



Grand County

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Rainbows over the Muddy River in Kremmling photo courtesy Connie Chamberlain.

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June 12, 1 p.m.
Special Meeting to review
architectural plans and receive an
update regarding EMS Station 1.

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ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin gave an update regarding the Grand County Animal Shelter. The current shelter, located in Granby, has been operating for 25 years on land owned by Granby Sanitation District. However, the shelter's lease ends December 2025 with no possibility for renewal due to the Sanitation District's need to expand.



*Pictured above: Two-year-old **Rambo**, an American bulldog/cane corso mix, is available for adoption. Call the shelter to learn more about him: 970-887-2988.*

On May 2, Sheriff Schroetlin outlined four options for continuing to operate an animal shelter in Grand County. ([Click here to read the May 2 memo.](#))

The Sheriff's recommendation at this time is for the BOCC to continue funding the Grand County Animal Control and the shelter through the Sheriff's Office, contingent on land acquisition (provided by a third party entity or Pet Pals fundraising) with a December 31, 2023 deadline, fundraising for new build construction with a June 31, 2024 deadline, and an agreement between Grand County and the six municipalities for long-term funding.

Sheriff Schroetlin added that we will most likely need an interim plan for Shelter operations between when the current lease ends (December 31, 2025), and when a new Shelter could be open. The Sheriff's Office has had preliminary discussions with Clear Creek County's Sheriff's Office regarding the potential for temporarily housing animals in Clear Creek County.

Commissioners gave direction for the Sheriff to continue discussions with Clear Creek County, and for staff to open discussions with the towns regarding the recommendations. Commissioners noted that each town contributing financially to the animal shelter is critical to the shelter's long-term sustainability.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved a letter of support to the Colorado River District for Community Funding Partnership funds for the Alternative Forage Crop Project submitted by Trout Unlimited on behalf of Alternative Forage Crop Workgroup, which consists of irrigators, academia and non-profit organizations. The group is investigating the viability of forage crop that is more drought resistant than the forage crop commonly used in the Colorado River basin (alfalfa, grass hay, pasture). This funding will help the workgroup conduct field trials to test best management practices for establishing three alternative forage crops (intermediate wheat grass, sainfoin, and silflower) on lands formerly used for hay production and grazing in western Colorado.
- Commissioners also approved a letter of support to Commemorative Stamp Development for nomination of Captain Emily Warner for a 2026 U.S. Commemorative Stamp.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- At the BOCC's request, Manager gave an update regarding vacancies on the Middle Park Water Conservancy District (MPWCD) board:
 - There are currently no vacancies on the MPWCD board.
 - Two terms will be expiring January 30, 2024: District 1 and District 5. Applications will be accepted in December for the terms beginning January 30.
- The Open Lands, Rivers & Trails (OLRT) proposed ballot initiative is on next week's agenda (June 13) at 1 p.m. Additional information will be provided regarding campaign options.
- The proposed Lodging Tax ballot initiative is also on next week's agenda to review financial projections and ballot language.
- CCI is hosting a webinar on June 16 regarding SB22-230, Collective Bargaining for Counties .
- Following an email sent to Commissioner Cimino from the Grand County Archery Association, Manager reached out to Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) regarding the possibility of a second 3-D archery range in the County.
- Manager participated in a Clearly Grand roundtable last week with Clear Creek County and both school districts regarding Career Connected Learning.
 - The Homegrown Talent Initiative (HTI) program transitioned to a shared regional capacity and governing support for Career Connected Learning for students in both counties, which is grant funded.
 - East Grand School District's Ms. Malone was hired as the program's Regional Director.
- CCI is hosting its Mountain District meeting August 24 in Grand County at a venue to be determined.
- Regarding County Road 522: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has opened a 30-day public comment period regarding extension of the County's Section 404 permit. Comments are due by June 25, 2023. The Corps is not yet able to provide guidance regarding how the recent Supreme Court Ruling in Sackett vs. EPA might affect the project's proposed wetland mitigation.

