



# Grand County Colorado

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Commissioners and Managers had the difficult task of judging pies and cookies submitted in a variety of age categories during last week's Middle Park Fair & Rodeo.

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A successful **107th Middle Park Fair & Rodeo** took place last week. Events included the Queen's Barrel Race, 4-H animal shows, Junior Rodeo, Ranch Rodeo, Commissioners Cookie Contest, MPF&R Team Roping and the Junior Livestock Sale.



Events concluded Sunday with the CPRA Rodeo and 2024 Royalty Coronation. Congratulations to all of the rodeo and 4-H participants - including our dedicated Grand County moms and dads!



[Click to view Commissioners Calendars](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THAT NEW FILM ABOUT THE PIG WITHOUT AN EYE?

It's rated PG.



## 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 Middle Park High School junior **Haley Miller**, who interned with Communications and EMS.

An avid archery hunter, Ms. Miller also competes on the MPHS rodeo and nordic ski teams. She is considering a career pursuing a career in Equine Chiropractic and Marketing at GMU following high school graduation.



Haley's duties included helping update the County's website, and working on the Administrative side of EMS.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners approved letters thanking Fairgrounds Manager Troy Simon, the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board, CSU Extension staff, Livestock Sales volunteers and Grounds Crew members who worked tirelessly to present the 107th Middle Park Fair & Rodeo last week.



# MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Road & Bridge is currently performing mag operations on County Road 1 (Trough Road).
- Property Valuation:** The County is beginning to receive requests for binding arbitration related to property valuation appeals to the Board of Equalization (BOE). [Click here for information about options for property owners who would like further appeal.](#)
- County Road 522:** The County received a letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) outlining several requests related to extending the County's 404 Permit. The deadline to respond is September 8; Manager will present a draft response for the BOCC's consideration at a future meeting.
- Commissioners will be attending a tour of the Colorado River Connectivity Channel Project at Windy Gap hosted by Northern Water Thursday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m.
- Northwest TPR:** CDOT is currently completing a study of Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs), to include TPR boundaries. [Public comment and stakeholder comments are being collected as part of the study.](#)
  - Commissioners gave direction for the County to join a letter from the Northwest TPR (which includes Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt, Jackson and Grand counties), and also to submit an individual letter to CDOT. Draft letters will be brought for approval next Tuesday.
- OLRT Ballot Initiative:** The Middle Park Conservation District Board has asked the BOCC to postpone the ballot initiative until 2024 to allow further discussion about including land and conservation projects in the resolution. If the BOCC decided not to postpone the 2023 ballot question, then MPCD requested the BOCC consider changes to the ballot and Resolution.
  - Commissioners gave direction not to delay the ballot initiative, and for staff to review resolution language (the BOCC will only consider amendments to the resolution pending legal review - no amendments will be made to the ballot language). All stakeholders are invited to take part in another public discussion on the topic next Tuesday.



Our very own Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** has been nominated for Ms. Grand County!

Abbie lived in Grand County for nearly 15 years growing up, and returned in 2015 to raise her own family here. She joined Grand County Public Health as a health educator in 2018, and was appointed Director in 2021. [Click here to vote!](#)

# 2024 INSURANCE PLAN

On behalf of the County's Insurance Committee, representatives from HUB International presented the Committee's recommendations for the 2024 employee benefits program.

Effective October 1, 2023, Dr. Andrew Burns will no longer be participating as a contracted network premier provider with Delta Dental, which will have an impact on many employees. Human Resources will be sending employees information in regards to Dr. Burns' decision, and also how to search for providers.

In February, all Kroger pharmacies became non-network due to a contract dispute with Express Scripts. HUB has recommended moving to CVS/Caremark, which includes Kroger, Kremmling Mercantile and Safeway pharmacies.

Employees currently contribute approximately 5% toward the medical plan (with the County paying approximately 95% of the balance). Commissioners will have continued discussion on the Employer / Employee split.

Commissioners approved the recommended plan changes, which included a 5% increase to employee-paid medical premiums effective January 1, 2024, an increase to the cash-in-lieu program, and an increase in employee HSA contributions. [Click here to review HUB's presentation outlining all of the plan changes.](#)

	Employee Contributions	
	2023	2024
	Current	Renewal
<b>PPO</b>		
EE Only	\$58.00	\$61.00
EE + Family	\$200.00	\$210.00
<b>EPO</b>		
EE Only	\$5.00	\$6.00
EE + Family	\$42.00	\$44.00
<b>HDHP</b>		
EE Only	\$26.00	\$28.00
EE + Family	\$95.00	\$100.00

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Winter Park Lift Transit Operations Special Use Permit Amendment** | Approved with amended conditions.

