



# Grand County

Colorado

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## COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

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



**Lots of spooky fun happening around the County this weekend!**

The Sheriff's Office is hosting **Trunk or Treat** this Sunday, October 30 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Court House Parking Lot.

Be sure to check social media for more activities and events happening this weekend!  
Photo courtesy Country Ace Hardware.

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## COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- Oct 26** | Legislator Monthly Breakfast Meeting
- Oct 27** | NW CO Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning Region (TPR) Meeting (Steamboat Springs)
- Oct 27** | GC Wildfire Council Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting (Grand Fire)
- Oct 27** | Health Insurance Affordability Committee Policy Planning
- Oct 28** | CCI / DNR: Keep Colorado Wild Pass Briefing
- Oct 31** | Colorado Basin "Next Steps" Roundtable
- Nov 1** | CCAT Ad-Hoc Meeting (Keystone Policy Center)

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

## HEADWATERS TRAILS ALLIANCE UPDATE

Headwaters Trails Alliance Executive Director **Meara McQuain** and Development & Finance Coordinator **Maire Sullivan** gave an annual update, noting the organization's 2022 accomplishments, including:

- 476 miles of summer trail maintenance
- 43 miles of groomed trails
- 6,000 hours on summer trail work
- 4,600 trees cleared from trails
- 9 miles of new or rerouted trail construction = \$318K
- 5,000+ hours of volunteer time

[Click here to view a comprehensive list of HTA's 2022 projects.](#)



Pictured above: HTA was recognized at the Colorado Trails Symposium, and received the Golden McLeod Award for best project in the state.

## BOARD BUSINESS

- An out-of-state travel request from **Commissioner Linke** to attend the Lower Colorado River Basin Water Tour November 1-4 hosted by the Colorado River District was approved.
- Commissioners requested additional information regarding request for maintenance from a property owner on County Road 17.

## WEST MEADOW METRO DISTRICT

Following an Executive Session with the County Attorney regarding Appointment of Directors for West Meadow Metropolitan District, during public session, the BOCC took no action on this item, as the District is within the Town of Fraser - not unincorporated Grand County.

Monday is the last day to donate!

## COAT DRIVE

Donate gently used coats through the month of October to benefit JBBS!

**Grand County Sheriff's Office**

**Mondays - Thursdays | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**



# MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

**THANK YOU** to the Road & Bridge team (**Brandon Antonio, Mike Meindl, Ron Brynoff, Ken Clark, and Jerry Macklberg**) that recently crack-sealed County parking lots!

## **Wolf Reintroduction:**

At a previous meeting, the BOCC gave direction for Manager to engage with Moffat County regarding County Cooperating Agency 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). The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has provided notice that it is developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to Proposition 114 to introduce gray wolves onto the Western Slope of Colorado. *Click here to learn more about the management authority of gray wolves.*

After much discussion on the proposed EIS regarding Section 10(j) of the Environmental Species Act and its management flexibility for wolf reintroduction, Commissioners gave direction to the Manager to contact U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to request Cooperating Agency status. (Cooperating Agencies have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft EIS prior to its release for official public review and comment.)

## **CDPHE Interview Video**

Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** has been asked by CDPHE to participate in development of their Local Board of Health training video, along with a Board of Health member. Ms. Baker is preparing talking points for questions provided by CDPHE.

## **2023 Holiday Closures**

Manager asked for direction regarding observing the June 19th (Juneteenth) federal holiday as a county holiday. BOCC requested a draft of the proposed 2023 holiday schedule.

## **Grand PLACES 2050**

Manager attended a recent Grand Places 2050 meeting and updated Commissioners on ongoing planning processes and the need for collaboration to minimize duplicative efforts. Topics included:

- Grand County Tourism Board's Sustainability Plan.
- Grand County Economic Development's EDA grant for tourism revitalization.
- Winter Park's Sustainable Communities Plan.
- Grand PLACES (People-Land-Access-Conservation-Ecosystems) Grant submission for a Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Grant to expand HTA's Ambassador program, and to integrate the current planning processes across the county. BOCC will be presented a draft letter of support 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 scheduled for Wednesday afternoon to discuss the MOA for cultural monitoring.

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Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update that the Fair Board is interviewing candidates for appointment to the Fair Board.



