



JANUARY 10, 2023

Grand County

Colorado

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



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GRAND COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

On January 10, 14th Judicial District **Judge Mary Hoak** administered the oath of office to the seven Grand County officials who were elected in the November 2022 General Election. **THANK YOU for your service to our Grand community!**



Pictured above: All nine of Grand County's elected officials (from left) Sheriff **Brett Schroetlin**, Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Stetson Linke**, Commissioner **Merrit Linke**, Commissioner **Randy George**, Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley**, Assessor **Tom Weydert**, Coroner **Tawnya Bailey**, Commissioner **Rich Cimino**, Surveyor **Warren Ward**.



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- Jan 11** | Grand County Department Head Meeting
- Jan 12** | Utility Coordinating Committee meeting (Java Lava)
- Jan 16** | County Offices CLOSED in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Jan 18** | Bi-Annual Update to the Town of Kremmling

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



Pictured from top left taking the oath of office:
Tawnya Bailey, Coroner
Randy George, Commissioner
Brett Schroetlin, Sheriff
Jolene Stetson-Linke, Clerk & Recorder
Warren Ward, Surveyor
Tom Weydert, Assessor
Marcy Wheatley, Treasurer

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed yesterday's Mayor / Manager / Commissioner meeting, including the various approaches municipalities are taking with regard to short term rentals.

Commissioner George provided an update of his recent tour of the Henderson Mine operated by Freeport McMoRan.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Foothills RETAC Appointment:

Commissioners appointed **Dani Kloeppe**, Director of Nursing for Emergency and Inpatient Services at Middle Park Health to represent Grand County on the Foothills Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC).

The Foothills RETAC is a non-profit Medical & Trauma Advisory Council serving Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand & Jefferson counties.

Human Services Building:

A contract to purchase the Grand County Human Services Building located at 129 Byers Ave. in Hot Sulphur Springs was approved. Pursuant to the lease agreement between the County and the property owner, all previous lease payments since July 2020 as well as a purchase option payment were applied to the sale price with zero interest. Additionally, the purchase price will be reduced by the amount of interest the County would have made if those funds had remained invested.

Vasquez Creek Improvements:

Commissioners approved an Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Winter Park for design and construction of improvements to a portion of Vasquez Creek adjacent to Hideaway Park in Winter Park.

Board Appointments:

The BOCC appointed **Commissioner Randy George** as Grand County's representatives to the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG), with Commissioners Cimino and Linke as alternates.

Milk Creek:

The Milk Creek State Trust Lands (17,801.15 acres north of Kremmling) was nominated for the State Land Board's Stewardship Trust. Prior to issuing their support, the BOCC directed staff to schedule a discussion on the topic with Stewardship Trust Manager **Lindsey Brandt**. BOCC also requested that the five current grazing leasees - many of whom are adjacent ranches - be invited to said discussion.

As a follow-up to Commissioners' request for additional information regarding conservation easements, Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** stated that **Jeremy Kroner** with Headwaters Land Trust will provide an update during next week's meeting.

Ms. Benson also gave Commissioners an update regarding a lease analysis being made of the benefits to replacing motor pool vehicles more frequently to capitalize on a higher resale value, versus maintaining older vehicles. A final report will be presented to the BOCC at a future meeting.

MIDDLE PARK FAIR BOARD



Middle Park Fair & Rodeo board president **Janet Engel** provided a recap of 2022 events and upcoming 2023 events:

May 6 - Kentucky Derby Party
August 8 - Fair Welcome Party
August 6-13 - Fair & Rodeo

The Monster Truck event suffered a loss in 2022. As a result of the financial impact along with issues to the arena, the Fair Board has decided the event will not take place this year.

Ms. Engel reviewed MPFR's 2023 budget, and reviewed the Fair Board's new Jr. Livestock Sale structure.

Click here to view the presentation. Photo courtesy of MPFR.

MOM'S MEALS



Mom's Meals Manager of Healthcare Partnerships **Katie Mednick** gave an update regarding the organization's partnership with Grand County Public Health to provide meals to Grand County seniors.

