



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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Fall mountain biking photo courtesy **Headwaters Trails Alliance**.

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COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

Sept 28 | Peak Health Alliance Board Mtg

Sept 29-30 | Health Insurance Affordability
Enterprise Board Retreat (Glenwood)

Sept 29 | GC Wildfire Council Wildfire Risk &
Mitigation Discussion

Sept 30 | CCI Ballot Initiatives Discussion

Oct 3 | Winter Park Transit Advisory
Committee Meeting

Oct 3-7 | GC Budget Hearings

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners appointed **Rachel Thackston** to complete **Deborah Fitch's** term on the Grand County Tourism Board. Ms. Fitch's current term ends December 31, 2022. Commissioners also appointed Ms. Thackston to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2025.

On a related topic, Commissioners discussed **HB22-1117: Use of Local Lodging Tax Revenue**, concerning the use of revenue from a local tax on lodging. The act expands the allowable uses of the revenue from a county's lodging tax to include:

- Housing and childcare for the tourism-related workforce, including seasonal workers, and for other workers in the community;
- Facilitating and enhancing visitor experiences; and
- Capital expenditures related to these new purposes.

A local marketing district or county must obtain voter approval to use the tax revenue for the new allowable uses. Commissioners requested to begin Workshop discussions with the Tourism Board in early 2023 to discuss a 2023 ballot question, pursuant to the bill.

On a conference call with 14th Judicial District Attorney **Matthew Karzen** and commissioners from Moffat and Routt counties, the BOCC approved Grand County's portion of the 2023 Judicial District budget.

Commissioner Linke and Manager **Ed Moyer** gave an update regarding the recent Colorado Basin Roundtable. Topics included:

- CWCB Commissioner **Paul Bruchez** updated the Roundtable on the recent board approval of \$17 million for drought resilience and aging infrastructure projects, and Basin Implementation Plan projects. [Click here to read CWCB's news release on the topic.](#)
- HB22-1379: Wildfire Prevention Watershed Restoration Funding, concerning transfers from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to provide additional funding for the management of certain natural resources related to mitigating wildfire risk and recovery;
- Colorado Ag Water Alliance Drought Resilience Projects grant applications are due December 1. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Roundtable approved a grant application to hire **Anna Drexler-Dreis** as the Roundtable's Public Education Participation and Outreach (PEPO) Coordinator.
- CWCB will be hiring Water Plan Grant Regional Program Managers for each basin.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

- County Manager updated BOCC on recent proposed special districts in conjunction with proposed development:
 - The Community Development Director has been in contact with developers on the matter to clarify that, once a completed application is submitted, the application will be reviewed by outside special counsel specializing in this field. Developers requesting special districts will be responsible for the legal fees of such outside review.
- Manager updated the BOCC on a recent meeting between Town Managers, County Manager and East Grand School District superintendent regarding school fees.
- Following an update from **Commissioner Cimino** regarding the CAST 2030 Climate Solutions Summit, Manager stated that staff has been in contact with the Colorado Energy Office regarding the process for requesting energy assessments of County facilities (aka Energy Performance Contracting).
- **Integrated Response Exercise:**
 - Last week, County staff and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) took part in a multi-agency public safety training. Made possible by a grant through the Department of Homeland Security, instructors from Louisiana State University graciously agreed to provide this training in Grand County at no cost to participating agencies.
 - The OEM is preparing an after-action report, which will be presented to the BOCC at a later date.
 - County Manager expressed his appreciation for the staff, personnel, volunteers and agencies who participated and dedicated time for this exercise.
- Manager and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** will be participating in Denver Water's Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) annual status meeting Wednesday.
- **County Road 522:**
 - Wetland consultant is onsite this week to evaluate the proposed mitigation site in Tabernash.
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and State Historic Preservation Office are finalizing MOA language.
 - Appraisals for properties located between County Roads 73 and 50 are being finalized.
- Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** noted that the Waste Tire Event will take place this Saturday, October 1 from 8 a.m. to noon at Road & Bridge shop on Topaz Ave. in Granby.
 - Up to **9 CLEAN, RIMLESS** tires per vehicle will be permitted. Event will end at noon, or once 850 tires have been collected.

