



Grand County

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FROG THAT PARKED ILLEGALLY?

It got toad.



INTERN PRESENTATION

Grand County welcomed three student interns this summer. As part of their program, interns give presentations to the BOCC about their experience.

This week's presentation was from 17-year-old West Grand student **Elisabeth Corcoran**.

A 12-year 4-H veteran, Elisabeth chose to intern with CSU Extension to help at the Fairgrounds, and learn the formal side of the Extension Office's work in the community.

After high school, Elisabeth plans to attend a trade school to become certified in animal training with the goal of owning and operating her own dog training and boarding facility. She is also considering obtaining an Associates Degree in Business and/or Psychology.



Elisabeth's duties included helping with the day camps.

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners gave a recap from the recent National Association of Counties (NACo) conference in Austin, Texas. **Commissioners Cimino and Linke** attended work sessions and seminars presented on topics relevant to Grand County and the Colorado delegation, including affordable housing, clean energy and EV infrastructure, agriculture and rural affairs / land use issues.

EMS UPDATE

Grand County EMS has been selected to participate in a pilot Prehospital Whole Blood program. Receiving prehospital whole blood has been demonstrated to save lives, and reduce the subsequent amount of blood required in the hospital. As part of the program, EMS **Chief Robert Good** requested out-of-travel for two EMS Captains to attend the Whole Blood Academy in San Antonio, Texas in September. Foothills RETAC will reimburse the County \$1,000 per person for conference-related expenses.

Captain Erik Campbell gave an update regarding a carpooling program he has been working on in conjunction with other counties and Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI). Captain Campbell requested the BOCC's support at CCI and with the Colorado Municipal League (CML) to correct language in House Bill 22-1026, Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit.

Deputy Chief Austin Wingate gave a high-level overview of EMS' mid-year report that included the number of incidents EMS has responded to through June 30 and response time. During that period, EMS responded to 1,363 calls - which is a 20.5% increase over the same period in 2022. The average countywide response time to 9-1-1 calls is 13.33 minutes. [Click here to view the full report.](#)



MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** and Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented the following:

- Colorado River Connectivity Channel Project:
 - The channel and projects below the dam are nearing completion. The channel above the dam is approximately 50% constructed.
 - Spring run-off and rains led to a significantly greater rise in water than anticipated and spilled over the new dyke. The damage was minor, and the repair was inspected by the State engineer.
 - Per the BOCC's request, a tour for Commissioners is scheduled for August 17 at 9:30.
- Per the 1961 Principles, the release from Granby Reservoir reduces from 75 to 40 cfs. U.S. Fish & Wildlife agreed to begin releasing 35 cfs from the 5,417.5 acre-foot pool in order to maintain a flow of 75 cfs. That release will be exchanged into Williams Fork Reservoir for three days.
- Senior Property Tax Exemption appeals must be postmarked by August 15. To date, a total of 17 exemption requests have been denied. Referees will hear appeals on August 31; recommendations will go before the Board of Equalization on September 5.
- Granby Dental's Dr. Burns has announced he will no longer be participating in network with Delta Dental Coverage. This topic will be discussed at the August Insurance Committee meeting.
- The Town of Hot Sulphur Springs will be submitting a Conservation Trust Funds (CTF) request to remove hazard trees from Pioneer Park adjacent to the sewer lagoons.
- **Board of Equalization Appeals:** Following decisions rendered on August 7, property owners may choose to request binding arbitration. A list of arbitrators will need to be approved by the BOCC. Staff has prepared a draft list of potential arbitrators, and contacted each for qualifications. A final list will be presented to Commissioners next week.

PLATS & PLANS

Amended Final Plat of Tracts in the Reilly Subdivision Exemption | Approved as presented.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, August 2 were approved as presented by Assistant Finance Director **Cathy Henderson**.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Amendment # 1 to amend the Construction Contract with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. d/b/a United Companies was approved as presented by Superintendent **Chris Baer**.

Task Order A to a Professional Services Agreement with Armstrong Consultants, Inc. for professional engineering services at Granby Airport / Emily Warner Field related to relocating the AWOS (weather station) was approved as presented by Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder**.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A Deferral Agreement / Amendment to a Sales Agreement with Patagonia Health presented by Director **Abbie Baker** was tabled pending additional information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 2023-07-12, renewing the Special Use Permit for Emore, Inc. permitting outdoor storage of heavy equipment was approved as presented.

A request by Northern Water to waive building permit fees for a gate structure and control building related to the Colorado River Connectivity Channel project at Windy Gap was approved as presented by Director **Kristen Manguso**.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin gave a brief update regarding fire restrictions and recent wildland fire starts. **There are currently no fire restrictions in place.** At this time, our conditions do not meet the threshold within our scientific fire matrix to enter into restrictions. For the past several years, the County - along with our Federal partners and other counties across Northwest Colorado - have used this scientific approach, which provides an objective basis for our decisions.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

As part of the annual budget process, each department gives the BOCC a high-level presentation outlining their budget needs for 2024. This week's overview workshops were from: Sheriff's Office, Community Development and Information Services.

PUBLIC HEARING

Byers Peak Ranch Metropolitan Districts 1-7 (Continued from July 18, 2023) | Following presentations by the applicant and staff, and lengthy discussion by the BOCC, the application was approved as presented with conditions 1 and 3 from the staff certification with a maximum debt limit of \$90 million.



Middle Park Fair & Rodeo

August 6 - 13, 2023

Special thanks to Fairgrounds Manager Troy Simon, Grand County Road & Bridge crews, County Maintenance & Superintendents, CSU Extension Staff, Fair Board members, 4-H leaders, and all of the volunteers who help make this event happen!