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**Moose on a Morning Stroll on Grand Lake**  
Photo courtesy Western Riviera Lakeside Lodging

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## BOARD BUSINESS

The BOCC received an invitation to the **Grand Foundation's** annual Grand Gala fundraiser, *Diamonds, Boots & Bow Ties*. Commissioners discussed other counties' practices of sponsoring tables at such events, but chose to continue with Grand County's current practice: If Commissioners choose to attend events such as this one, they will personally purchase individual tickets for themselves and their guests.

BOCC received notice that Grand County EMS received a grant from Foothills Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Council (RETAC). Commissioners thanked Foothills RETAC for the support.

**Commissioner Cimino** gave an update regarding a recent Winter Park Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Ribbon cutting for the new bus barn is tentatively planned for June 29.

**Commissioner Linke** gave update regarding recent meetings he attended:

- An open house hosted by the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Moffat County Pavilion regarding the proposed Colorado Gray Wolf Section 10(j) Rulemaking and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Staff will be drafting comments to the EIS for submission by April 18. *Click here for more information about the proposed rule and draft EIS.*
- The Sun Soil Water Ag Summit 2023 in Pueblo hosted by the Pueblo Food Project, CSU Extension Pueblo and Southern Colorado Innovation Link.

## WATER PROTECTION UPDATE

Manager **Ed Moyer**, Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** gave an update that included:

- Grand County Mutual Ditch & Reservoir Company's (GCMDRC) pilot project
- Moffat Firming Project / CRCA Implementation
- Cyanobacteria Monitoring Program
- East Grand Water Quality Board
- Kawuneeche Valley Ecosystem Restoration Collaborative (KVERC)'s Beaver Creek Pilot Project
- Learning By Doing's Stream Management Plan Update and habitat restoration projects
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds; Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) and post-fire recovery projects
- Snowpack update
- Grand Lake Clarity
- Colorado River Basin news, updates and highlights from Water Congress
- Airborne Snow Observation

*Click here to view the entire presentation.*

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

- The BOCC's ad for the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo book was approved as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.

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

- Manager gave an update regarding a recent **Grand PLACES 2050** meeting:
  - Outdoor Regional Partnership will take place April 13-14 at the Headwaters Center in Winter Park.
  - The U.S. Forest Service Sulphur Ranger District announced a new manager for the Arapahoe National Recreation Area (ANRA), **Paige Seibert**.
  - Colorado Parks & Wildlife provided an update to the Elk and Deer Management Plans. CPW has stated they will be limiting elk and deer licenses in the upcoming hunting season, and is launching the planning process for the 5-year big game season structure.
  - The Stand Grand campaign spearheaded by Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) received an Addy Award from the American Advertising Federation.
  - The Grand PLACES work plan was approved, and the draft Communications Plan was presented.
- **County Road 522:**
  - Manager is meeting with staff from the Town of Fraser later this week to provide an update on the project, and met with the property owners south of St. Louis Creek regarding the right-of-way appraisal last week.
- **OLRT Ballot Initiative:** Commissioners discussed plans to host a public meeting in the next few weeks to review the polling questions for the proposed Open Lands, Rivers and Trails ballot measure. The meeting will be scheduled in the evening to allow for the public and town boards to be able to attend.
- **Blue Valley Land Exchange:** The 45-day protest period ended earlier this month. The Land Exchange cannot be finalized until the BLM reviews and resolves the protests received during the protest period.
- BOCC approved a letter of support for Grand County Irrigated Land Company's grant application for the Vail Ditch Conservation and Efficiency Project to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Reserve Fund.
- The **Tourism Board** has requested a follow-up meeting with the BOCC April 11 at 1 p.m. regarding a potential ballot initiative per HB- 1114.
- Deputy EMS Chief **Austin Wingate** and Manager met with Grand County's DOLA Regional Manager regarding the Tier II Energy Impact Assistance grant. The BOCC approved Grand County EMS' request to submit an application for EMS Station 1 in the amount of \$1 million.
- Manager attended the annual Grand County Irrigated Land Company (GCILC) shareholder meeting last Thursday and provided an update regarding Grand County Mutual Ditch & Reservoir Company's (GCMDFC) Pilot Project.
- County Attorney **Maxine LeBarre-Krostue** was notified of a dispute regarding ownership of a road in the Winter Park area that could result in action against the County.

