



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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



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COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- August 17** | AGNC Board Meeting (Rifle)
- August 18** | *Denver Gazette* "Future of Colorado Water" webinar
- August 18** | CCI Mountain District Meeting (Florence)
- August 18** | NACo West Region Regular Conference Call
- August 18** | Bi-Annual Update, Town of HSS
- August 19** | Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Board (Zoom)
- August 20** | Chipping Day, Granby Fire
- August 23** | Colorado River Connectivity Channel Groundbreaking (Windy Gap)

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

FAIRGROUNDS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Middle Park Fairgrounds summer intern **Robert Benson** gave a presentation to the Board about his accomplishments.

Robert will be a freshman at the Grand County Christian Academy this fall, and enjoys lego building in his free time.

While not quite sure about his plans beyond high school, he said that this internship "helped (him) learn some things (he) could do in the future."

Commissioners thanked Mr. Benson for his service this summer, and encouraged him to consider an internship again next summer, either with the same department, or another department to gain exposure to different career opportunities.



Summer Intern Robert Benson gave a presentation to the BOCC about his experience at the Fairgrounds.

BOARD BUSINESS

Proposed Regionally Significant and Transportation Capacity Interpretation and Examples for CDOT Projects

Community Development Director **Kris Manguso** provided the BOCC with an overview of the proposed Regionally Significant and Transportation Capacity Interpretation. Pursuant to a request from Steamboat Springs City Council member Pro-Tem District III **Heather Sloop**, the BOCC supported Ms. Sloop's stance that the Northwest Transportation Planning Region (TPR) be represented on committees for greenhouse gas (GHG) rulemaking.

In other business...

Commissioner Cimino requested direction regarding his attendance at the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Solutions Summit September 20-22 in Breckenridge.

Commissioners Linke and George expressed their support.

The August 23 BOCC Meeting will recess in order for Commissioners to attend the Windy Gap Connectivity Channel groundbreaking event hosted by Senator Bennet at 10 a.m.

Senator Hickenlooper is hosting a Wildfire Recovery Tour Tuesday at 5 p.m. on private property on Hwy 125 to discuss wildfire recovery and President Biden's Inflation Recovery Act.



Fire Restrictions: None

MANAGER & ATTORNEY UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

- Last week Manager spoke at, and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk**, attended Water Education Colorado (WEco)'s mini-tours of the Colorado River headwaters area. The mini-tour included stops at important water-related sites (including Windy Gap) and topics in the headwaters area of the Colorado Basin within Grand County.
- Departments will be meeting with Finance Director **Curtis Lange** and Manager the week of August 29th to discuss their 2023 budget review and requests.
 - Any departments requesting fee changes will present their requests at the August 23 BOCC meeting.
 - Budget Hearings are scheduled begin October 3. [Click here to view the 2023 Budget Calendar.](#)
- Manager will be presenting a final Asphalt Plan to the BOCC at an upcoming meeting.
- Bi-annual meeting with the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs is scheduled for August 18 at 6 p.m. Commissioner George will be attending.
- Manager and Commissioner Linke attended the Natural Resources Roundtable last week, where the 5-year Big Game Season Structure, U.S. Forest Service Road closures prior to fourth rifle and late cow seasons, and fuels reduction projects were discussed.
- Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** updated the BOCC on upcoming public auction, that will include motor pool vehicles and two aging road graders. Details about vehicles and the auction will be posted on the County's website soon. Sealed bids will be accepted through September 22, 2022.

County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue's** request to authorize the stamping of the previous Chair's signature on Ordinance 19, for which she was present at its introduction, was 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.

Water Protection

In addition to cost-of-living increases and the impact of inflation, Water Quality Manager noted that the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) associated with the rain gauges installed throughout the County to assist with early warning about stream flows and possible flooding increased significantly last year. Staff is soliciting partners to help cover those increased costs.

Housing Authority

The Operations Manager noted that no significant changes are anticipated with the Administration Budget, and that she will be proposing increasing the hourly pay for the open Maintenance position to match the current rate being paid to contractors.

