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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. As a member of Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development steering committees and CPW's Wildlife Commission (respectively), Commissioners' travel expenses are reimbursed.

Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate county priorities in federal policymaking, promote exemplary county policies and practices, optimize county and taxpayer resources, and enrich the public's understanding of county government.

Wolf Reintroduction Update

Commissioner Linke provided an update regarding a recent Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission meeting during which the Wolf Restoration and Management Plan was discussed.

Since the gray wolf was relisted as an endangered species in February 2022, CPW has requested the designation of an experimental population under section 10(j) of the ESA to provide increased management flexibility.

The proposed rule and DEIS published in the Federal Register on February 17, opening a 60-day public comment period through April 18, 2023. Comments may be submitted online at www.regulations.gov, search Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100.

Commissioners gave direction for staff to draft comments to the EIS. Commissioner Linke, who served on CPW's Technical Working Group for Wolf Reintroduction, will be providing staff with key talking points.

Commissioner Cimino led a discussion regarding bills introduced into the Colorado legislature that would have an impact on Grand County, including HB 20-1093, Concerning County Authority to License and Regulate Short-Term Lodging Rentals.

Commissioner George gave an update regarding a recent Henderson Community Partnership Panel meeting. Discussion included Social Investment Fund grant recipients, and an update on Freeport-McMoRan's Henderson mine operations.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** presented several items:

- A draft of Grand County's Facility Use Policies waiving the insurance requirement for minimal- and low-risk events was approved as presented. Events including alcohol, animals or weapons will still require insurance and indemnification.
- Grand County successfully submitted a RAISE grant in coordination with CDOT to help fund US40 safety projects.
- On March 14, CDOT will give an update to the BOCC regarding the Red Dirt Hill safety improvements.
- As a follow-up to last week's discussion with Tabernash resident **Tim Moreland** regarding the at-grade railroad crossing in Tabernash: Mr. Moreland's letter and comments were forwarded to the Union Pacific Railroad, as directed by the BOCC.

Manager **Ed Moyer** gave the following updates:

- Architects visited **EMS Stations 1 and 2** last week to perform a needs assessment. Granby Elementary was also evaluated for potential use. The architect is developing a preliminary budget for the project based on construction cost estimates and the needs assessment.
 - Commissioners approved moving forward with a Congressionally Directed Spending Request for \$2 million of **Senator Bennet**.
 - Manager contacted **Congressman Neguse**'s office regarding deadlines and funding requirements for Community Project Funding requests.
 - Staff met last week on budget and potential Certificate of Participation funding. Once finalized, it will be presented to the BOCC.
- A resolution to partner with Grand Foundation in applying for and distributing the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship matching funds scholarship was approved as described. Grand Foundation will raise the required matching funds.
- A Workshop with Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) to discuss questions and parameters regarding the reinstatement of the OLRT's ballot measure is scheduled for next week. Trust for Public Lands (TPL) will also be making a presentation TPL at the meeting.
- Commissioners approved an amendment to Resolution 2023-01-03, moving the July 25, 2023 BOCC meeting to Wednesday, July 26 to accommodate Commissioners attending the NACo conference in Texas.
- A motion rescinding a formal supplemental to OEM's budget in the amount of \$10,000 to fund Team Rubicon's mission in Grand County this summer was approved. Commissioners gave direction to provide up to \$10,000 in funding.

Upcoming meetings:

- Staff will be attending a Transportation & Water Infrastructure Federal Grant Opportunities Workshop hosted by DOLA Wednesday at 1 p.m. at River Run.
- Defensive Driving Course for staff Thursday, March 2 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Department Head meeting Thursday, March 9 at 8 a.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A request by Habitat for Humanity of Grand County to waive building permit fees for the organization's next house at 220 Nevada Street in Hot Sulphur Springs was approved as presented by Director **Kristen Manguso**.

Red Hawk Ranch Multi-Family Lots I and II Extension Request Overview, Preliminary Plat Process Review

- Ms. Manguso gave an update that the Preliminary Plat approval expired on October 19, 2022. As a result of the expiration, the Red Hawk Ranch developer is starting over with the sketch plan. The BOCC approved removing the final plat requirement from the Red Hawk Ranch Service Plan, as recommended by staff.

TOURISM BOARD CONTRACTS

Finance Director **Curtis Lange**, along with Grand County Tourism Director **Lindsey Morrow** and Board President **Ron Ellis** led a discussion regarding the process for Tourism Board grants, sub-contracts and payments.

Commissioners gave direction for the County Attorney and Finance Director to work with the Tourism Board's Director regarding the process, which will be brought back before the BOCC for consideration.



*Please join us in cheering on Deputies **Joseph Tort** and **Lance Ususan** this weekend at the Grand Lake Winter Carnival!*

These brave men will be competing in the Bed Sled Races at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 at the Pavilion in Town Square Park to raise money for Grand County Pet Pals!



DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, March 1 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

EMS

Chief **Robert Good's** request to waive reinstatement requirements (pursuant to section 4.8 of the County's personnel manual) to re-employ **Sam Norman** and move **Dalton Corbett** from full time to part time was approved as presented.

AIRPORTS

Commercial hangar ground lease amendments for the Kremmling Airport (20V) presented by Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** were approved as presented.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff **Brett Schroetlin** presented several items:

- An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) amendment with Northern Water for security and surveillance and law enforcement of their Grand County facilities was approved as presented.
- A six-month facilities lease with Stillwater Chapel for Grand County Search & Rescue was approved, pending legal review.

HUMAN SERVICES

Amendment #1 to a Core Services Program Contract with Mountain Family Center (MFC) for MFC to provide a Life Skills program, and individual and family therapy services was approved as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion with Ms. Ruttenberg regarding HB23-1142, concerning Requiring a Report of Known or Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect to Include Information Related to the Person Making the Report.

CLERK & RECORDER

A Report of Changes and Liquor License renewal for Colorado Adventure Park LLC was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented several items to the Housing Authority Board:

- Commissioners approved updating account holder / signer information for all GCHA bank accounts to remove former Commissioner Manguso and add Commissioner George.
- Commissioners approved establishing bank accounts for Black Bear Apartments.
- A request to the BOCC to approve and disburse \$46,037.00 for purchase of appliances at Black Bear Apartments was approved. (Commissioners previously approved up to \$185,000.00 for repairs and maintenance at the apartments. \$138,963.00 of that amount was reimbursed to the Grand Foundation for half of roof repairs.)

AIR QUALITY RESPONSE

BACKGROUND: The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is responsible for responding to air quality complaints.

CDPHE's Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) has approached Grand County's Natural Resources and Public (Environmental) Health departments regarding delegating authority to address air quality complaints. The five-year agreement would allow the County to respond to and investigate stationary source complaints, administer an open burning permit program, and conduct training as required for those activities.

CDPHE is being requested to reimburse Grand County a total of \$13,612.50 (\$9,722.50 to Natural Resources and \$3,890 to Environmental Health) for the costs associated with responding to complaints and administering inspections. Enforcement actions would remain with CDPHE.

Commissioners gave direction for staff to move forward with APCD, pending CDPHE approval of the budget; a contract will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

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