



# Grand County

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Devil's Thumb Ranch

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**Feb 21** | Public Parks Committee Meeting, Town of Granby 5 p.m.

**Feb 21** | EGSD Board Meeting, Admin. Building, 6 p.m.

**Feb 22** | Legislator Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Zoom, 8 a.m.

**Feb 23** | CCI Steering Committee Meetings, Denver, 9 a.m.

**Feb 24** | CCI Steering Committee Meetings, Denver & virtual, 9 a.m.

**March 1** | GRSG Cooperating Agency Meeting, virtual, 2-3:30 p.m.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Tabernash resident **Tim Moreland** addressed the Commissioners regarding the at-grade railroad crossing in Tabernash as it relates to the potential additional train traffic from the proposed Uinta Basin Railway, which Commissioners have opposed pending specific mitigation efforts.

Commissioners gave direction for staff to forward Mr. Moreland's correspondence to the Governor's Office and our U.S. delegation, and also to the Union Pacific railroad to discuss concerns regarding trains not being broken at the County's at-grade crossings. [Click here to read Mr. Moreland's letter.](#)

### HB23-1165, County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge

Commissioners discussed HB23-1165, and will be following the bill, as its passing would have implications for Grand County.

Today, **Commissioner Cimino** will be testifying before the Transportation, Housing and Local Government House Committee in support of HB23-1139, Modification of Rural Counties Officer Salary Categories. Grand County is proposing to move from Category III-B to Category II-A, which will be added to the bill in committee by amendment.

Commissioners had a discussion regarding changing the recording of meeting minutes to "action minutes," and digital preservation of records. Commissioners gave direction for staff to research digital record keeping, and supported the Clerk's request to transition to action minutes.

Out-of-State travel requests presented by **Commissioners Cimino and Linke** to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Austin, Texas this July were approved.



Commissioners approved a Proclamation declaring March 8, 2023 as **Celebrate Emily Warner and Women Airline Pilots Day.**

In 1976, Warner became the first woman captain of a U.S. airline. She garnered many aviation achievements throughout her lifetime, and is the namesake for Granby Airport's Emily Warner Field. Warner lived in Grand County for more than 25 years, was an investor in the Grand County Bank, and also a dedicated Friends of the Granby Airport Board member.

**The public is invited to attend an open house at the Granby Airport on March 8 to celebrate the day.**

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## MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Regarding **County Road 522**: Manager will be meeting with property owners March 1 regarding the right-of-way acquisition appraisals.
- Architects will be visiting **EMS Stations 1 and 2** this week, and will also be evaluating the potential use of Granby Elementary. The Granby Elementary School future is also on the East Grand School District's board meeting agenda for this evening.
  - This Friday **Road & Bridge** is issuing an RFQ for Architectural Services bids for the Parshall and Kremmling shops, with qualifications due April 13.
- Regarding the County's request to lease or purchase **Kremmling Fire Protection District building** located in the Old Park neighborhood to house a County motor grader: Commissioner George had a discussion with the KFPD Board President, who stated some of the District's concerns regarding the building being used for motor grader storage. Staff is considering how those concerns can be mitigated.
- Regarding **US 40 Safety Improvements**: Grand County will be submitting a RAISE grant on CDOT's behalf for the US 40 safety improvement projects. CDOT has confirmed that even if the grant request is not successful, CDOT will continue moving forward with the US 40 projects.
  - Commissioners have requested an update from CDOT regarding the **Red Dirt Hill safety project**, for which the BOCC previously committed \$400,000.
- Human Resources has scheduled a **Defensive Driving course** for employees on March 2 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The course is strongly encouraged for any staff who drive County vehicles, especially those who have been involved in an accident while driving a County vehicle.
- Regarding **wolf reintroduction**: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing a rule to establish an experimental population of gray wolves in Colorado under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in support of the state of Colorado's voter-mandated gray wolf reintroduction program.

The proposed rule is now available for public review and is intended to accommodate the state of Colorado's gray wolf reintroduction planned for late 2023.

- Commissioner Linke has provided comments from Moffat County and the Colorado Cattleman's Association and directed staff to draft a letter outlining the following three main concerns:
  - A rule under 10(j) must be in place before any additional wolves are introduced to the area in order for CPW to have a plan to actively manage the population.
  - Livestock compensation with clear identification of what is considered "livestock."
  - Long-term management with sustainable funding.
- Manager provided highlights from a recent **Grand PLACES** meeting:
  - Grand Fire Protection District **Chief Brad White** gave an update regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
  - CPW is hosting the Outdoor Regional Partnership summit at Winter Park Resort April 13 and 14.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 2022-3-11**, Special Use Permit for indoor and outdoor storage of boats and equipment on Parcel II, Osprey Subdivision | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2023-2-11**, Granting a One-Year Extension to the Sketch Plan Approval for the Continental Divide Vistas Subdivision | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2023-2-13**, Granting a Second One-Year Extension to the Sketch Plan Approval for the Continental Divide Vistas Subdivision | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2023-2-12**, Memorializing the Variance to allow for the replacement of an on site wastewater treatment system | Approved as presented.

**Amended Final Plat, Winter Park Highlands**, Unit 1, Lot 44 and Tract 1 | Denied based on recommendations from Planning Commission and staff.

**Amended Final Plat of Lots 8 & 9, Eitemiller-Evers Outright Exemption** | Approved as presented.

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Assistant Finance Director **Cathy Henderson** presented a report of fixed assets as of December 31, 2022, per State statute. Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, February 22 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### AIRPORTS

A resolution requesting assistance from the Colorado Aeronautical Board related to runway pavement maintenance at both Kremmling and Granby airports was approved as presented by Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder**.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** presented several items:

- A grant amendment updating 2023 billing dates related to the jail air filtration system modifications was approved as presented.
- A release of funds from Escrow Agent U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. to Mike Shaw Chrysler in Greeley regarding vehicles being leased by the Sheriff's Office was approved as presented.

### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Team Rubicon is planning another operation in Grand County this summer to perform hazard mitigation and fuel reduction projects. A request by OEM Director **Alexis Kimbrough** for up to \$10,000 reimbursement to Team Rubicon for operational support was approved.

### CLERK & RECORDER

Devil's Thumb Ranch's Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License renewal was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**.