




Grand County Colorado

- Richard Cimino | District 1
- Merrit Linke | District 2
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 This amazing picture of an eagle feeding an eaglet was captured by our Road & Bridge Office Supervisor **Kay Borda**.

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K9 TRAINING




Commissioner Cimino recently volunteered to serve as a decoy for Grand County Sheriff's Office's two K9 teams.

After suiting up and learning the basics of keeping both himself and the dogs safe during training exercises, Commissioner Cimino braced for impact as the K9 units were turned loose on their target.

GCSO currently has two dual purpose narcotics patrol dogs, **Danny** and **Milo**. Danny was trained in Holland, and came to the United States in 2015 where he was matched with his handler and partner, **Sergeant Nate Opsahl**. Milo received training in Germany, and was matched with his handler and partner **Sergeant DJ Elthorp** after coming to the United States in 2018.

Both Danny and Milo are German Shepherds, and have each received awards for their abilities: In 2022 Sgt. Opsahl and Danny received the Tracking Case of the Year, and Sgt. Elthorp and Milo received the Narcotics Case of the Year from the High Desert Police K9 Association, which consists of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.


Commissioners expressed their appreciation for and support of GCSO's K9 units, which are integral to keeping our community and deputies safe. GCSO's K9 units were deployed 92 times in 2022, 102 times in 2021, and 96 times in 2020. In addition to the work they perform in Grand County, Danny and Milo also assist law enforcement in neighboring counties. *To watch the videos of Commissioner Cimino's interactions with Danny and Milo, visit Grand County Gov's Facebook page!* 



BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners reviewed and discussed quarterly building permit data provided by the Community Development department. 2023 revenue has decreased over 2022.
- The County was notified that the Colorado State Land Board Stewardship Trust Program declined designating the Milk Creek property.



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MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Regarding Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) Article III.E.14 for construction of **Phase 2 of the Fraser River Pumpstation Pipeline and Discovery Park Pond project**:
 - **Doug Laraby** with Winter Park Resort and **Bruce Hutchins**, former manager of Grand County Water & Sanitation District gave an overview of the water sources and agreements for Winter Park Resort's snowmaking operations, as well as water for the Grand County Water Users.
 - Phase 2 construction is scheduled to begin later this month, and conclude with site restoration in October of 2024.
 - A portion of the project will be funded by Denver Water, upon acceptance of all permits for Gross Reservoir enlargements.
 - Pursuant to the original funding agreements, Manager is responsible for reviewing and approving all construction documents.
 - The project's full history is documented in Resolution No. 2023-05-04, which was approved as presented by the Manager. *Click here to read the full resolution.*
- **Regarding Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) Spring Grant submissions**: Manager met with Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) and the Town of Granby regarding their applications. HTA revised and re-submitted their grant applications, and the Town of Granby provided additional information about its funding request. Following the additional details and clarification, the BOCC affirmed their approval and gave direction to proceed.
- Results of the OLRT potential ballot initiative survey will be presented to the BOCC on May 23 at 11 a.m.
- Requests by Colorado Parks & Wildlife and Pregnancy Resource Connection to waive facility use fees for events to be hosted at the fairgrounds were approved, pursuant to current facility use policy, as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.
- Ms. Benson also gave an update regarding Emergency Water Protection (EWP) projects. The County is filing for an extension with NRCS through September to conclude all projects and associated paperwork.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krustue** provided additional information regarding conservation easements in response to the BOCC's first right of refusal of a land parcel in the Pine Air Subdivision. Commissioners approved releasing the County's first right of refusal.

PUBLIC HEARING

Winter Park Horseman's Association Special Event Permit | Approved as presented.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, May 10 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

ROAD & BRIDGE

A Ground Lease Transfer and a Commercial Amendment for Hangar D at Kremmling - McElroy Airfield were approved as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.

Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** presented several items:

- One asphalt bid for 2023 road resurfacing projects was received from United Companies in the amount of \$1,952,137.00. Including Bid Alternate #1 (double chip sealing of County Roads 804, 83W, 834 and 835) the bid amount is \$2,366,687.00. Commissioners accepted the bid and gave direction to move forward with a contract.
- Mr. Baer also presented a summary of the 2022/23 winter snow removal costs for the three contractors that assisted with snowplow operations.

