



MARCH 7, 2023

## Grand County

Colorado

Richard Cimino | District 1

Merrit Linke | District 2

Randy George | District 3



The setting is Summit County, but pictured are WEST GRAND students who had an opportunity to attend Keystone Science School to learn about watersheds, snow pack and the Colorado River Basin.

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#### Colorado Legislative Watch

The bills being followed closely by Commissioners are listed below. To learn more about each bill, visit [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov).

- HB23-1051
- HB23-1054
- HB23-1057
- HB23-1096
- HB23-1115
- HB23-1139
- HB23-1142
- HB23-1149
- HB23-1160
- HB23-1165

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## BOARD BUSINESS

**Commissioner Cimino** gave an update regarding a recent Town of Fraser Trustees meeting.

#### March 8 Special Meeting

Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 8 to discuss three letters of support for Congressionally Directed Spending applications requested by YMCA of the Rockies / Snow Mountain Ranch, Middle Park Medical Foundation and the Town of Fraser / Fraser Center for the Creative Arts. Commissioners gave direction to sign letters of support for organizations not competing for funding from the same CDS account as Grand County EMS's application for Central Station 1.

## COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT UPDATE

Colorado River District Board Member representing Grand County **Mike Ritschard** gave a thorough update of Basin and River District issues.

**Click here for the audio recording of the March 7 BOCC meeting.** Mr. Ritschard's update begins at the 2:31 mark in the audio.

## OLRT BALLOT INITIATIVE

Trust for Public Land's (TPL) Intermountain West Program Director, Conservation Finance **Jason Swann** gave a presentation regarding the questions and parameters for the reinstatement of the Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) ballot measure. Following public discussion, Commissioners approved selection of FM3 Research to conduct public opinion polling related to the OLRT ballot initiative, as recommended by TPL.

**Anna Drexler-Dreis** with Fountainhead Consulting facilitated discussion with Commissioners and OLRT stakeholders related to parameters and scope of the potential ballot measure. Commissioners were supportive of the majority of the questions discussed and outlined in the OLRT fund parameters document. At this time, the BOCC decided not to poll increasing the current .3% sales tax. **Click here for the audio recording of the March 7 BOCC meeting.** This discussion begins at the 4:06 mark in the audio. *Click here to view the parameters document.*

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- **Commissioner Linke** and Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** will be attending the Celebration of Emily Warner and Women Airline Pilots Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 8.
- A request to waive building permit fees related to relocating a cabin on Drowsy Water Ranch as part of the **Emergency Watershed Protection** (EWP) program to protect life and property following a burn scar mudslide last fall was approved following discussion.
- A liquor sales request from **Middle Park Fair & Rodeo** on select dates this summer during events at the Flying Heels Arena and Kremmling Fairgrounds was approved as presented.

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

- Regarding **County Road 522**:
  - The right-of-way appraisal on the Jones (Trust) property was provided to all four ownership interests last week.
  - Also last week, staff met with property owners south of St. Louis Creek regarding the right-of-way appraisal.
    - Staff is following up on several items related to the appraisal on that that section of right-of-way, including wetland mitigation easement and extension of Eisenhower Drive (Fraser), as discussed with those land owners.
  - Any construction would not begin until late July or early August.
- A Letter of Support for **HB23-1139**, Modification of Rural Counties Officer Salary Categories to recategorize Grand County from Category III-B to Category II-A was approved as presented.
- A Services Contract with **Fountainhead Consulting**, LLC related to reinstatement of the Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) potential ballot measure was presented, and later approved following the OLRT agenda item.
- The Town of Winter Park and local Northwest TPR members are requesting a meeting with CDOT's District 3 Transportation Commissioner regarding potholes and maintenance of US 40.
- Grand County EMS will be submitting a request for Congressionally Directed Spending to Senator Bennet and a Community Project Funding request to Congressman Neguse to help fund construction of a new EMS Station 1 (Granby).
- The County's referral program put into place about a year ago to recruit new employees has been successful; we currently have 33 total vacancies, compared with nearly 60 this time last year.
- Due to a contract dispute between Kroger and eScripts, City Market's pharmacy is now considered "out of network" for employees on the County's health plan. The Insurance Committee is working with HUB (the County's insurance broker) and considering all options for pharmaceutical coverage.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 2023-02-18**, Second Amended Final Plat, Lot 4, Aspen Pine Estates Filing No. 1 | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2023-02-19**, Amended Final Plat, Lots 6 and 7, Block 9 in Tabernash | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2022-7-14**, Ridge Point Condominiums Final Plat | Approved as presented.

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, March 8 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A Services Contract with Aviat U.S., Inc. for dispatch microwave connection with the State of Colorado radio system was approved as presented by **Lieutenant Jeff Bauckman**.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Director **Abbie Baker** presented several items:

- An out-of-state travel request for Environmental Health Specialist **Jason Boedigheimer** to attend the NEHA Annual Educational Conference August 1-4 in New Orleans, LA was approved as presented.
- Commissioners approved a letter of intent to the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners regarding emergency preparedness and response support from our current regional coordinator in Jackson County.
- Ms. Baker also provided information regarding an optional training program for Boards of Health.
- GCPH received seven RFP applications for facilitation of its community health assessment.
- GCPH has received CDC Public Health funding in the amount of \$225,000 to be used before 2027. Details regarding how those funds will be used will be presented at a future meeting.
- GCPH has been working with the Office of Emergency Management to compile a list of community members who may need additional assistance during evacuations.
- Ms. Baker is preparing an overview of GCPH's vaccine program to present at the March 21 meeting.

## OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Public Health Deputy Director **Ellen Parri**, RN gave an update regarding the Region One Opioid Settlement Work Group. The Colorado Attorney General sued unscrupulous pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and contributors to the opioid epidemic, seeking monetary damages to support drug treatment and recovery programs in Colorado. Grand County will receive \$12,704.51 in year one, and \$112,972.54 over 18 years. Commissioners approved participating in the most recent TEVA, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens and CVS settlements. A decision regarding whether to allocate Grand County's funds from these settlements to Region One (which includes Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties) will be made later in the year.