## GCPH | VACCINES UPDATE

Grand County Public Health (GCPH) Director **Abbie Baker** and Deputy Director **Ellen Parri** gave an overview of GCPH's Immunization Program.


The presentation included a synopsis of the vaccine safety process conducted by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

The presentation also included the Federal and State public health and welfare requirements per United States and Colorado statutes. GCPH contracts annually with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE). Per that contract, GCPH agrees to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines at no cost to VFC eligible persons/individuals.

GCPH provides immunizations for the prevention of disease to all individuals requesting vaccine administration. GCPH does not solicit or recruit individuals to administer immunizations. GCPH administers the Immunization Program under the direction and guidance of:

- Federal Government and Colorado State Statutes
- CDPHE contract
- Annual CDC Provider Agreement
- Annual CDPHE Storage & Handling Agreement
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice

Following lengthy public discussion on the topic, the BOCC thanked Ms. Baker and Ms. Parri for the thorough presentation, and acknowledged their continued support of GCPH and the Immunization Program. As the Board of Health, Commissioners noted they would not be making any changes based on the information provided in the overview.

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



**#StandGrand** is a stewardship campaign started by Grand PLACES 2050, a collaboration of private, nonprofit, state and federal land managers working to plan for the future of recreation. We think Grand County Colorado is a pretty spectacular place and we want to keep it that way. Please join us as stewards of our invaluable lands, water and wildlife by being familiar with best practices as you are recreating in our fabulous county!

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, March 22 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

A Sales Agreement with Patagonia Health, Inc. to provide an electronic health records system presented by Director **Abbie Baker** was approved as presented.

### HUMAN SERVICES

A draft Comprehensive Civil Rights Plan was presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg** for review. Each county department of human/social services is required by the State department of Health Care Policy and Financing to have a Civil Rights Plan which addresses complaints, non-discrimination requirements and accessibility concerns.

Ms. Ruttenberg also updated Commissioners regarding upcoming **Medicaid redetermination actions**:

When the Federal government declared a public health emergency at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Medicaid recipients received continuous coverage - without needing to complete a redetermination packet. The Continuous Coverage Provision is now ending, and Medicaid recipients will need to resume completing their redetermination paperwork in order to determine if they are still eligible for Medicaid.

The action will affect approximately 1,600 individuals in Grand County. Recipients can submit redetermination information via the Colorado PEAK website or app, or may complete the physical paperwork and submit to GCDHS. Recipients who need assistance completing their Medicaid redetermination paperwork can contact GCDHS at 970-725-3331.

### ROAD & BRIDGE

Superintendent **Chris Baer** gave an update regarding County road conditions and maintenance. Wide temperature swings and weather conditions this time of year can make road maintenance challenging.

Today Mr. Baer will be attending a meeting with CDOT's District 6 Transportation Commissioner and Region 3 Director along with **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** and town representatives to discuss the current state of US Hwy 40, the immediate plan for pothole repair, and the long-term maintenance plan.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 2022-11-42, Special Use Permit for Estates at the Bluff Manufactured Housing Community, LLC Mobile Home Park** | Approved as presented.

**Resolution 2023-3-5, Approving the Renewal of the Peak Materials Special Use Permit** | Approved with conditions as presented. Conditions included requiring Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) monitors be added to the site by July 15, 2023. Commissioners directed the County's Community Development and Environmental Health staffs to determine a plan for VOC placement and monitoring.

#KeepCOCovered

## Get ready to renew your Medicaid coverage now!

As part of unwinding the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Medicaid recipients will need to resume completing redetermination packets beginning in May.



**Update your contact information and sign up for notifications in the Health First Colorado app and in your PEAK account.**



**Don't forget to sign your renewal packet.**



**Respond by the date in your letter – you'll get this in the mail and by email.**



**Turn in documentation through Health First Colorado app, mail, online at [co.gov/PEAK](https://co.gov/PEAK).**

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## 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**.