



Grand County

Colorado

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The heart of the Kawuneeche Valley as seen from the Holzwarth Historic Site in Rocky Mountain National Park. Photo courtesy Grand Lake, Colorado

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Next week's regular BOCC meeting will take place **Monday, November 27** with a limited agenda to accommodate Commissioners and staff attending CCI's Winter Conference.



COMMISSIONERS CALENDARS



WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN COMMON WITH A TEDDY BEAR ON THANKSGIVING?

You're both filled with stuffing.



County offices will be **closed** Thursday and Friday, **November 23 & 24** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT UPDATE

Mike Ritschard, Colorado River District Board member representing Grand County gave an update that included a proposal from a coalition of Western Slope entities (led by Colorado River District) to purchase the Shoshone plant water rights from Xcel Energy. Shoshone's senior water rights are critical to providing long-term water security for the Western Slope.



Pictured above: Located in Glenwood Canyon, the Shoshone Generating Station is more than 100 years old, and is the cornerstone for water rights in the Upper Colorado River.

Mr. Ritschard also discussed:

- The impact of failed Proposition HH and the recent Special Meeting on the River District's budget;
- Maintenance to the Ritschard Dam at Wolford Mountain Reservoir;
- The community funding partnership;
- Current reservoir levels;
- The Colorado River Drought Taskforce created by SB-295, Section 1.

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners approved selection of "Holidays Around the World" as the 2023 Holiday Office Decorating theme as selected by the Treasurer's Office, the 2022 holiday contest winner.

An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Grand Lake related to recently annexed certain real property commonly referred to as the Love Parcel into its municipal boundary was approved pending corrections.

Commissioners gave direction for the Manager and Attorney to review the County's liability insurance coverage requirement for low-risk activities and contracts.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Commissioners approved a [letter to the Bureau of Land Management](#) on behalf of Blue Valley Ranch requesting the status and timeline for a decision on the Blue Valley Land Exchange.
- Four [Memorandums of Understanding](#) with Headwaters Trails Alliance for projects that received grants from the Open Lands, Rivers and Trails fund during the fall grant cycle were approved as presented.
- A two-year Communications Contract Agreement with Ore Communications for the Grand County Tourism Board was approved as presented.
- A [Lease Agreement](#) with Pitney Bowes for the County's mail center machine was approved as presented.
- A [Services Contract](#) with LW Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Alarmspecialists, Inc. for annual inspection of fire alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers and a kitchen hood was approved as presented.
- A [Services Contract](#) with ST, Inc. d/b/a Sasquatch Alarms and Communications, Inc. for annual monitoring of the Justice Center and Administration building alarms was approved as presented.
- A [Letter of Support](#) for Project Sanctuary's retreat center in Archuleta County was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - R209317 Koerner Abatement AB2023-02 | Denied

WEBSITE REDESIGN UPDATE

Communications Director **Christine Travis** presented the Design Concept for Grand County's website redesign. (The redesign is included in the County's current contract with CivicPlus.)

Commissioners gave direction to move forward with Design Concept Approval. The project is on track to have the redesign applied to the live site and visible to the public in late January.



DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments, and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, November 22 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

Mr. Lange also gave a brief overview of how the budget calendar will be changing as a result of the State Legislature's recent [Special Session](#) related to property taxes.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A [Subscription Services Agreement](#) addendum with VLI Tech for SaaS cloud hosting of EMS billing software was approved as presented by **Deputy Chief Austin Wingate**.

WATER PROTECTION

[Amendment #1 to Services Contract](#) dated January 6, 2023 with Colorado State University - Sponsored Programs for compliance surveys and final design of the Beaver Creek Project was approved as presented by Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk**.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Director and Chief Information Services Officer **Thomas Johnson** gave an update regarding a disruption of internet services in Parshall that will impact the Parshall Road & Bridge shop. Residents in the area may need to change internet services providers.

CLERK & RECORDER

Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke** presented several items:

- [Senate Bill 23-286, Access to Government Records](#), changed the way fees can be charged for records sent digitally. Per the Statute, per-page fee charges for documents sent electronically will be terminated.
- The Clerk & Recorder's July, August, September and October [reports](#).

HUMAN SERVICES

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented several items:

- [Certification of the County's Personnel and Merit System](#) per Volume 2 rules was approved as presented.

Free cardio workouts courtesy of Road & Bridge.



For the safety of our operators and equipment, and your back, please move vehicles from the roadside on snowplow routes.

