



Grand County

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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Photo of fall trees reflected on the water courtesy of Grand County's **Anonymous** photographer.

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BOARD BUSINESS

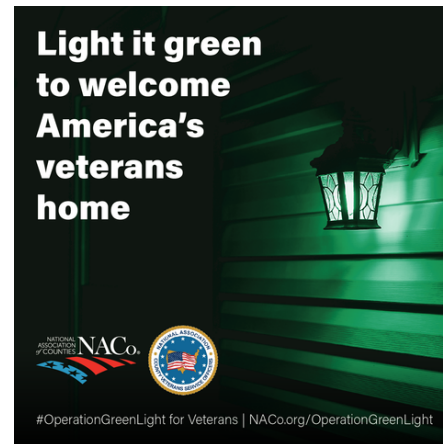
Commissioners approved appointments of new members to the Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Advisory Committee, as recommended by the OLRT's current Advisory Committee members:

- **Laurie Pope** was nominated by the Kremmling Town Council;
- **George Sharpe** was nominated by the Winter Park Town Council;
- **Lauren Huber** was nominated by Granby Town Council.

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

Commissioners also approved Resolution 2022-10-01, proclaiming support for Operation Green Light for Veterans presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.

Operation Green Light for Veterans is an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our veterans and their families. As part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Grand County will be displaying green outdoor lights on the Administration Building through Veteran's Day. We encourage our community's individuals and businesses to join us.





BUDGET HEARINGS

During this week's Budget Hearings, each department is appearing before the BOCC to present their requests, and answer questions from Commissioners about their 2023 proposed budget. Commissioners are scheduled to approve the Preliminary Budget on October 18.

The BOCC has been fiscally conservative in previous years, preparing for significant planned capital expenditures in 2023. As result, the proposed budget reflects a surplus in the operations budget, but an overall deficit due to utilizing savings (fund balance) for said expenditures, pursuant to the five-year capital plan.

Click here to view the full Budget Calendar and each department's budget requests.



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- Oct 3-7** | GC Budget Hearings
- Oct 7** | CCI Legislative Committee & General Membership Meeting
- Oct 7** | Northern Water Willow Creek Campus Grand Opening
- Oct 12** | CCI Annual Small Communities Workshop (Chaffee County)
- Oct 13** | Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting (Java Lava)
- Oct 13** | CCAT Transportation 2023 Policy Planning (Zoom)
- Oct 14** | Henderson Mill Water Treatment Plant Follow-Up

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



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MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

County Road 522:

- A services contract with Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. to develop a Monitoring Plan for the County Rd 522 construction through the historic Fraser POW Camp site presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** was approved as presented. The monitoring plan is one of the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) conditions for the MOA.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

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

Human Services

An out-of-state travel request for Child Welfare Caseworker **Nichole Fuqua** for a child welfare visit presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved.

Sheriff's Office

An Advance Payment Request Form for the Gray & Black Marijuana Enforcement program presented by Executive Assistant **Kelly Oxley** was approved. The request releases funds attained by the Sheriff's Office via a grant in 2021.

Housing Authority

Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented several items:

- A Services Contract with Castle LLC to perform concrete work and other services related to the snow melt system at Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was approved as presented.
- A Services Contract with Dominguez Expert Painters, LLC for exterior painting and rotted wood repair on Buildings 1 and 2 of Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was approved as presented.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 2022-5-20, Vacation of County Road 4811 to the Town of Grand Lake | Approved as presented.

A Services Contract with GovOS to monitor Short Term Rental registrations presented by Director **Kristen Manguso** was approved as presented.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN - 2023

Human Resources Director **Colleen Reynolds** provided an update and recommendation regarding the County's Health Insurance Plan Modification, specifically addressing three plan addendums:

- The 2023 EPO and PPO medical plans will allow up to 30 mental health visits to in-network providers with a \$0 copay. Peak and EBMS have also agreed to process out-of-network mental health visits with a \$35 copay, while using reasonable and customary standards to set the allowable reimbursement.
- The minimum deductible for the High Deductible Health Plan is increasing in 2023 (set by IRS). Commissioners were provided a recommendation to increase the County's contribution to the Health Saving Accounts (\$750 annual for single and \$1500 annual for family).
- Commissioners considered stop loss insurance quotes from Optum (current carrier) and Swiss Re. Optum has offered a firm renewal at 7%, with potential for refund of portion of premium depending on claims. Staff recommended that the BOCC remain with Optum for 2023.

Commissioners approved all three items as recommended, and authorized the County Manager to execute final documents.



COAT DRIVE

Donate gently used coats through the month of October!

Grand County Sheriff's Office
670 Spring St., Hot Sulphur Springs
Mondays - Thursdays
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



The **Jail Based Behavioral Services Program**, also known as JBBS, is a Colorado-wide program that began in October 2011. The program provides mental health and substance services to adults that are incarcerated. The program also assists with continuity of care and community reintegration after the person is released from custody.