## 2022 ELECTION

On Monday, October 17, the Clerk's office mailed 11,292 ballots from the Hot Sulphur Springs post office. If you have not received your ballot - or it arrived damaged - you can obtain a replacement ballot from the Voter Service and Polling Center at the Administration Building in Hot Sulphur Springs.

### **Ways to Submit Your Ballot:**

#### **Drop Boxes**

All county controlled drop boxes are now open. Drop boxes are open - and video surveilled - 24 hours a day. Ballots are retrieved from drop boxes by bi-partisan teams of Election Judges. **The last pick up of ballots from drop boxes will occur at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8.**

#### **Mail**

If you are returning your ballot by mail, be sure to affix postage, and allow up to 12 days for it to be received.

#### **In Person**

In-person voting is also available at the **Voter Service and Polling Center** in Hot Sulphur Springs. The VSPC is open:

- Monday through Friday (Oct. 24 – Nov. 7) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, (Oct. 29 & Nov. 5) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 (Election Day) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**If you submit your ballot at a drop box or by mail, BE SURE TO SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE ENVELOPE.**

**All signatures are verified by a team of bi-partisan Election Judges before a ballot is counted.**

Election and ballot questions? Email them to:  
**GrandElections@co.grand.co.us.**



The **Grand County Sheriff's Office** is once again participating in National Drug Take Back Day on October 29.

The community is invited to bring their unwanted, unused or expired medications for safe and secure disposal.

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### Accounting

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

### Emergency Medical Services

EMS **Chief Robert Good** presented two items:

- Commissioners accepted a Request for Qualifications by D2C Architects for design services to remodel and/or replace Stations One and Two, and approved moving forward with contract negotiations.
- Chief Good's request to donate a 2005 F250 truck to the Hot Sulphur Springs Fire Protection District was approved as presented.

### Airports

A ground lease transfer for Hangar 14 at Granby Airport / Emily Warner Field presented by Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** was approved as presented.

### Road & Bridge

Assistant Superintendent **Zac Broady** presented bids to purchase three road graders and one loader. Commissioners approved placing an order for the equipment with Wagner Caterpillar (CAT).

Mr. Broady also presented a request to replace two belly-dump trailers with funds previously approved by the BOCC. Commissioners approved the purchase pending finance and legal contract review.

Superintendent **Chris Baer** presented contracts with four contractors to assist with snow removal operations this season. Contractors will be used as needed within the vicinity of their shops.

### Economic Development

A Services Contract with Antero Group, LLC to develop a tourism resiliency strategy (funded by an EDA grant previously awarded to Grand County) presented by Director **DiAnn Butler** was approved.

### Water Protection

A letter of support to RESTORE Colorado on behalf of the Kawuneeche Valley Ecosystem Restoration Collaborative's (KVERC) grant application for ecosystem restoration in the North Fork Colorado River Watershed presented by Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** was approved.

### Sheriff's Office

A modified out-of-state travel budget for travel pertaining to the Western States Sheriff's Association presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** was approved.

The BOCC approved an Attestation Letter regarding a grant received from CDPHE for COVID-19 Detection and Mitigation in Confinement Settings as presented by the Sheriff.

Commissioners supported the Sheriff moving forward with a grant application for mental health support services for peace officers grant through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Nature Valley Final Plat** | Approved with conditions as recommended.

### **Discounted Building Permits for Fire Families**

Commissioners discussed renewing Resolution No. 2021-1-29, which gave a flat fee reduction of \$500.00 for new building permits issued to replace single-family structures destroyed in the East Troublesome Fire. Manager will bring an updated Resolution extending the fee reduction for approval at a future meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Expert Excavation Special Use Permit Renewal** |

Approved with conditions as presented.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

# VETERANS DAY

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GRAND COUNTY VETERANS AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO A FREE BREAKFAST AT SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE.

**BREAKFAST | 07:40 - 08:45**  
**PROGRAM | 09:00**

PEGGY MANN ★ GRANBY ELEMENTARY MINNESINGERS ★  
BAG PIPER MARK DANIEL ★ BIG FLAG / GRAND FIRE & EAST GRAND FIRE

**SPEAKER: JAY BOWEN, FORMER AMERICAN LEGION, CO STATE COMMANDER**

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