ASSESSOR

Assessor **Tom Weydert** provided an update regarding valuation protests received to date. The office has received more than 200 protests since May 1. The primary objection is the percentage increase. Mr. Weydert stated that an additional hearing officer may be needed to accommodate the volume of protests.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

An updated W9 along with a Services Contract with MountainTop Concrete LLC for concrete work on sidewalks and steps and Grand Living Senior Homes were approved as presented by Operations Manager **Sheena Darland**.

TREASURER

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

- As of May 4, the office has received 75% of total 2023 taxes due.
- Funds received from the National Forest Reserve Apportionment in the amount of \$1,688,079.24 were distributed to Grand County's two school districts by number of students:
 - West Grand School District received \$424,383.12 (25.14%) of the apportionment, and East Grand School District received \$1,263,696.12 (74.86%).

PLANS & PLATS

Second Amended Final Plat, Grand View Park Lots 9 & 10 | Approved as presented.

Amended Final Plat - Adams First Addition to Grand Lake, East 1/2 of Lot 3 and Lots 4, 5 & 6 | Approved as presented with conditions.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

WELCOME!

Danielle Callen - Clerk & Recorder
Shira Cohen - County Attorney's Office

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our dedicated staff members celebrating employment anniversaries in May:

One Year

Marcy Wheatley, Grand County Treasurer
Dalton Corbett, Emergency Medical Services
Stephanie Chou, Emergency Medical Services
Troy Simon, Fairgrounds Manager
Nathaniel Johnson, Sheriff's Office
Nathan Macchione, Sheriff's Office

Two Years

Taylor Griffith, Emergency Medical Services
Stephen Renda, Emergency Medical Services

Three Years

Laura "Ellen" Parri, Public Health
Paul Forrest Mintier, Sheriff's Office
Christine Travis, Communications

Four Years

Kay Borda, Road & Bridge
Jimmie Riley, Road & Bridge

Lance Schofield, Sheriff's Office - 13 Years
Jill Hansen, Assessor's Office - 26 Years
Chris Baer, Road & Bridge - 27 Years



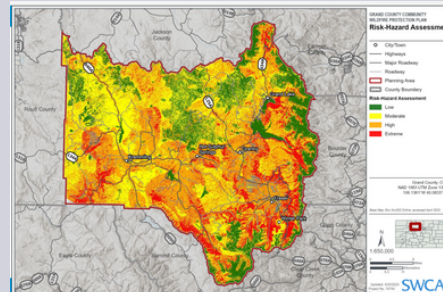
CWPP UPDATE

Joel Cochran, Grand Fire **Chief Brad White** and **Ariana Porter** with SWCA Environmental Consultants gave an update regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which will go back to the BOCC for final approval in the upcoming week.

SWCA was contracted by the County to update the CWPP (which was last updated in 2006). CWPP is a plan to reduce threats to life and property from wildfire.

The plan does not mandate actions, but rather makes recommendations regarding fuel reduction, structural ignitability, public education and outreach, fire response capabilities, and sets priorities for action. Having a current CWPP is required for many grant funding sources.

SWCA received 45 comments during the public review period. The Final CWPP and Story Map will be delivered next month, and includes risk review, recommendations and project tracker, areas of concern, landscape scale treatments, and how individual property owners can be involved.



The CWPP includes a Risk-Hazard Assessment indicating where wildfire risk is low, moderate, high and extreme throughout the County. Click here to view SWCA's full presentation.

OEM WORKSHOP

Office of Emergency Management Director **Alexis Kimbrough** led a workshop with Commissioners regarding the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). EOPs are high-level strategic documents that defines the framework for emergency operations specific to Grand County Government.

EOPs are mandated by the State and Federal government with the goal of saving lives, protecting public and private property, and providing for economic stability during incidents and responses.

EOPs are considered "living documents" and are intended to be frequently updated as conditions and other community factors change. The draft document is currently under review but will be presented to the commissioners for approval and adoption at a future meeting.



Pictured above:
Office of Emergency Management Director **Alexis Kimbrough** completed the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, which provides foundational education in emergency management.

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