



Grand County

Colorado

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



On the mooooove...
The Sheriff's Office assisted with driving cattle from County Road 12 to US Hwy 134 last week.

In this issue:

Board Business, Staff Recognition

Page 2

- Manager's Update
- Red Dirt Hill Update
- Thompson Road Repairs

Page 3

- Department Business
- Community Development
- Rural Health Network
- Pet Pals / Animal Shelter Update



BOARD BUSINESS

Following a presentation last week by Public Health Deputy Director **Ellen Parri**, regarding the Region One Opioid Settlement Work Group, Commissioners approved participating in the most recent TEVA, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens and CVS settlements. Related to that action, this week Commissioners approved the Participation Forms related to that action as presented.

Commissioner George gave an update regarding a recent Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Water Quality / Quantity (QQ) Committee meeting in Summit County.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Thank you to our dedicated staff for your continued service to our Grand community!

Anniversaries

One Year

Christopher O'Brien - Clerk & Recorder
Daniel Battenhouse - Sheriff's Office

Two Years

Joan Wilson - Assessor's Office
Joshua Rosenspire - EMS

Three Years

Alyssa Woronovitch - Human Services

Four Years

Joe See - Community Development
Jarrold Manguso - Sheriff's Office

Five Years

Jeanne Power - EMS Operations
Abbie Baker - Public Health

Six Years

Josh Schroeder - Airports

Seven Years

Amanda Antonio - Human Services

Eight Years

Mark Jensen - Information Systems

Twelve Years

Betty Stafford - Assessor's Office
Deb Lindblom - Assessor's Office

Fourteen Years

Richard Broady - Natural Resources

Sixteen Years

Everett "Shorty" Lemon - Road & Bridge

Welcome (and welcome back!)

Judy Cautrell - Community Development
Taedra Hickam - CSU Extension
Erich Barber - EMS
Nathaniel Carmicheal - Maintenance
Stephanie Myers - Human Services
Katherine Stauhs - Sheriff's Office
Samuel Norman - EMS



Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** (left) was recognized by **Commissioner Cimino** for five years of service to Grand County and our citizens.



@ Grand County Gov

@ GrandCountyGov

GrandCO.us

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Grand County EMS submitted a request for Congressionally Directed Spending to Senator Bennet in the amount of \$3 million last Friday to help fund construction of a new EMS Station 1 (Granby). A request to submit a Community Project Funding request to Congressman Neguse in the amount of \$3 million this Friday was approved as presented.
- A letter to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission regarding the draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan was approved as presented.
- A Letter of Support for the Grand County Wildfire Council for the Wildfire Council's Congressionally Directed Spending request to Senator Hickenlooper for Community Wildfire Protection Plan mitigation projects was approved as presented.
- The ratification of a Letter of Support for the Town of Kremmling's Congressionally Directed Spending application to Senator Hickenlooper was approved.
- The ratification of a Letter of Opposition to Speaker of the House **Julie McCluskie** regarding the Amendment to HB23-1101 was approved.
- Manager will be attending a meeting with the River District and Northern Water in Glenwood Springs this week.
- Regarding **County Road 522**:
 - The realtor representing the Jones Trust property owners has expressed several concerns; Manager's Office is following up with the appraiser to address them.
 - Manager's meeting with the property owners south of St. Louis Creek regarding the right-of-way appraisal was moved to this Friday.
- A request from Granby Rotary to provide concessions and liquor sales on certain dates at the Flying Heels Arena was approved as presented by Assistant Manager **Micah Benson**.

THOMPSON ROAD REPAIRS

Town of Granby Manager **Ted Cherry** updated the BOCC regarding repair of the stretch of Thompson Road that runs alongside City Market. The Town of Granby received a cost estimate of approximately \$1.5 million for the project. One bid was received priced at \$1.908 million - over \$400,000 more than originally expected.

The BOCC previously approved spending \$50,000 on the Thompson Road paving project, based on Grand County's Average Daily Trips (ADTs) on County Road 56. On behalf of the Town of Granby's Board of Trustees, Mr. Cherry financial support requests for the project. The BOCC approved \$100,000 toward the Thompson Road pavement project as requested, with conditions. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-October of this year.

RED DIRT HILL UPDATE



Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 East Program Engineer **Karen Berdoulay** and Region 3 Planning Manager **Mark Rogers** gave an update regarding the safety improvements that have been completed and those being planned on US 40 between mile markers 217 to 222 (Red Dirt Hill).

