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Grand County

Colorado

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A signature Grand sunset photo courtesy of Ed Moyer.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023
VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

GRAND COUNTY VETERANS AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST AT SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH NORDIC CENTER / CAMP CHIEF OURAY IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE.

BREAKFAST | 07:30 - 08:45
PROGRAM | 09:10 - 11:00

Grand County Veterans and a guest are invited to breakfast at Snow Mountain Ranch / Campers Hub facility in recognition of your service. Breakfast will be served 07:30 - 08:45. Program will begin at 09:10. **THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMENDATIONS

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin gave Commendations to Colorado State Patrol Trooper John Morange and Kremmling Police Officer Bryson Hicks for their outstanding and honorable actions responding to a structure fire at 1109 Tyler Ave. in Kremmling on September 18, 2023.



Pictured at far left: Sheriff Schroetlin presented the fire call details.

Pictured at left: Trooper John Morange, Sheriff Schroetlin and Officer Bryson Hicks.

County offices will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SAD CRANBERRY?

A blueberry.

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners gave staff direction to set a meeting with Congressman Neguse's office to discuss the extended closure of the U.S. Forest Service office in Granby.

Commissioners George and Linke gave an update regarding a recent Water Quality & Quantity meeting hosted by Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) held at the Granby Library.



MANAGER'S UPDATE

Manager **Ed Moyer** and Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** gave the following updates:

- Ballot Issue 1A, Open Lands Rivers and Trails Measure passed, with more than 70 percent of Grand County voting in favor of the measure.
- Memorandums of Understanding with organizations and agencies that were awarded Open Lands, Rivers and Trails (OLRT) fall grants on October 24, 2023 were all approved as presented.
- Grand County Library District and Hot Sulphur Springs resident **Donald Dailey** are working with the U.S. Postal Service on a special postmark commemorating Grand County's 150th anniversary in 2024.
- On behalf of the BOCC, the Manager opted in to Proposition 123 Affordable Housing Programs, concerning modifications to the affordable housing programs created by the voters' approval of proposition 123.
- CPW is hosting a lunch and learn regarding Preparing for Wolves on Agricultural Producers' Land Thursday, November 9 at the CSU Extension Hall in Kremmling beginning at noon.
 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it has finalized the designation of an experimental population of gray wolves in Colorado under section 10(j) of the Federal Endangered Species Act. The rule will be formally published on December 8, 2023.
- Regarding a citizen concern about road maintenance on County Road 721: Road & Bridge responded and graded the roadway.
- A request by the Pregnancy Resource Connection to waive facility use fees for the organization's annual walk/run Run for Life and pancake breakfast at the CSU Extension Hall was approved as presented.
- Commissioners gave direction to move forward with staffs' recommendations regarding fire alarm and sprinkler inspection contracts.

BUDGET HEARINGS | REBUTTALS

The following departments and offices presented budget rebuttals:

- Grand County Sheriff's Office - Callworks Refresh
- Public Health - ARP Act revenue and vehicle expense
- Airports - Granby Airport electrical infrastructure*
- Sales Tax Revenue (Reduction) Projections
- Pole Creek Meadows PID
- Donor Advised Fund (Proposal to earmark block grant funds to Mountain Family Center and Grand Foundation to housing assistance programs.)

Commissioners are currently scheduled to approve Grand County's 2024 Budget December 19, 2023.

*Due to supply chain concerns and discussions with Mountain Parks Electric, this expense was approved as a 2023 expenditure.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments, and interfund transfers for payment on Thursday, November 9 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A Partnership Agreement with the Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District allowing GCEMS staff to use the facilities in exchange for CPR/AED/Stop The Bleed Training for FVMRD employees was previously approved. Approval to stamp the Chair's signature was approved as presented by County Manager **Ed Moyer** on behalf of **Chief Robert Good**.

A request to purchase a snow plow for use at EMS stations in the amount of \$3,000 was also approved as presented by Manager Moyer.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Amendment #1 to the Services Contract regarding services at the Benson Pit was approved as presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson**.

WATER QUALITY

A Letter of Support to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative's grant application for a monitoring program in the North Fork Colorado River Watershed was approved as presented by Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris**.

A Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior / U.S. Geological Survey for O&M of water quality programs within the Upper Colorado and Fraser River basins was also approved as presented by Ms. Morris.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

A request by Operations Manager Sheena Darland to close savings accounts and open checking accounts at United Business Bank related to management of the Black Bear Apartments was approved as presented.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

A request by Assessor **Tom Weydert** to contract with a qualified appraiser / appraisal firm regarding a specific Board of Assessment Appeal in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 was approved as presented.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners approved appointing **Cliff Foster** (District 2), and re-appointment of **Bob Gnuse** (District 1) and **Ryan McNerney** (District 2) to the Planning Commission for terms ending December 31, 2026 as recommended by Director **Kristen Manguso**.

2024 HEALTH INSURANCE

As a follow-up to Commissioners' October 17 discussion regarding coverage for the Central Rockies Physical Practice Association (CRPPA): The BOCC gave staff direction to make no changes to the CRPPA contract for 2024. Coverage for employees and dependents who see providers associated with CRPPA will remain unchanged in 2024.