NEXT STEPS

- August 23 - BOCC Workshop on proposed fee changes
- August 23 - Review of Budgeted Revenues
- August 26 - Departmental Budget Requests Due



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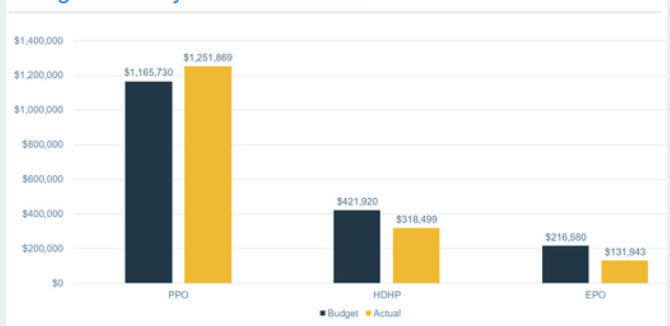
2023 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

HUB International Limited, which manages the County's insurance plan, presented a 2022 update and recommended plan changes for 2023, pursuant to the Health Insurance Committee's recommendations:

- Medical plan costs have increased 9.6% year to date compared with 2021.
- Dental costs have also increased 1.1% compared with 2021.
- The committee recommended an approximate 5% increase to employee contributions and a \$5 / month charge for single coverage on the EPO plan.
- The committee recommended adding 30 mental health visits with no co-pay to coverage.

Commissioners approved accepting all of the committee's recommendations. [Click here to view the full presentation.](#)

Budget/Cost By Medical/Rx Plan



ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Road & Bridge

An out-of-state travel request by Superintendent **Chris Baer** for crews to travel to Moab, Utah August 31 to pick up road salt was approved.

Mr. Baer also notified the BOCC that he may be requesting a supplement to the Road & Bridge budget for magnesium chloride in the amount of \$5,100 due to increased fuel costs.

Human Services

A Services Contract with Karen Crabb, LSW for adult protection and family engagement services consultation presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved.

Ms. Ruttenberg also presented a Core Services Plan with the State Department of Human Services that was approved as presented.

Emergency Medical Services

An out-of-state travel request presented by EMS **Chief Robert Good** for **Deputy Chief Austin Wingate** and Billing Manager **Cordie Steive** to travel to Nashville, TN for the American Ambulance Association Conference & Trade Show September 17-20 was approved as presented.

Housing Authority

An application for exemption from the affordable housing transfer fee for lot 21 unit 14 of Coyote Creek at Winter Park presented by **Operations Manager Sheena Darland** was approved.

Ms. Darland requested the BOCC to provide additional funding in the amount of \$187,500 toward repair costs of a property that Grand Foundation is purchasing for fire families and workforce housing. The property will ultimately be donated to the Grand County Housing Authority. Following discussion, the BOCC approved the request, committing a total of \$437,500 to the project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A request by Director **Kris Manguso** to extend the consulting contract for Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mountain Madness Special Use Permit | Approved with modified conditions.

SHORT TERM RENTALS UPDATE

Short Term Rental Coordinator **Christian Hornbaker** gave an update regarding Short Term Rentals in unincorporated Grand County:

- Host Compliance is reporting data at a 75.5% accuracy.
- STR registrations to date:
 - May - 68
 - June - 50
 - July - 73
 - August - 30
- January 1, 2021 through August 11, 2022, 718 new STR registrations have been received.
- The STR workgroup's August 11 meeting:
 - The workgroup has had significant discussions about increasing the "pillow fee."
- Mr. Hornbaker recommended the County migrate from Host Compliance to GovOS for managing short-term rentals. GovOS is currently used by most other municipalities in the County.
- Ongoing issues include the impact of House Bill (HB)22-1137: Homeowners' Association Board Accountability And Transparency, which could impact the ability of local HOAs to restrict or manage STRs within their neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER



How well do **you** know our County Commissioners?

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- Q.** Who is from New Jersey and has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering?
- Q.** Who taught Middle School in Wyoming and coached girls basketball?
- Q.** Who was accepted to a PhD program, but had to decline due to assignments with the U.S. military?