A safety study has identified seven areas of focus, including four roadway segments and three intersections which each had different crash patterns and challenges. Initial recommendations from the study included:

- Rumble strips
- Add and standardize acceleration and deceleration lanes
- Extend the westbound climbing lane
- Shorten the eastbound climbing lane slightly
- Shoulder widening
- Add eastbound guardrail
- Lighting at an intersection

CDOT commissioned a topographic study to be included with the initial study, which identified additional challenges and recommendations for adding shoulders, widening the westbound lane, and adding a 16-foot median for development of turn lanes.

Next steps:

- CDOT will be conducting a speed study this summer.
- Completion of feasibility and concept evaluation.
- 30% design, including completion of a construction cost estimate.
- Construction will occur as early as 2026 but will depend on the extent of funding and design related to that funding.

Grand County has committed \$400,000 toward the safety improvement project on Red Dirt Hill, and also submitted CDOT's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to help fund several US 40 safety projects in Grand County - including on Red Dirt Hill.

CDOT Region 3 includes northwest Colorado counties: Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Grand, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Delta, Pitkin, Gunnison, Lake, Hinsdale and half of Montrose.

It's pothole season.

Report problem potholes on **highways 40, 34, 125 and 9** to **CDOT Region 3 at 970-243-2368**.

Report problem potholes on **county roads** (that aren't managed by a municipal district) to **Road & Bridge at 970-887-2123**.



DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, March 15 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

ROAD & BRIDGE

A Buyers Order in the amount of \$129,500.00 with DTI Trucks to purchase a water truck was approved as presented by Assistant Superintendent **Zac Broady**.

HUMAN SERVICES

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented several items:

- A Contract Amendment with the State Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to create and revise performance-based benchmarks and deliverables was approved as presented.
- Request for a case worker to travel out-of-state monthly as needed related to an open child welfare case was approved as presented.
- An Intergovernmental Contract Amendment with the State Department of Early Childhood to implement the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program through Grand Beginnings was approved as presented.

CLERK & RECORDER

Sara Rosene presented a monthly report on behalf of Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**: Year-over-year motor vehicle revenue increased in February, however real estate recording revenue declined in the same period.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Director **Abbie Baker** presented several items:

- Regarding a letter of intent to the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners approved by the BOCC last week, a second letter of intent informing the Jackson County BOCC of GCPH's intent to provide inspections and support for consumer protection work in retail food, school and child cares in Jackson County.
 - The State will reimburse Grand County for performing inspections in Jackson County.
- An update about the Senior Lunch & Learn programs held in conjunction with the Grand County Public Library District and Mountain Family Center:
 - 54 individuals were served in January, and 79 in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- \$26 million in property taxes has been collected on behalf of all of the county's taxing authorities, representing about 40% of the total taxes due.
- Following the events with Silicon Valley Bank, it is anticipated the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates again.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Director **DiAnn Butler** gave a monthly update, including:

- Economic Development Summit will take place June 7.
- An update regarding the EDA grant the department received for Grand County's Colorado Tourism Revitalization Plan (GrandCounty365.com).
- 2023 grant opportunities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing: Peak Materials Special Use Permit

Renewal | Two-year term approved with conditions, including the implementation of two Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) sensors to monitor air quality to be provided by the applicant and placed in locations determined by the County. The BOCC also approved the County purchasing a VOC sensor.

RURAL HEALTH NETWORK



Grand County Rural Health Network's Executive Director **Jen Fanning** and Strategic Initiatives Manager **Christine Smith** presented an update to Commissioners. Rural Health Network (RHN) works in partnership to advocate for and support the health of our community.

In 2022, RHN served at least 731 individuals in the Grand community with over 14,000 touches:

- ACHES & PAINS: 127 clients, 288 vouchers
- Patient Navigator 279 clients
- Health Coverage Guide: 164 households through 346 appointments
- 34% of RHN's clients live in Granby; 30% live in Kremmling

As part of the Community Organizing service line, RHN focuses on mental health and affordable housing. In 2022 RHN distributed 22 harm reduction kits.

[Click here to view the full presentation.](#)

PET PALS / ANIMAL SHELTER



Grand County Pet Pals board member **Diana Farabaugh** and Animal Control Officer **Mary Ann Kerstiens** presented the need for a new animal shelter. The animal shelter's lease is due to expire in 2025 with no possibility of renewal.

Pet Pals is the supportive arm of the Grand County Animal Shelter, which provides a safe, nurturing environment for animals impounded and those awaiting adoption.

Pet Pals asked Commissioners for a grant of land (of about 3 to 7 acres) for a future shelter site, commitment to continue funding operating costs, and help soliciting funding requests from the towns / alternate ways to fund shelter operations.

Commissioners recognize the importance of a community animal shelter, and gave direction for staff to look into options for land and partnership.