**Flintstone Gravel & Trucking, Inc. Special Use Permit Renewal** | Approved with conditions as presented.

**Great Divide Lettuce Colony Inc. Cannabis Cultivation Special Use Permit Renewal** | Approved with amended conditions as presented.

## Zoning Regulation Amendments:

Section 11.6(2) and (3) Amendments and Renewals to remove signage requirement | Approved as presented.

Section 11.8(2) Private Camping | Approved as presented.

Section 14.2(5) Supplementary Yard Regulations | Approved as presented.

Section 14.7 (13)(b) Short Term Rentals | Approved as presented.

Section 20, Definitions to clarify Mobile Home Dwelling definition and add a definition to Marina | Approved as presented.

[Click here to view the Certificate of Recommendation with full details regarding these changes to Grand County Zoning Regulations.](#)

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, August 16 were approved as presented by Assistant Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### AIRPORTS

The close-out of the Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement with the USDA Forest Service to use Grand County airports to stage equipment in support of Devil's Thumb Fire incident operations was approved as presented by Airports Supervisor **Josh Schroeder**.

A Record of Negotiation with Armstrong Consultants related to the relocation of the AWOS weather station at Emily Warner Field was approved as presented by Mr. Schroeder.

### CLERK & RECORDER

Indian Peaks Marina Restaurant, LLC's hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal request was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**.

An agreement with Colorado MVExpress to place a kiosk at the Safeway grocery store in Fraser to assist residents with renewing vehicle registrations was approved as presented by Mrs. Linke. MVExpress kiosks are funded by kiosk users via a transaction fee, and give residents an additional option to renew vehicle registrations, get a license plate renewal sticker, check the status of a vehicle title, and print a duplicate vehicle registration.

### HUMAN SERVICES

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented several items:

- A Services Contract with Grand County Rural Health Network, Inc. to administer the ACHES and PAINS dental and mental health programs to TANF-eligible families | Approved as presented.
- A Services Contract with Mountain Family Center to provide financial housing assistance to TANF-eligible families with children | Approved as presented.
- An Intergovernmental Contract Amendment #3 with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood for Implementation of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program | Approved as presented.
- A Core Services Plan for the Grand County Department of Human Services | Approved as presented.
- A contract with Shift Counseling Services to provide Intensive Family Services and or Mental Health services to a child-specific person and their kinship family | Approved as presented.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

An out-of-state travel request for **Deputy Brian Macchione** to attend a 7-week K9 handler and instructor school was approved as presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin**.

A Prescription Services / Pharmacy Savings Program Agreement for the purpose of purchasing medications for jail inmates was approved as presented by Sheriff Schroetlin.

The Sheriff also gave an update that, per the scientific fire matrix, there is not a need to enter into fire restrictions at this time.

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A Partnership Agreement with the Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District to provide free access to GCEMS personnel in exchange for First Aid Supply Administration and Emergency Medical Education for FVMRD staff was approved as presented by **Chief Robert Good**.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Director Kristen Manguso** presented the following: Resolution No. 2021-5-30 approving the amended final plat of Lots 78 and 79, Block 1, Alpine Acres Subdivision | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2023-6-19, granting approval of Aspen View Subdivision Exemption | Approved as presented.

Resolution No. 2023-6-20 granting approval of Tabernash Highlands Subdivision Exemption | Approved as presented.

## PLANS & PLATS

**RUD Subdivision Exemption Final Plat** | Approved as presented.

**Peters Subdivision Exemption Phase 2 Sketch Plan** | Approved with conditions as presented.

## BUDGET WORKSHOPS

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: Finance, Economic Development, Office of Emergency Management, Grand County Assessor and Public Health.



Last Friday, **Commissioners Cimino and George** had an opportunity to accompany **Senator Michael Bennet** on a tour of Stillwater Creek to view some of the damage inflicted on forest road infrastructure as a result of debris flow and sediment from the East Troublesome Fire burn scar. The tour included brief presentations about the current state of the watersheds, the Stillwater Creek Washout project, and additional restoration needs from our partners Northern Water and the U.S. Forest Service. Find more pictures and information about the tour on Facebook @GrandCountyGov.