AIRPORT ADVISORY UPDATE

Dennis Carpenter from the Airport Advisory Committee provided an update:

- Operations data from the Kremmling and Granby Airports is being compiled to accurately track take-offs and landings.
- Ramp lighting repairs and crack sealing was done at the Kremmling Airport.
- Several new hangars are complete at both Kremmling and Granby.
- Mr. Carpenter also updated the BOCC on the road construction to access the new hangar area at the Granby Airport northwest of the runway.

Click here to listen to the full presentation.



Pictured above: Colorado Parks & Wildlife used both airports for its aerial fish stocking operations. Click on the thumbnail at left to view a video from CPW of the fish stocking operations.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

County Auditors Hinkle & Company presented Grand County's 2021 Audit. In their opinion, the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, without exception.

Commissioners thanked the Accounting team (Curtis Lange, Cathy Henderson, Alina Bell and Corinne Lively) for their diligence and financial oversight throughout the year for Grand County's continued positive audit results.



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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Public Health

A CORE contract with CDPHE for GCPH to receive \$ 37,910.00 to administrate the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program in Grand County presented by Director **Abbie Baker** was approved.

Sheriff's Office

A lease renewal with the Nordloh Family Protection Trust and the Snider Ranch in the amount of \$1 for the Grand County Animal Shelter presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** was approved.

The Sheriff also stated that surrounding counties and other agencies (including the USFS) also terminated their fire restrictions last week.

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented an election update:

- Last Friday, ballots were mailed to overseas and voters who receive notification of ballot electronically. All other ballots are currently being printed, and will be mailed on October 17, 2022 from local post offices.
- For this election, there are 19 ballot styles reflecting questions from all precincts. Voters receive the ballot respective to their precinct (e.g. voters in Kremmling will not receive the ballot with questions applicable to Grand Lake). This year, there are six different ballot styles for the Granby area.
- The logic and accuracy test of more than 1,000 ballots is planned for this week. The test includes requirements for the Clerk to make every attempt to corrupt ballots.
- If you are currently not registered to vote, or need to update your information, visit www.GoVoteColorado.com.
- If you have questions about the election process, or the ballots, please contact the Clerk at: GrandElections@co.grand.co.us.

[Click here to learn more about voting and elections.](#)



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Featured Job | **Building / Grounds Maintenance**

This position is responsible for performing custodial and minor maintenance repair duties, snowplowing; keeping County buildings and surrounding properties clean and orderly.

Salary: \$34,398 - \$52,030 DOQE
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CDOT ANNUAL UPDATE

Representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) gave an update about Region 3 (Northwest) projects.

Region 3 includes Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Eagle, Grand, Mesa, Delta, Pitkin, Summit, Lake, Gunnison, Hinsdale and (half of) Montrose counties. It is CDOT's largest region, with:

- 706 bridges
- 13 mountain passes
- 7 tunnels
- 13 rest areas
- 5,161 lane miles of State highway

Out of the 23 projects currently planned for 2023 - 2026, two are in Grand County (this does not include all of the 20-year plan projects):

- US 40 Passing Lanes W. of Kremmling (\$12 million)
- US 40 Red Dirt Hill (\$7 million)

An upcoming October 27 Northwest Transportation Planning Region (TPR) meeting was discussed. Commissioners will be determining which of them will be attending.

Region 3	Transit	Capital	Total
FY 2023-2026 funding	\$19,591,000	\$176,319,000	\$195,910,000
Rural Resurfacing (RR) 25% Target		\$44,079,750	Required
Remaining		\$132,239,250	

The above chart shows the total funding and break down between planned transit and capital projects for CDOT Region 3 between 2023 and 2026. [Click here to view the full report.](#)

WINTER OPERATIONS

Like the County, CDOT is suffering staffing shortages. During their annual update, Region 3 Transportation Director **Jason Smith** reported that the CDOT crew for Grand County is 50% staffed, and they have received no applicants.



CDOT's winter plan is to bring crews from neighboring counties and regions to help with plowing efforts. US 40 will be prioritized, with secondary routes (highways 134, 34, 125, and 9) being plowed as staffing and time allows. *(Above photo of snowplow courtesy CDOT.)*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Director **Kristen Manguso** gave an update regarding truck traffic leaving Peak Materials gravel pit and entering US Hwy 40 from County Road 5. Ms. Manguso reviewed citizen concerns against Peak's SUP, and found no evidence of violations at this time.