



# Grand County

Colorado

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## COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

Richard Cimino | District 1

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Randy George | District 3



Grand County Sheriff's Office **K9 Danny** got a sneak peek of the pumpkin patch at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains in Granby. Photo courtesy GCSO

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## 2022 ELECTION UPDATE

On Monday, October 17, the Clerk's office mailed 11,292 ballots from the Hot Sulphur Springs post office. Like all mail, ballots will travel through the Denver postal facility before returning to Grand County for distribution.

The county controlled drop box at the Administration Building opens Wednesday. All other county controlled drop boxes will open Friday. All drop boxes are open - and video surveilled - 24 hours a day. Ballots are retrieved from drop boxes by bipartisan teams of Election Judges. **The last pick up of ballots from drop boxes will occur at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8.**

Voters who do not receive their ballot via mail (or it arrives damaged) can obtain a replacement from the Voter Service and Polling Center at the Administration Building in Hot Sulphur Springs.

Election and ballot questions? Email them to: [GrandElections@co.grand.co.us](mailto:GrandElections@co.grand.co.us).

## BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Land Management for Development of the Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** will be attending an upcoming Cooperators meeting on the topic, and will report back to the BOCC November 1.
- Commissioners gave direction for Manager to engage with Moffat County regarding County Cooperating Agencies status for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Gray Wolf in the State of Colorado Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Commissioner Cimino gave an update regarding his participation in a recent DOLA Small Communities Workshop in Chaffee County, and discussed the benefits of participating in such meetings and conferences.
- Commissioners hosted a conference call with Summit County Commissioners to discuss a variety of topics, including Summit County's financial contribution to the Veteran Services Officer (VSO) shared by Grand and Summit counties, public transportation, short term rentals, affordable housing and HB22-1117: Use of Local Lodging Tax Revenue.



## COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

**Oct 19** | AGNC Board Meeting (Montrose)

**Oct 20** | WP Fraser Chamber Candidate Forum (WP Town Hall)

**Oct 20** | LEPC meeting (Snow Mtn Ranch)

**Oct 20** | NACo West Region Conference Call

**Oct 20-21** | CAST Meeting (Glenwood Springs)

**Oct 21** | CCAT Governing Board Check-In

**Oct 24** | Bi-annual update to Town of Grand Lake

*Click here to view the BOCC's full calendar.*

# MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

## Town of Winter Park Update:

At Commissioner Cimino's request, Manager and Assistant Manager drafted a letter concerning the total amount of funding committed by the County to the Town of Winter Park Transit. The topic will be discussed later today during the BOCC's update to the town.

## Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF):

Commissioners approved Manager to continue serving as the authorized representative for the American Rescue Plan to receive LATCF funds.

## Energy Audit:

Commissioners provided direction for the State Energy Office to host a Workshop with the BOCC regarding its Energy Performance Contracting Program, and the process to request an energy performance audit.

## CSU Extension:

CSU Extension Director **Olivia Clark** has announced her resignation. Advertising and interviewing candidates will be done in conjunction with Colorado State University Extension.

## Highway Junction Outright Exemption

Manager noted a recent letter from County Assessor regarding the outright exemption being within two different taxing districts. County Attorney and staff will be meeting with the Treasurer and Assessor regarding the matter, and will update BOCC.

## EMS Facilities:

Manager and EMS staff interviewed architects who submitted qualifications for design services for Stations One and Two. An RFQ recommendation will be presented to the BOCC next week.

## County Road 522:

A meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the County is being scheduled later this week to finalize the MOA.

### Additional topics:

- Sitting as the Housing Authority Board, Commissioners approved signing the title of a 2001 Chevy truck that was recently purchased by a private party during Road & Bridge's vehicle auction.
- Commissioner Cimino requested purchasing several copies of "Zoning Past Future" for staff.
- The BOCC provided direction for the County Attorney to look into director appointments based on request for the BOCC to appoint board members to the West Meadow Metropolitan District.
- County Attorney and Housing Authority Operations Manager are finalizing an amended Cliffview Management Agreement prior to sending it to Middle Park Health.

