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Grand County

Colorado

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Grand County gold, picture courtesy of **Richard Broady**.

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**WHAT DO YOU
CALL A WITCH
WHO LIVES AT
THE BEACH?**

A Sand Witch.



FALL FOTO CONTEST WINNER

It has been an amazing year for our signature fall foliage! During the last two weeks, we received **55 entries** for the **Fall Foto Contest**, and on Tuesday Commissioners selected the winning photo. The picture below, captured by our Human Services Deputy Director **Karen Asato-Chrysler**, will be framed and placed on display in the BOCC meeting room. **Thank you to everyone who participated!**



BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed the Transportation Planning Region study being conducted by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Grand County is currently included in the Northwest TPR, which also includes Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco and Jackson counties. CDOT has solicited opinions regarding changing TPR boundaries. The BOCC previously issued a letter of opposition to modifying TPR / MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3.



MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Services Contracts with Peak Performance Copier & Supply Inc., d/b/a Peak Performance Imaging Solutions were approved as presented.
- The Town of Hot Sulphur Springs has notified the County that next week it will be seeking financial assistance with updates to the water treatment system.
- Next week the Insurance Committee will be providing recommendations on several remaining items to finalize the County's 2024 health insurance plan.
- Commissioners approved retroactively providing Hiring Incentive Pay to new employees who previously did not qualify. Moving forward, all new employees will qualify for Hiring Incentive Pay, and the BOCC will review the program annually.

Commissioners approved County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** recording a deed from 1998 for land purchased by the County for the purposes for re-aligning County Road 1 (the deed was never recorded).

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Welcome!

Faith Ackerman, Clerk & Recorder's Office
Metro "JD" Docheff, Road & Bridge
Michael Childress, Road & Bridge



Pictured above: Personal Care Provider **Tracey Vasquez** was recognized by Commissioner Chair **Rich Cimino** for five years of service to Grand County citizens.

Thank You!

1 Year
Roger Sharpe, Maintenance
Debra Patterson, Treasurer's Office
Stephanie Nolt, EMS
Travis Von Tersch, EMS

2 Years
Stephen Cissel, Road & Bridge
Shayla Steranko, Sheriff's Office
Richard O'Neil, EMS

3 Years
Dustin Sanchez, EMS

5 Years
Tracey Vasquez, Public Health

9 Years
Larry Banman, Assessor's Office
Luke McDonald, Sheriff's Office

10 Years
Erica Mentzer, EMS

22 Years
Tom Weydert, Grand County Assessor

23 Years
Rachel Born, Sheriff's Office Dispatch

Thank you to our dedicated staff for service to our Grand communities!

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, October 11 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**. Mr. Lange also presented a revised 5-Year Capital Budget to include two additional projects: the Kremmling Road & Bridge shop, and EMS Station 2.

CORONER

An Agreement to Purchase and Purchase Order with John Elway Chevolet to purchase a 2024 Chevy Silverado was approved as presented by Coroner **Tawnya Bailey**.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Out-of-state travel requests for **Deputy Chief Austin Wingate** to attend the NAEMSP Annual Meeting and Conference in Austin, Texas in January, and for **Erich Barber** to attend the ESO Wave Training Academy in Austin, Texas in April were approved as presented.

A contract amendment to a Subscription Services Agreement with VLI Tech for patient billing software was approved as presented by Deputy Chief Wingate.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioners gave direction for staff to perform a dependent eligibility audit.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Sales Agreements with Wagner CAT for two snow plows was approved as presented by Assistant Superintendent **Zac Broady**. Mr. Broady also announced that all 17 vehicles and pieces of equipment sold at the recent sealed-bid auction. Commissioners approved a title transfer for one of the vehicles.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Commissioners gave direction for Director **Thomas Johnson** to proceed hiring the department's sixth full-time employee budgeted for 2024.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Director **Kristen Manguso** presented several items:

