



# Grand County

Colorado

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The Grinch was exhausted from taking photos with the 3R's 4-H Club last Saturday. Photo courtesy 3R's 4-H Club.

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## WHY DID RUDOLPH HAVE TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL?

Because he went down in history.



## U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DATA

Representing the Colorado Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) office in Lakewood, **Tanner Chapin**, **Ryan Banta** and **Brandon Forbes** presented data collection efforts taking place in Grand County, including:

- Precipitation network
- Streamflow network
- Water-quality network
  - Discrete water-quality samples
  - Real-time water quality
- Synthesizing networks of complimentary datasets for the best science possible

The USGS has dozens of monitoring sites in the Fraser River Basin to measure physical parameters (like water temperature and turbidity) and water quality.

All of the data collected is available for the public on the USGS's website.

The USGS also collects precipitation data in the Three Lakes System, which includes the East Troublesome Fire burn scar. The 10 precipitation sites help provide potential flood risk warnings during rain and run-off events.

Real-time water quality monitoring in the Three Lakes System helps identify the presence of harmful cyanobacteria blooms, commonly known as harmful algae blooms, and also the amount of burn scar sediment flowing into Willow Creek Reservoir.



Pictured above: USGS Supervisory Hydrologic Technician **Tanner Chapin** demonstrated equipment used to take water quality and quantity measurements in the Fraser River Basin. Grand County is one of five cooperators who help fund streamflow network monitoring in Grand County.

Because the East Troublesome Fire burned part of the North Inlet basin, but not the East Inlet watershed, USGS scientists have had an opportunity to examine pre-and post-fire conditions and burned and un-burned conditions in controlled watersheds.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners approved the 2024 proposed Building Closure and Holiday schedule, and BOCC regular meeting dates with noted changes.



# MANAGER'S UPDATE

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

- Regarding the Fairgrounds Master Plan: Staff will be meeting with University of Colorado - Denver students on December 13 to discuss community engagement ideas.
- Next week representatives from CDOT and the District 6 Transportation Commissioner will be giving the BOCC an update regarding safety improvements on US Hwy 40 at Red Dirt Hill. The presentations are currently scheduled for 10:15 on December 12.
- Ms. Benson also provided clarification regarding the staff holiday decorating contest.
- The Water Resources Division 5 Engineer approved the administrative exchange for Road & Bridge operations. This year, Road & Bridge used 7.1 acre feet related to road maintenance operations.
- Manager Moyer gave an update regarding Colorado River Cooperative Agreement's (CRCA) annual meeting in Glenwood Springs. Funding to Grand County from Denver Water related to Gross Reservoir will be discussed at CRCA's upcoming January meeting. Also discussed was the water leased through the Water Infrastructure Supply Efficiency (WISE) project.
- Commissioners approved appointing Michelle Cowardin and Cameron Stone to the Open, Lands River and Trails (OLRT) Advisory Committee.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WAREHOUSE HUB

Director **DiAnn Butler** led a discussion regarding hiring a consultant to complete a feasibility study and business plan for a potential outdoor recreation-manufacturing facility and innovation hub.

Commissioners gave direction for Ms. Butler to pursue a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) grant to help fund a study. If the County is awarded a grant, Ms. Butler will bring the topic back to the BOCC for approval to move forward.

### DECEMBER DATE REMINDERS

**December 19** - 2023 Year in Review presentation to BOCC

**December 22** - County offices close at noon

**December 25** - County offices closed in observance of Christmas

# DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

## ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments, and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, December 6 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

Mr. Lange also presented an updated budget calendar based on Governor Polis' recent actions that delayed Certification of Assessed Values to Taxing Authorities until January 3, 2024. The final 2024 budget and BOCC's Certification of Mill Levies is now scheduled for January 16, 2024. (The Treasurer's Office is now planning to send property tax bills as soon as possible after January 24, 2024.)

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

Resolution No. 2023-12-1, Canceling certain uncollectible taxes as determined by the Grand County Treasurer, pursuant to C.R.S.39-10-114(2) was approved as presented by Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley**.

## CLERK & RECORDER

A tavern liquor license renewal for PIFGB, Inc., dba Parshall Inn was approved as presented by Clerk & Recorder **Jolene Linke**.

## ROAD & BRIDGE

Superintendent **Chris Baer** gave an update that hunting has been (legally) taking place on County property surrounding the Granby landfill. Commissioners gave direction for staff to draft a resolution restricting hunting access on certain County-owned properties for the safety of staff and contractors on specific sites.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented several items:

- A Services Contract with Tolin Mechanical Systems Company, LLC for boiler system maintenance at the Grand Living Senior Homes in Granby was approved as presented.
- An application for exemption of an Affordable Housing Transfer fee for Slopeside Construction Management, Inc. was approved as presented, as Slopeside Construction meets all conditions in section 2.1 of the Restrictive Covenants for the Coyote Creek at Winter Park Subdivision.
- Amendment #1 to a Services Contract dated June 6, 2023 with Graves Seamless Gutters to extend the completion date for installation of gutters on Buildings 1 and 2 at Silver Spruce Apartments in Kremmling was approved as presented.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Lieutenant Jeff Bauckman** presented several items:

- Amendment #1 to lease dated August 17, 2023 with Grand Fire Protection District for additional interior storage space for large equipment during the winter months.
- A Services Agreement with Motorola Solutions for six additional months of support for the Callworks system was approved as presented.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Director **Colleen Reynolds** reviewed proposed changes to the County's Personnel Manual. Commissioners gave direction for several modifications to be made, and to bring the revisions back for final approval at a later date.