



# Grand County Colorado

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Fall looks good on us. Photo courtesy of **Derek Baker**.

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## GCPH, GCLD, MOUNTAIN FAMILY CENTER RECOGNIZED



Pictured above: Public Health Director **Abbie Baker**, Library District Executive Director **Polly Gallagher** and Mountain Family Center's Community Programs Manager **Katie Stuvell** were present to receive the award.

Grand County Public Health, Mountain Family Center and the Grand County Library District were recognized by the Colorado Association of Libraries as recipients of this year's Presidents Award for Community Partnerships for the Lunch and Learn program started to engage seniors in our community.

Lunch & Learn programs include free lunch and 15- to 30-minute presentations relevant to our communities' seniors.

[Visit a local library branch](#) to register and learn more.

## BOARD BUSINESS

**Commissioner Cimino** discussed a draft bill from the Legislative Oversight Committee concerning the property tax treatment of real property that is used to provide lodging. As introduced, the bill would classify properties that are short-term rented more than 90 days each year as commercial, not residential. Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) has asked members to provide comments. BOCC has forwarded the draft bill to the Grand County Assessor along with Town mayors and managers for comment by October 31.

Commissioners approved a [Letter of Support for the Lake Agnes Subdivision](#) property owners' application to a Colorado State Forest Service Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM).

The BOCC supported **Commissioner Cimino** attending the [Mountain Towns 2030](#) Climate Solutions Summit and Colorado Association of Mountain Town (CAST) meeting this week.

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Regarding the Blue Valley Land Exchange: Senator Hickenlooper's office has offered to host a briefing with the Bureau of Land Management on the topic. Commissioners gave direction to thank our U.S. delegates for continuing to monitor the process, but that a meeting isn't necessary at this time.
- Pursuant to BOCC's direction, staff met with Town of Winter Park regarding current conditions within the The Lift Transit Center's SUP (lighting, earthen tone colors and landscaping), and will be bringing an amended SUP before the BOCC for consideration next week. Staff will notify Transit Center neighbors.
- Open Enrollment begins this Wednesday, October 18 through November 17. In-person meetings are available Thursday, October 19 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to answer employees' questions.
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be meeting this Thursday to discuss transitioning emergency notifications from CodeRED to the Genasys Protect platform.
- A Services Contract with Birch Ecology, LLC to identify alternate wetland sites for the County Road 522 project as approved as presented by Assistant Manager **Micah Benson**.
- The County has received a letter from Grand Fire regarding egress and parking concerns at Flying Heels Arena in Granby. Staff is working to address the requests.
- Commissioners approved re-appointing **Terry Pratt** to the Fair Board to a three-year term.
- An Attorney Client Agreement with Bruno, Colin & Lowe, P.C. to provide outside council for the Grand County Sheriff's Office (as previously approved by the BOCC) was approved as presented by County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue**.

## HSS FUNDING REQUEST

Town of Hot Sulphur Springs Mayor **Ray Tinkum** and Public Works Director **Philip McElroy** presented a request by the Town for the County to fund approximately 50 percent of the cost to design, construct and deploy of a Temporary Bypass Pumping System.

Last spring's higher-than-normal snowpack and run-off combined with turbidity issues caused by debris from the East Troublesome Fire burn scar resulted in the Town declaring an emergency.

As County buildings rely on Hot Sulphur Spring's water system, Commissioners approved funding half of the project not to exceed \$25,000.

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, October 18 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

An Order Form Amendment with Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook was approved as presented by Mr. Lange.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A Services Contract with Harms & Sons Excavating to replace the recreation yard at the jail was approved as presented by **Undersheriff Wayne Schafer**. The project is partially funded by a Judicial Assistance Grant (JAG).

### ROAD & BRIDGE

Services contracts with Mountain States Snowcats and Mountain Madness, Inc. for snow removal in the 2023/24 winter season were approved as presented by Superintendent **Chris Baer**.

Mr. Baer also presented traffic counts recently conducted on County roads 22, 1, 3, 83 and 5, and gave a brief update regarding the gravel pit on County Road 60 (asphalt operations have ceased for the year, and the equipment has been relocated).

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

A Services Contract with Vortex Colorado, LLC for installation of door timers and a handicap door operator at the Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was approved as presented by Operations Manager **Sheena Darland**.

A Services Contract with Hassle Free Contracting, LLC for roof replacement on Building 2 of Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was also approved as presented by Ms. Darland.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Amended Final Plat Tracts 21, North 1/2 of 22, North 1/2 of 27, and 28; South 1/2 of 22, 23, 24, 26, and South 1/2 of 27 - Gudgel Subdivision** | Approved as presented.

**Amended Final Plat - Grand View Park Lots 46A and 47A** | Approved as presented.

## PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The 2024 Preliminary Budget Determination was approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

If necessary, Budget Rebuttal Hearings will take place Monday, November 6, 2023.



## HTA GOCO FINAL REPORT

Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) Executive Director **Meara McQuain** gave a final report of the Grand County Parking & Trailhead Enhancement Project. The project improved trailhead infrastructure at 15 sites countywide. Commissioners directed staff to draft letters of appreciation to all entities involved with the projects.



Pictured above: An enhanced trailhead featuring a new bike rack and tool stand.

## CSU EXTENSION WOLF EDUCATOR REPORT & UPDATE

Grand County CSU Extension Director **Brianna Osborn** gave an update about the Wolf Educator Training hosted by CSU Extension in order to help land owners and livestock growers understand compensation options and conflict minimization implementation tactics.

**CPW will be hosting an event for livestock producers November 9 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Hall in Kremmling to discuss conflict minimization tactics.**

Ms. Osborn also gave an update regarding CSU Extension programs, including upcoming 4-H enrollment open houses.

## HEALTH INSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

On behalf of the Insurance Committee, County Manager **Ed Moyer** reviewed HUB's final recommendations for Grand County's 2024 health insurance programs.

Commissioners gave direction to renew the individual stop-loss carrier; maintain the same coverage for compound drugs; keep Common Spirit as Tier 1; and move AdventHealth to Tier 2 (those two entities were created by the recent split of Centura hospitals) as recommended by HUB.

Commissioners delayed a decision regarding coverage for the Central Rockies Physical Practice Association (CRPPA) until November 8 in order to gather more information. This decision could affect employees and dependents who see providers at Byers Peak Medicine and Fraser Medical Clinic.

## DENVER WATER MEET & GREET

Denver Water CEO **Alan Salazar** and members of the organization's executive staff visited the BOCC meeting. Denver Water is an integral member of several collaborative efforts, including the Grand County Learning By Doing partnership between East and West Slope water stakeholders.

Mr. Salazar discussed the utility's role in density strategies, rural/agriculture challenges in Colorado and wildfire mitigation.



Pictured above: Denver Water CEO **Alan Salazar** (third from left) and members of Denver Water's executive management team.

Free Workshop from Colorado AgrAbility

# AGING IN AGRICULTURE

November 2, 2023  
Grand County Extension Office  
210 N 11th Street  
Kremmling, CO  
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
*Breakfast will be served!*

**DESIGNED FOR:**

- Farm & ranch operators and their families
- Farm employees
- Farm support services
- Professionals who serve and work with agricultural communities
- Health Professionals

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

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- Emotional Well Being & Aging
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# OTE GRAND

Ballots are being mailed this week. Secure ballot drop boxes open Monday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.