will not be supported after December 31, 2023.
- The Clerk will also be asking for monies allowing the new Clerk & Recorder to attend training hosted by the Colorado County Clerk's Association.

Division of Natural Resources

- The foreman does not anticipate any significant purchases or changes to department's budget. ???

Airports

- No significant changes are anticipated for Grand County's two airports. Additional details will be provided during Budget Hearings.

Road & Bridge

- The cost of equipment, fuel, oil and parts are all expected to increase next year.
- Per previous discussions with the BOCC, contracting snow plow operations will also impact the budget.
- Due to changes in CDL testing requirements, Grand County is now sending employees to CDL classes, which will impact the department's training and education budget.
- BOCC discussed 5-year capital and the asphalt plan that will be reviewed during Budget Hearings.

Sheriff's Office

- The Sheriff doesn't anticipate significant changes to the office's budget other than the increases to fuel and supplies.
- The office will continue to apply for grants to fund some of its needs.
- The Sheriff provided an update on the needed capital improvement projects concerning the recreation yard, upgraded sewer connection, and the sallyport.



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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Human Services

A CORE Services contract with Maple Star Colorado to provide supervised parenting time for referred families presented by Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved.

Office of Emergency Management

The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) awarded Grand County \$60,273.00 for a 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The BOCC approved accepting the funding as presented by Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran**.

Airports

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented an updated Airport Layout Plan for the Granby Airport. The BOCC authorized the Plan for submission to the FAA.

Road & Bridge

An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Northern Water and CDOT for debris removal on Highway 125 following major rain events presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** was approved as presented.

A request for a temporary credit limit increase in the amount of \$25,000 in order to submit a deposit required to bid during an equipment auction by Assistant Superintendent **Zac Broady** was approved.

Clerk & Recorder

Indian Peaks Marina Restaurant's Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License renewal was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene**.

Water Protection / EWP Update

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update regarding Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) projects:

- Aerial mulching over federal lands impacted by the East Troublesome Fire is now taking place. Northern Water and Grand County are performing QA ground inspections.

Coroner

Coroner **Brenda Bock** and Deputy Coroner **Tawnya Bailey** presented an annual report and a personnel update, which included asking the BOCC to fund an additional full-time position (FTE). Commissioners discussed the request, and asked for additional information to be provided at the next meeting in order to make a decision.

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin and Fire Manager **Paul Mintier** discussed how fire restriction recommendations are made using the matrix updated by Craig Dispatch Interagency.

The matrix projects how quickly a fire could spread given weather conditions, and ground and live fuels. It aids the Sheriff with evaluating risk and making a recommendation. *Click here to view the presentation.*
Mr. Mintier stated that having a restriction in place does not prevent a fire from starting.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The County previously waived planning, zoning and permitting fees related to construction of Grand Fire Protection District's new facility on County Road 40. A request by Community Development Director **Kristen Manguso** to also waive a Board of Adjustment fee for a proposed variance was approved.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Resolution 2022-AB22-02, Concurring with the Referees' decision to deny | Approved.

Resolution 2022-BOE-1, Concurring with the Referees' recommendation of denial | Approved.

WILDFIRE FUND UPDATE

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** and Grand Foundation Executive Director **Megan Ledin** gave an update about the Grand County Wildfire Fund and continued recovery efforts.

384 homes and 189 structures were destroyed by the East Troublesome Fire. To date, the Wildfire Fund has distributed more than \$3 million for the immediate-, short-, and long-term needs of those impacted by the East Troublesome Fire. 241 homeowners and 115 people who were renting have received assistance through the Wildfire Fund. (Grand County was given a disaster declaration by the U.S. President for Public Assistance, but Individual Assistance was denied.)

The Wildfire Fund still has funds available for assistance. If your property was destroyed in the East Troublesome Fire, contact the Grand Foundation at 970-887-3111, ext. 3.



2022 PRIMARY ELECTION RECOUNT

Thursday, July 28, 2022, Colorado counties received an order from the Secretary of State to recount ballots for the Secretary of State primary race. All of Grand County's official ballots were re-scanned beginning Friday morning, July 29 by a bipartisan team of Election Judges.

Grand County's recount results were 100 percent accurate to original results.

Thank you to our Clerk, her staff and Election Judges for their diligence. **Email questions or concerns about election security to GrandElections@co.grand.co.us.**