



Grand County

Colorado

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

- Rich Cimino | District 1
- Merrit Linke | District 2
- Randy George | District 3



Photo courtesy **Kayli Foulk** and her puppy **Bruce** (he's a good boy!).



Summer sunsets were captured throughout the County last weekend!

Photo courtesy **Devil's Thumb Ranch**.

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COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- August 11** | Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting (Java Lava)
- August 11** | CO State Land Board Breakfast (Walden)
- August 12** | Natural Resources Roundtable (Java Lava)
- August 15-16** | CCI Opioid Abatement Conference (Denver)
- August 17** | AGNC Board Meeting (Rifle)

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



Fire Restrictions: None

CSU EXTENSION SUMMER INTERNSHIP

CSU Extension's summer intern **Caitlyn Corcoran** gave a presentation to the Board about her experience.

Caitlyn is a sophomore at West Grand High School, and has participated in 4-H for 11 years. This was her second year as the CSU Extension intern.

This summer part of her job was assisting with the Wednesday Day Camps and fair. She cites her internship with helping her gain confidence and understand how to achieve work / life balance.

Her future plans aren't yet solidified, but Caitlyn is looking into careers working with animals beyond veterinary services.



During her time with CSU Extension, Caitlyn helped supervise events and games for the Wednesday Day Camps.

BOARD BUSINESS

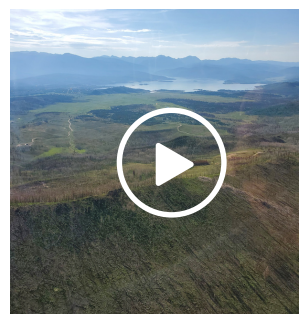
Commissioner George gave an update about a helicopter tour given last Friday by one of the pilots providing aerial mulching of the East Troublesome Fire burn scar.

Aerial mulching provides continuous cover of medium thickness to replace ground cover consumed by fire. Ground cover is necessary to maintain soil moisture, accelerate recovery of native vegetation, protect any seed remaining on site, and to improve success of any seeding treatment.

Aerial mulching operations resumed in the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests July 7, and are expected to last through August.

In other business:

- A Pole Creek Valley community member has requested to meet with Commissioners individually to discuss his concerns about the north section of the proposed County Road 522 project.
- BOCC discussed the recent correspondence regarding the three-year Secure Rural Schools authorization by the Community Self Determination Act.



[Click here to watch videos of the tour on Grand County Government's Facebook page \(@GrandCountyGov\).](#)

MANAGER & ATTORNEY UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

County Road 522:

- The surveyor is completing legal descriptions, and may need to re-survey the proposed right-of-way.
- Manager and Attorney will be reviewing U.S. Army Corps of Engineer legal comments to the Memorandum of Agreement.
- Manager and Assistant Manager met with Red Hawk Ranch's consultant regarding a potential joint wetland mitigation site.
- In addressing the mitigation, funding and legal protection requirements of the permit conditions, Manager's Office continues to meet with the Corps of Engineers

Water Releases

- Manager updated BOCC on the release of Grand County's 1300 acre-foot pool from Granby Reservoir (50 percent of the unused Middle Park Water contracts) to address elevated Colorado River water temperatures between Windy Gap and the confluence at Williams Fork. Said releases are proposed to start Wednesday.

Grand Lake Clarity - CBT Project

- Manager provided a recap regarding a recent meeting with the State Interim Water Resources and Ag Review Committee about the proposed State study on impacts of the Colorado Big Thompson Project on the Upper Colorado River Watershed. BOCC and Manager discussed the proposal related to any required Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the on the federally owned CBT project.

- Finance Director has recommended Road & Bridge continue with lease programs (versus purchasing) for heavy equipment.
- Commissioners approved a request from the Manager to waive a mandatory separation period for two employees to be retained on a part-time basis: **Joel Cochran** (who resigned as Emergency Manager effective August 12) will continue part time to complete the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Former Maintenance Supervisor **Bill Crouch** (who retired earlier this summer) has agreed to work part time to assist with maintenance efforts.
- Manager thanked **CSU Extension, Chris Baer, Troy Simons, Road & Bridge staff, the Fair Board, Junior Livestock Sale Committee, Barn and Show Superintendents, and all of the volunteers** who helped make the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo and Junior Livestock Sale a success.

County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** requested permission to represent Grand County Clerk **Sara Rosene** in the law suit filed by Tina Peters against the Secretary of State and 62 county clerks. Commissioners approved the request.

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.

Coroner

- The Coroner anticipates needing repairs to their facility in Kremmling. The department also needs to add laptops and mobile phones compatible with the Sheriff's Office's new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software.



[Click here to view the 2023 Budget Calendar.](#)

WELCOME!