Mom's Meals delivers medically tailored, ready-to-heat refrigerated meals. The meals are crafted by chefs and registered dietitians to both taste great while nutritionally supporting common chronic conditions.

GCPH has been using Mom's Meals to help meet the nutritional needs of home-bound seniors since 2018. In 2022, between 27 and 39 Grand County seniors utilized the service each month.

The County pays for four meals per week (up to 16 per month) for lower-income individuals age 60 and over. Individuals can also purchase additional meals.

For more information, call GCPH at 970-725-3288.



WORKSHOP | FINANCING

Managing Director **Nate Eckloff** with Piper Sandler led a discussion with the BOCC regarding various financing mechanisms, including lease purchase certificates of participation counties can use to build public facilities such as EMS stations, Road & Bridge shops, and affordable housing projects.

As this was a Workshop, no decisions were made.
Click here to view the presentation.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Accounting

Finance Director **Curtis Lange** presented several items:

- Engagement letters with Hinkle & Company to audit basic financial statements for the Grand County Housing Authority (GCHA) and Grand County were approved, conditioned on review and approval by the County Attorney. The standard form to confirm and provide bank account balances for GCHA to Hinkle & Company was also approved conditioned on legal review.
- Vouchers and wire payments presented for payment were approved as presented.

Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented several items:

- Six license renewal requests related to Igadi LTD's Tabernash retail and medical marijuana operations were approved as presented.
- The license renewal request for Igadi LTD's Granby retail marijuana store in Granby was approved as presented.
- Ms. Rosene's monthly report included:
 - Recording revenues for the month-over-month and year-over-year periods have decreased (despite volume remaining consistent), but remain increased over 2020 and 2019.

Human Services

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** provided an overview and requested direction regarding the County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Relief from the State. Commissioners approved Ms. Ruttenberg's request to decline MOE Relief.

Ms. Ruttenberg also noted that the SNAP program's food assistance maximum allotment (enacted during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency) will be ending in February. After February, SNAP benefits will return to being determined by household income.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley** presented several items:

- Budget comparison report through year-end
- Quarterly Public Trustee and Treasurer activity reports
- Monthly Treasurer's report of funds and investments
- Semi-annual Treasurer tax report

Commissioners approved publishing the Treasurer's Report in the *Middle Park Times*, and had a discussion regarding several of the County's investment accounts. [Click here to view all of these reports.](#)

Property tax notices are being finalized and will be mailed shortly. Property taxes may now be paid online here.

Housing Authority

A maintenance contract with Tolin Mechanical to service the boiler system at Grand Living Senior Homes in Granby presented by Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** was approved.

THANK YOU & WELCOME

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

One Year

Conor McCarthy - Emergency Medical Services
Helen Dubas - Natural Resources
Erik Campbell - Emergency Medical Services

Two Years

Alexis Raigoza - Emergency Medical Services

Four Years

Joni Holme - Housing Authority

Six Years

Richard Cimino - Grand County Commissioner

Seven Years

Logan Price - Emergency Medical Services

Eight Years

Undersheriff Wayne Schafer - Sheriff's Office

10 Years

Merrit Linke - Grand County Commissioner

11 Years

Corinne Lively - Human Services
Jennifer Gelbhaus - Public Health

13 Years

Edward Moyer - County Manager

17 Years

Deb Ruttenberg - Human Services
Scott Kentfield - Road & Bridge

18 Years

Royce Reynolds - Road & Bridge

24 Years

Duane Dailey - Veteran Affairs

25 Years

Peter Rempel - Community Development

32 Years

Sara Rosene - Grand County Clerk & Recorder
Warren Ward - Surveyor



Pictured above:
Top: BOCC Chair **Rich Cimino** (left) recognizes fellow Commissioner **Merrit Linke** for 10 years of service to Grand County.

Bottom: BOCC Chair **Rich Cimino** (right) recognizes **Peter Rempel** for 25 of service to Grand County.

WELCOME

Kathleen Rose - Public Health
Ann Stiefel - Clerk & Recorder
Joanne Morse - Clerk & Recorder