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** provided the following updates:

- The previous CSU Extension Director looked into the University Technical Assistance Program through the University of Colorado Denver and how it could be utilized in creating a Fairground's Master Plan. Commissioners gave direction for staff to move forward; a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be brought back to the BOCC at a future meeting.
- Ms. Benson also summarized Emergency Watershed Program's (EWP) current expenditures and reimbursements:
 - Total Expenditures: \$5.2 million
 - NRCS Reimbursements to date: \$4.2 million
 - CWCB Reimbursements: \$1 million

PLANS & PLATS

Resolution No. 2023-2-24, approving the Amended Final Plat of Lots 8 and 9, Eitemiller-Evers Outright Exemption | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2023-4-12, approving the Amended Final Plat of Lots 1 and 2, Grand Country Village | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2023-5-14, approving Second Amended Final Plat of Lot 9 and 10, Grand View Park | Approved as Presented.

Resolution No. 2023-5-15, approving the Amended Final Plat of E 1/2 of Lots 3 and Lots 4-6, Adams First Addition to Grand Lake | Approved as presented.

Red Hawk Ranch Sketch Plan (*continued from May 2*): Following lengthy discussion and public testimony, the applicant requested the sketch plan be tabled in order to meet notification requirements.

Amended Final Plat of Lots 1, 2 and 3 - Finnigan Subdivision (*continued from May 2*): Approved with amended conditions.



Emergency construction work on US Highway 40 at Berthoud Pass begins in July.

Expect increased truck traffic to and from the gravel pit on County Road 60.

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Wildfire SALES TAX REFUNDS

Grand County was recently notified that because our county had a qualifying declared wildfire in 2020, those with destroyed or damaged homes are eligible to claim a state sales/use tax refund on construction materials.

The Colorado Department of Revenue has a set up a webpage regarding these refunds: (<https://tax.colorado.gov/rebuilding-after-a-declared-wildfire-disaster>). It has limited information at the moment, but it does include some FAQs and will be a place that constituents can monitor for further information.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, June 7 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

Mr. Lange also presented six auditor statements, which were approved as presented.

ROAD & BRIDGE

A Construction Contract with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. (dba United Companies) for 2023 asphalt work and chip seal was approved as presented by Superintendent **Chris Baer**.

AIRPORTS

A resolution accepting Colorado Division of Aeronautics Discretionary Aviation Grant to fund moving the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) at the Granby Airport was approved as presented by Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder**.

CLERK & RECORDER

Grand Lake Metro Rec District's (Grand Lake Golf Course) hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**.

HUMAN SERVICES

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented four core services contracts for a child-specific person and their family:

- A contract with Parallel Counseling for Intensive Family Services was approved as presented.
- A contract with Mountain Family Center for Intensive Family Services and Life Skills was approved as presented.
- A contract with Karen Crabb for Family Engagement services was approved as presented.
- A contract with Summit Play Therapy was approved as presented.
- Ms. Ruttenberg's request to sell \$30,000 of Grand County's un-spent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) allocation (thereby saving Grand County \$3,000) to Larimer County was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A Task Order with the State Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) for environmental health services related to retail food establishments, child care facilities and schools was approved as presented by Director **Abbie Baker**.

A task order for CDC Public Health Infrastructure funding to support recruitment, retention and creating a well-trained public health staffing structure was approved as presented.

Environmental Health Manager **Hannah Wynd** gave a brief update regarding Peak's purchase Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) monitors as required with the approval of the organization's Special Use Permit off of County Road 5.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Operations Director **Sheena Darland** presented several items:

- A Services Contract with Graves Seamless Gutters for gutters on Buildings 1 & 2 at Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was approved as presented.
- Four applications for exemption of the Affordable Housing Transfer Fee of 0.5% for properties located in Coyote Creek at Winter Park Subdivision were approved as presented; one application for exemption was denied.
 - The Restrictive Covenant was **voluntarily** put in place by the Coyote Creek at Winter park landowner. If an applicant meets the Exemptions from Transfer Fee set forth in Section 2 of the Restrictive Covenant, the Housing Authority Board **must** approve the request. *Click here to learn more about Restrictive Covenants and Transfer Fees.*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A Services Contract with Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting was approved as presented by Director **Kristen Manguso**. The County's GIS Coordinator **Greg Thorne** is planning to retire this summer; it was decided by Ms. Manguso and County Manager **Ed Moyer** not to replace the position, and instead to contract with Cornerstone for GIS services. Cornerstone also provides GIS services to several of Grand County's towns through the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG).



MAG OPERATIONS

Road & Bridge is conducting mag operations in the Kremmling area through June.

PLEASE BE ALERT, SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER FOR YOUR ROAD CREWS!

