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Bear Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park

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The **April 4 BOCC meeting has been cancelled** to allow Commissioners to participate in a Union Pacific train tour through the Moffat Tunnel on Tuesday. Approval of vouchers and necessary department items will take place ahead of the Special Meeting on Monday, April 3 at 5:45 p.m.

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BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioner Linke and County Manager **Ed Moyer** gave an update regarding a recent Colorado Basin Roundtable meeting hosted by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Topics included:

- CWCB will be hosting a Drought Summit May 1 - June 1 at History Colorado, and the C-9 Roundtable November 14 in Denver.
- HB22-1151: Turf Replacement Program, concerning measures to incentivize water-wise landscapes. Grant applications are due March 31.
- Yampa/White/Green Basin Table members presented their position paper regarding Big River matters, including the System Conservation Pilot Program. YWG roundtable members asked if the Colorado River Basin Roundtable would also be providing a position paper on said matters. The Basin Roundtable will be discussing the matter at Next Steps, which will involve discussions on collaboration between East and West Slope interests, including Denver Water and Northern Water.
- More than \$277,000 in grants were approved for funding, including \$78,000 to the Grand County Irrigated Land Company for the Vail Ditch Conservation and Efficiency Project and to the Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA).

CAWA is comprised of agricultural leaders from across Colorado committed to the preservation of agriculture through the wise use of Colorado's water resources. [Click here to learn more about CAWA.](#)

- Next Colorado Basin Roundtable meeting: May 29.

Commissioner George gave an update regarding a recent NWCCOG meeting, where safety measures in public facilities, county positions on climate change, and the aging populations of member counties were discussed.

EAST GRAND FIRE UPDATE




East Grand Fire Protection District **Chief Todd Holzwarth** gave a year-end report:

EGFD currently has 33 volunteer firefighters and officers. Four volunteers currently reside at the Headquarters and Tabernash stations; two otherwise reside at the shared Red Dirt station.

In 2022, EGFPD responded to 412 incidents. Like most other emergency agencies, call volume continues to increase. Design work for the South Station is underway. Groundbreaking is anticipated for the end of May / early June.

The Impact Fund balance (from collection of Impact Fees) was \$786,698 as of December 31, 2022. The Impact Fund can only be used for capital items: apparatus, equipment, land and buildings (not for operations).

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

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

County Road 522:

- Property owners and Manager met last week to finalize terms for the right-of-way acquisition on the stretch of County Road 522 between County Roads 73 and 50.
- Manager also met with Town of Fraser's Manager last week regarding alignment and the right-of-way acquisition that would be needed if the Jones Trust Properties / Pole Yard were ever to be annexed by the Town of Fraser.

OLRT Ballot Initiative:

- A Special Meeting to discuss the polling questions for the proposed Open Lands, Rivers and Trails ballot measure is scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in the BOCC meeting room.

EMS Station 1:

- Manager met with Freeport-McMoRan regarding EMS' eligibility for Community Investment funding for Station 1. 2023 Community Investment Fund applications are due May 10.

Animal Shelter:

- Manager had an initial discussion with a Pet Pals representative. Pet Pals has requested a meeting to discuss potential land options for building a new shelter. (The animal shelter's current lease expires in 2025 with no option for renewal.)

US40:

- As a follow-up to the March 14 Red Dirt Hill Update from CDOT: Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** stated that the agreement between CDOT and Grand County allows for the \$400,000 in funds allocated for the project by the BOCC to be used for design.
- Manager is in discussions with the Town of Winter Park Manager regarding whether the County and Towns need to jointly escalate pothole repair on the State-managed highway to address the public safety issues created by the severity of potholes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Manager will be attending a Three Lakes Clarity Meeting along with the MOU parties and stakeholders to discuss current status and next steps this Thursday.
- Manager will be attending a Learning By Doing Special Operations sub-group meeting at Northern Water's Willow Creek facility to discuss future and long-term operations of both the Moffat and Windy Gap Firming projects this Friday.

Attorney Items

County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** provided an update regarding the ownership of Village Drive, and upcoming discussions with the Beaver Village HOA, the Town of Winter Park, and an adjacent property owner.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rotary Club of Granby Special Use Permit to sell liquor at the Flying Heels Arena on select dates | Approved as presented.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, March 29 were approved as presented by Assistant Finance Director **Cathy Henderson**.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. to provide Flock Safety ALPR cameras, monitoring, processing and machine vision services for the community was approved as presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin**. Individuals are **not** tracked with the camera system; the cameras analyze vehicle features (not just license plates), and are specifically used to locate stolen vehicles and vehicles associated with crimes.

ROAD & BRIDGE

An application for equipment lease with US Bancorp in the amount of \$1,722,279.45 for four pieces of equipment approved in the 2023 budget was approved as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.

TREASURER

Resolution 2023-3-6 authorizing the Grand County Treasurer to disburse \$45,849 to the East Grand School District from the "Payment in Lieu of East Grand School Land" account was approved as presented by Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley**.

CLERK & RECORDER

An e-Commerce Proposal with ArcaSearch to digitally archive Grand County's land record books was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**. The index services will be fully funded by a grant from the Electronic Recording Technology Board. In 2021, ArcaSearch completed a project to digitally record and preserve 64 of Grand County's Index books dating from 1874 through 1978.

WATER PROTECTION

A request to apply for the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program grant to hire a facilitator to develop a stakeholder group and establish program objectives for the Wildfire Ready Watersheds Program was approved as presented by Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk**. [Click here for more information about Wildfire Ready Watersheds.](#)

HUMAN SERVICES

Commissioners gave direction for Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** to submit Grand County's draft Comprehensive Civil Rights Plan to the State.

CSU EXTENSION DIRECTOR



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Commissioners welcomed new CSU Extension Director **Brianna Osborn**. Ms. Osborn is a CSU graduate, and moved to Grand County from Bennet, Colorado.

Established in 1912, CSU Extension provides communities with 4-H, after school and youth development programs, along with agriculture and small acreage management.