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# Grand County

Colorado

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



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County offices will be closed Monday, February 20 in recognition of President's Day.



## STAFF RECOGNITION

### WELCOME

- Heather Manthe** - EMS
- William Tilghman** - Road & Bridge
- William "Jason" Tveter** - Maintenance
- Lars Kuck** - Information Systems
- Kendra McCone** - Sheriff's Office
- Lynette Swope** - Clerk & Recorder
- Brooke Stoyer** - Clerk & Recorder
- Travis Wood** - Road & Bridge
- Avery Check** - Coroner's Office

### THANK YOU

- One Year*
- Autumn Fisher** - Sheriff's Office
- Two Years*
- Todd Willson** - Sheriff's Office
- Cynthia Cappello** - Attorney's Office
- David Buckley** - Road & Bridge
- Jessica Bertram** - Human Services

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Accountant **Alina Bell** received her Master of Accounting and Financial Management degree.



EMS Deputy Chief **Austin Wingate** received his Bachelor's of Science degree in EMS Administration.

- Eight Years*
- Kelly Oxley** - Sheriff's Office
- Brad Geist** - Road & Bridge
- Jeff Bauckman** - Sheriff's Office

- Nine Years*
- Dustin Barbee** - Sheriff's Office

- 11 Years*
- Chad Yurich** - Sheriff's Office

- 28 Years*
- Michael Meindl** - Road & Bridge

- 29 Years*
- Bob Florquist, II** - Sheriff's Office

Thank you all for your dedicated service to our Grand community!



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## MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability with Equity (RAISE) grant applications:
  - Commissioners previously approved a Letter of Support for CDOT's RAISE application for the US 40 Safety and Mobility Improvements. CDOT has asked Grand County to submit the application on its behalf.
  - Staff is currently drafting a RAISE grant application for the County Road 522 project.
  - Commissioners gave direction to confirm whether the Red Dirt Hill safety improvements are included with CDOT's RAISE grant application, and whether another agency can submit CDOT's grant.
  - As part of the discussion, Commissioners requested an update regarding Red Dirt Hill from CDOT.
- Release of funds and approval of the Grand County Commissioner's Donor Advised Fund administered by the Grand Foundation in the amount of \$394,625.000 was approved as presented, contingent upon County Attorney review.
- Regarding County Road 522: Appraisals for right-of-way acquisition and wetland mitigation have been submitted to two of three property owners.
- Staff has been in discussion with the Kremmling Fire Protection District regarding leasing or potentially purchasing KFD's building located in the Old Park neighborhood to house a County motor grader.
- A request for the Chair, along with **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** and Judicial Services Director **Kelly Friesen**, to sign on to the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC) Juvenile Services Plan for the 14th Judicial District was approved as presented.
- BOCC was updated that Team Rubicon will be returning to Grand County June 7-19. OEM Director **Alexis Kimbrough** will provide a brief on the project in upcoming weeks, which will likely include a request for financial assistance with fuel.
- A letter to the State Land Board regarding the BOCC's concerns about the nomination of the Milk Creek property into the Stewardship Trust program was approved as presented.
- The State will be honoring Emily Warner as part of Women of Aviation Week on March 8, and has invited Grand County Commissioners to attend the ceremony at the Capitol.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley** gave a monthly update:

- Through February 9, the County has received a total of \$7.98 million (12 percent) of property tax due in 2023.
- **A reminder to property owners: If you do not receive a property tax notice due to an incorrect mailing address, that does not invalidate your responsibility to the property tax.**
- Property taxes can be paid, and mailing address updates can be made online at [www.co.grand.co.us](http://www.co.grand.co.us).

## BOARD BUSINESS

*Click here to view correspondence sent to Commissioners.*

**Commissioner Linke** reported on the recent Natural Resource Roundtable, topics included:

- The U.S. Forest Service's proposed Willow Creek Land Exchange;
- CPW mountain lion update;
- DNR noxious weed update;
- Colorado State Forest Service / Sheep Mountain wildfire mitigation project.

Regarding wolf reintroduction: The Draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan is now available for public review. The public can comment on the draft plan online and in the upcoming public meetings through February 22, 2023. *Click here to learn more.*

**Commissioner George** provided an update regarding a recent Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioners also discussed that the February 4 derailment of a train carrying vinyl chloride near the Ohio-Pennsylvania border underscores their opposition of the Uinta Basin Railway until specific mitigation conditions are met.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Beisel On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Variance** | Approved as presented by the Board of Health.