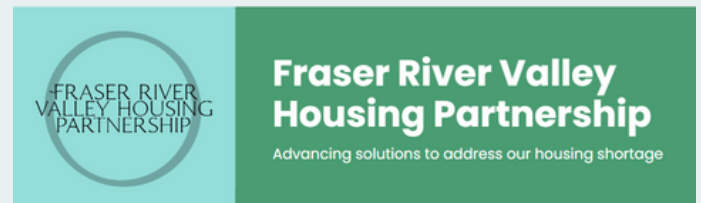
# PRELIMINARY BUDGET



Commissioners approved the Preliminary Budget as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**. The Preliminary Budget includes changes made during Budget Hearings. [Click here to view the Preliminary Budget.](#)

The 2023 budget reflects a \$5.8 million deficit due to significant capital projects. **However, the BOCC has been planning - and saving - for these capital projects over the last decade.**

# HOUSING PARTNERSHIP



Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership (FRVHP) Board President **Robyn Wilson** presented an update about the FRVHP's actions to date, including ballot issue 6A, which asks voters in the Fraser Recreation District and the Town of Granby if property taxes (*in those districts*) should be increased by 2.00 mills for four stated purposes.

[Click here to view information about the FRVHP and full 6A ballot language.](#)

# MP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Middle Park Conservation District Executive Director **Katlin Miller** presented an annual report, including:



- Two Landowner Cost-Share Programs
- Conservation Technical Assistance
- East Troublesome Fire Recovery

## Water Law in a Nutshell Workshop

For the seventh time, Middle Park Conservation District is hosting "Water Law in a Nutshell" presented by Mr. Aaron Clay. Aaron is a retired Attorney at Law & former 26-year Water Referee for Colorado Court, Division 4. The workshop will be held in Granby on Friday, November 18 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains. Cost is \$95. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Ms. Miller also presented the updated Ultimate Landowner Guide. [Click here to view the guide.](#)

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Accounting

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

### Sheriff's Office

A grant award by CDPHE for an air purification system for the Sheriff's Office building and jail presented by Executive Assistant **Kelly Oxley** was approved.

### Airports

A Services Contract with DBT Transportation Services LLC for periodic maintenance and service for the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) and the National Airspace Data Interchange Network(NADIN)data link service at the Granby Airport presented by Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** was approved.

### Public Health

A CDPHE Master Task Contract Order Amendment was approved as presented by Director **Abbie Baker**.

Ms. Baker also provided an update regarding **HB22-1358: Clean Water In Schools And Child Care Centers**, concerning measures to eliminate the presence of lead in the drinking water of certain facilities where children are present. Commissioners approved Grand County Public Health participating in the program, and seeking CDPHE grants to fund the additional testing required under the program.

### Water Protection

A letter of support for the Sunset Ridge Property Owners Association to the Colorado River Water Conservation District for a Community Funding Partnership Grant presented by Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** was approved as presented. The funding would help engage technical experts to study and identify improvements to the Fraser River as well as a pond on the property owned by SSRPOA.

### Emergency Watershed Protection

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an EWP project update: The East Fork Ditch project will be mobilizing next week, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

### Natural Resources

A letter of support for Pinto Valley Ranch and Deer Creek Ranch to the Colorado State Forest Service regarding restoration and mitigation work on Tyler Mountain in the area of 2018's Silver Creek wildfire was approved as presented by Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener**.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Treasurer

A Software License and Services Agreement with Government Technology Systems LLC for e-filing of foreclosure documents presented by Deputy Public Trustee **Janette Fudge** behalf of Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley** was approved.

**Resolution 2022-10-15**, Authorizing the Treasurer to Abate Certain Taxes and Erroneous Assessments was approved as presented.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 2022-9-11 Amended Final Plat, Lots 8 & 21 Colorado Anglers Club** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2022-7-13 Second Amended Final Plat, Tom Drake Subdivision Exemption** | Approved as presented.

## OLRT GRANTS

Representing the Open Lands Rivers and Trails (OLRT) Advisory Committee, Administrator **Anna Drexler-Dreis** presented OLRT's Fall 2022 grant recommendations:



- As of July 31, 2022, OLRT had \$271,172.69 available for Trail grants.
  - The Advisory Committee received eight grant requests from Headwaters Trails Alliance, Town of Winter Park, and Grand Lake Trail Groomers, Inc.
- As of July 31, 2022, OLRT had \$4,941,414.87 available for Lands/Rivers grants.
  - The Advisory Committee received one grant request from Colorado Headwaters Land Trust for due diligence on a proposed conservation easement on Legacy Park Ranch open space.

If all recommendations are accepted, \$60,719.31 is left in the Trail maintenance portion of the OLRT Fund, and \$4,879,914.87 in the Open Lands/Rivers portion of the OLRT Fund.

The BOCC approved the trails grant applications as presented, and tabled the lands/rivers application, pending staff and legal review of the proposed Legacy Park Ranch conservation easement.

*[Click here to view details about each recipient and their project descriptions.](#)*