- **Resolution No. 2023-8-14**, Amended Final Plat, Reilly Subdivision Exemption, etc. | Approved
- **Resolution 2021-02-20**, St. Joseph's Foundation Retreat Camping SUP | Approved.
- **Resolution 2-23-10-16**, Granting Preliminary Acceptance of all Subdivision Improvements, etc. | Approved
- **Resolution 2023-8-13**, Approval of the RUD Subdivision Exemption | Approved
- **Resolution 2020-12-17**, Vacation of a 25 Right of Way, etc. | Approved

Additionally, Commissioners supported staff enforcing Resolution No. 2020-10-22 permitting temporary zoning relief for homeowners affected by the East Troublesome Fire (and allowing campers and RVs to be lived in on the property during reconstruction), which will expire on December 31, 2023.

HUMAN SERVICES

A Services Contract with Grand Beginnings to administer to the Safe and Stable Families program was approved as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.

TREASURER

Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley** gave a monthly report.

GCHA WORKSHOP

Grand County Historical Association's (GCHA) Executive Director, Shanna Ganne, gave an overview of Historic Preservation Tax Credits program that can be used to preserve Grand County's historic structures.

Ms. Ganne asked the BOCC to consider reinstating a Historic Preservation Board (HPB) that would allow GCHA to take advantage of HPTC funds. Commissioners supported Ms. Ganne moving forward and taking steps to reinstate the HPB.



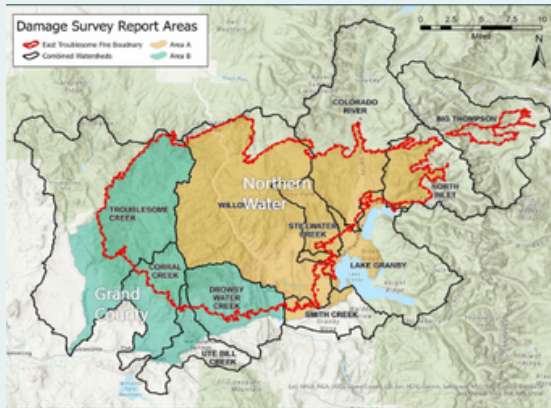
Pictured above: The Town of Kremmling, early 1900s.

EWP FINAL REPORT

Following the East Troublesome Fire, projects were necessary to protect life and property from potential hazards due to flooding and debris flows. Watershed recovery has been an incredibly heavy lift, and Grand County alone didn't have the financial, human and other resources needed to complete these projects.

This week Grand County celebrated the conclusion of construction in Area B, and expressed our gratitude to partners in the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program: EWP Program guidance and funding, NRCS; local match funding, the Colorado Water Conservation Board; Area A sponsor and valued EWP Partner, Northern Water; Area B project engineer SGM; Area B watershed recovery coordinator RiverWorks; and our dedicated Grand County Staff!

It is only through this collaborative effort that so much has been achieved.



Pictured above is a map of the East Troublesome Fire burn scar showing recovery areas A and B. EWP projects in Area B.

PUBLIC HEARING: FEE CHANGES

Commissioners approved the following fee changes, effective January 1, 2024:

Sheriff's Office: Deputy Contract Labor rate (for special events) increased to \$100 per hour.

Public Health: Well Water Transport Sample from Grand County Environmental Health to CDPHE's lab increased to \$50.

Community Development: Addition of a Minor Subdivision fee of \$1,000 and a \$1,200 fee for Special District requests.

CSU Extension: Facility fee schedule changed to rate events by risk, and increase medium risk event deposits to \$300 and high risk event deposits to \$500.

TABERNASH MULTI-FAMILY SKETCH PLAN

Following lengthy public discussion, the Tabernash Multi-Family Sketch Plan was approved with conditions as presented.

DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK

Grand County Sheriff's Office
670 Spring St., Hot Sulphur Springs
Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.
Saturday, October 28
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.
Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.