**Ridge Point Condominiums School Fee Amendment Request** | Approved as presented.

**Amended Final Plat, Alpine Acres Subdivision Lots 48 and 49, Block 2** | Approved as presented with conditions.

**Amended Final Plat, Osprey Subdivision Parcel II** | Approved as presented.

**Second Amended Final Plat - Lot 4, Aspen Pine Estates Filing No. 1** | Approved as presented.

**Amended Final Plat, Lots 6 & 7, Block 4, Tabernash** | Approved as presented.



*Shortly after the New Year, Administration Building staff started puzzling during their lunch hour. Thanks to the group effort, the puzzle was finally completed this week (minus two maddeningly missing pieces)!*

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### Accounting

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, February 15 were approved as presented by Assistant Finance Director **Cathy Henderson**.

### EMS

Pursuant to Section 4.08 of the Grand County Personnel Manual, Commissioners approved waiving the reinstatement requirement to re-hire **Erich Barber** in an administrative capacity, as presented by Deputy Chief **Austin Wingate**.

### Human Services

A vendor contact information sheet was approved for submission to the State, as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**. A services contract with Grand Beginnings regarding the Incredible Years program was also approved as presented by Ms. Ruttenberg.

### Public Health

A request to purchase lab equipment for testing of private wells was approved as presented by Environmental Health Specialist **Jason Boedigheimer**.

Director **Abbie Baker** gave an update regarding instances of respiratory illness in Grand County.

### Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke** presented a monthly revenue and recording update, and also a request to hire another full time employee (FTE). January income from recording fees and services was increased year-over-year from 2022, and remained unchanged from 2021.

Commissioners approved hiring a 13th FTE in 2023. (The Clerk & Recorder's Office is currently budgeted for 12 FTEs.)

### Housing Authority

Commissioners approved the closing documents for Black Bear Lodge, and authorized releasing funds via cashiers check for the closings costs as presented by Operations Manager **Sheena Darland**.

## KREMMLING CTF REQUEST

Kremmling Town Manager **Ashley Macdonald** presented a Colorado Conservation Trust Fund request in the amount of \$30,000 to help fund the replacement of the Pavilion in Kremmling's town square.



*Conceptual drawing of the proposed new Kremmling Town Pavilion.*

Commissioners approved the full funding request, with contribution amounts of \$15,000 from District 3, \$10,000 from District 2, and \$5,000 from District 1.

## ATTENTION! SNAP BENEFITS ARE CHANGING IN MARCH!



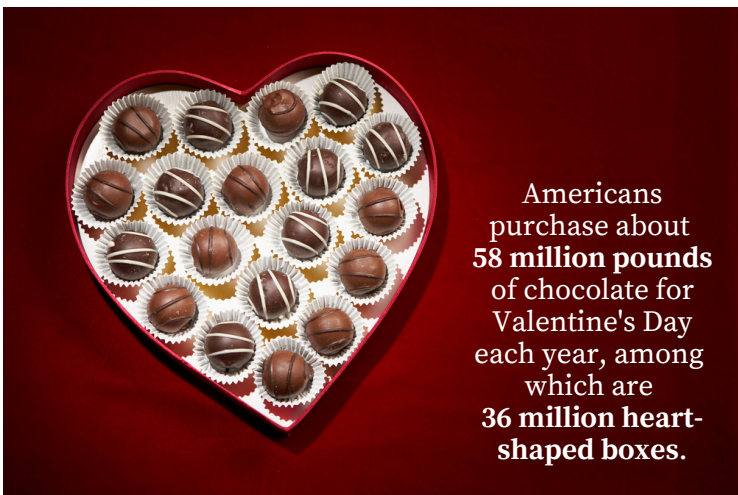
**SNAP** households will see a reduction in monthly SNAP benefits beginning **March 2023**.

### WHY?

This change is happening because of the recent congressional action; the temporary increase to SNAP benefits is ending after February 2023.

**With this new change, SNAP benefits will return to being calculated based on the household's size, current income and expenses.**

**If you need help with food, please contact our local food bank:  
Mountain Family Center (970) 557-3186  
We also encourage you to apply for WIC and Free and Reduced Lunch programs.**



Americans purchase about **58 million pounds** of chocolate for Valentine's Day each year, among which are **36 million heart-shaped boxes**.