Tristan Bailey (Sheriff's Office)
Taylor Lewis (Sheriff's Office)
Lindsey Birdseye (Human Services)
Jerry Macklberg, Jr. (Road & Bridge)
Robert Wilson (Community Development)
Alan Parker (Community Development)
Michelle Romero (Housing Authority)
Douglas Baker (Road & Bridge)
Jolene Linke (Clerk & Recorder)
Carolyn Barela-Colvin (CSU Extension)
Abby Loberg (Clerk & Recorder)

Grand County currently has job openings in a wide range of fields and industries. Visit [GrandCountyCareers.com](#) to learn more and apply online!

THANK YOU! for your dedication and service to Grand County's residents and visitors!

Kayli Foulk (Water Protection) - 1 year
Lance Ususan (Sheriff's Office) - 1 year
Danielle Patterson (Human Services) - 1 year
Andrew Wilcoxon (EMS) - 1 year
Daniel Arellano (Sheriff's Office) - 3 years
Charles Zettlemoyer (EMS) - 4 years
Chelsea Sidener (Sheriff's Office) - 4 years
Wes Chessman (Community Development) - 4 years
Daniel Vasquez (Sheriff's Office) - 5 years
Amy Chamberlin (Human Services) - 5 years
Karen Crabb (Human Services) - 5 years
Cordeila Stieve (EMS) - 6 years
Heather Gish (Sheriff's Office) - 7 years
Sheena Darland (Housing Authority) - 9 years
Ann Baer (Public Health) - 12 years
Robbin Stapleton (Animal Control) - 16 years
Diane Hugley (Public Health) - 22 years
Micah Benson (Manager's Office) - 23 years
Taunia Shipman (Human Services) - 30 years



*Karen Crabb
5 Years!*



*Amy Chamberlin
5 Years!*



*Taunia Shipman
30 Years!*

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented several items:

- Grand Lake Metro. Rec. District / Grand Lake golf Course Liquor License Renewal | Approved as presented.
- Grand Manor dba Apothecary Bar & Lounge Liquor License Renewal | Approved as presented.
- Clerk's Monthly Report: July and year-to-date revenue is down over 2021, but has increased over 2019 and 2020.

Office of Emergency Management

A Services Agreement with SWCA Incorporated dba SWCA Environmental Consultants for updating Grand County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan presented by Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** was approved as presented.

Housing Authority

The service provider for a laundry agreement previously approved requested that the contract dates be changed; the changes were initialed by the Chair.

Natural Resources

Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** presented a modification to a U.S. Forest Service agreement for noxious weed spraying. The modified agreement compensates Grand County \$11,500 for services in 2022.

Treasurer's Office

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

- 98.5% (\$63.39 million) of property tax payments have been received to date.
- Grand County's unemployment rate for June was 2.4% - or 253 individuals.
- Grand County's median household income is \$71,000. The below chart assumes a household will spend 30% of their annual income on a home:

# of Single Family Homes for Sale	Home Value	Range of Household Median Income
0	< 200k	0% to 67%
0	200k to 300k	67% to 100%
1	300k to 450k	100% to 150%
160+	> 450k	150% +

Coroner

Last week Coroner **Brenda Bock** and Deputy Coroner **Tawnya Bailey** asked the BOCC to fund an additional full-time position (FTE). Commissioners discussed the request, and asked for additional information to be provided in order to make a decision. Following discussion on the additional information provided, Commissioners approved an additional FTE for the remainder of 2022. A total of three full-time position - including the Coroner - and additional part-time on-call employees will be proposed in the 2023 budget.

Commissioners also authorized Ms. Bailey's request to apply for a grant to purchase an electronic reporting software for the Coroner's Office.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Director **Kristen Manguso** gave a monthly update:

- Year-to-date building permits and revenues are down from 2021.
- The Mill Avenue Apartments, an affordable housing project located at Byers Peak Ranch, is moving forward. Once complete, the project will provide 60 units for local residents.
 - This project met the requirements to qualify for Housing and Urban Development's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), which subsidizes the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income tenants.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Airport Advisory Committee Chair **Dennis Carpenter** gave a quarterly update, including:

- The new west hangar road at Granby Airport.
- The conceptual Terminal and Airport Layout Plans for Kremmling Airport.
- The survey being conducted by the Advisory Committee of other Colorado airports.
- Airport counts - both airports are experiencing increased flight traffic.

Construction of a new hangar at Emily Warner Field in Granby was just completed; construction on a second hangar is planned to begin this fall.



Eight T-hangars and one box hangar are under construction at McElroy Field in Kremmling, and should be completed this fall.



HERBICIDE GIVEAWAY



Every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon the department of Natural Resources gives away free herbicide to homeowners combatting noxious weeds. BYOS - Bring Your Own Sprayer - to the DNR garage at 469 Topaz in Granby.

This summer's moisture has helped noxious weeds proliferate. "Noxious weeds" are non-native aggressive invaders that replace native vegetation, reduce agricultural productivity, cause wind and water erosion and pose an increased threat to communities from wildfire.

[Click here to view a Noxious Weed Guide.](#)