



NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Grand County Colorado

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Grand County (Administration, Sheriff's Office and EMS) along with Mountain Parks Electric participated in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive hosted by Middle Park Health to help stock Mountain Family Center's food banks. MPEI swept the challenge with nearly 12,000 donated items, though the **real** winner is our GRAND community! Photo courtesy MPEI.

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BOARD BUSINESS

- A Letter of Support to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) supporting the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs' application for a Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Tier II Grant was approved as presented by staff.
- A Services Contract with TravelStorysGPS, LLC to produce a mobile audio tour of Grand County to inspire and enrich traveler experiences and attract new audience to Grand County was approved as presented by the Tourism Board.
- Commissioner George gave an update regarding a recent Northwest Colorado Council of Government (NWCCOG) Water Quality / Quantity Committee (QQ) meeting.

ETF RECOVERY / WATERSHED UPDATE

Northern Water's Environmental Service Director Esther Vincent gave an update about East Troublesome Fire Recovery / Watershed Assessment and Upcoming Projects.

Northern Water led a Watershed Assessment of River Stability and Sediment Supply (WARSS), which is a watershed-based approach to identify areas adversely affected by the East Troublesome Fire that are tributary to the Colorado-Big Thompson Project and Windy Gap. The WARSS study is being used to prioritize future restoration projects.

Northern Water was instrumental in replacing culverts in the Stillwater Creek area that failed in 2023 as a result of sediment flow from the burn scar (pictured at right). The new culverts substantially increase carrying capacity and improve habitat connectivity by allowing for aquatic organism passage.



In 2024, restoration work continued on Stillwater and Kauffman Creeks. The projects are designed to restore the resilience of riparian areas and to naturally reduce the destructive power of floods. Ms. Vincent presented a tremendous amount of information and data, please see the presentation for details.



Pictured above: The first scheduled Rocky Mountain Airways airline service began at Granby Airport on July 20, 1973. On July 2, 1920, the first airplane landed in Kremmling.



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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

FINANCE

Finance Director **Curtis Lange** presented several items:

- An Engagement Letter (contract) with Butler Snow to serve as the County's bond counsel / special counsel for proposed issuance of Certificates of Participation was approved as presented.
- Commissioners accepted Piper Sandler's proposal to serve as the Bond Underwriter for the 2025 Certificate of Participation offering as recommended.
- Commissioners accepted BOK Financial's proposal to act as the Bond Trustee on the 2025 Certificates of Participation offering as recommended.
- Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, November 20 were approved as presented.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Appointment of Laura Wooldridge to the Foothills Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (FRETAC) was approved as recommended by **Chief Austin Wingate**.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A Services Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for body and dash camera devices and services was approved as presented by **Undersheriff Wayne Schafer**.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project Manager **Jeff Hickam** gave an update regarding the County's pursuit of DOLA grants to help fund the construction of EMS Station One. Commissioners gave direction for staff to apply for DOLA's Climate Resiliency Challenge (CRC) grant.

AIRPORTS

A Services Contract with DBT Transportation Services LLC to relocate the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) at the Granby Airport was approved as presented by Supervisor **Josh Schroeder**.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Services Contracts with APi Group Life Safety USA d/b/a Western States Fire Protection Co. for fire systems inspection and testing at Silver Spruce Apartments and Grand Living Senior Homes was approved as presented by Operations Manager **Sheena Darland**.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder **Jolene Linke** gave a monthly report of recording revenue.

WATER PROTECTION

A Letter of Support to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Northern Water's Upper Basin Environmental Drought Mitigation (B2E) grant application was approved as presented by Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk**.

HUMAN SERVICES

State of Colorado (Department of Health Care Policy and Financing) Contract Modification Contract Amendment No. 5 was approved as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.

MANAGER UPDATE

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

- Resolutions releasing \$2.6 million of Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) funds tied to Article III.E.2 to seven wastewater providers in the Fraser River Basin will be presented next week.
- Staff is working with Summit County to schedule a meeting with the Summit County Board of County Commissioners regarding joint funding of the Kremmling Airport.
- Related to the passage of Ballot Measure 1A, which increased lodging tax to 2 percent and expanded the use of lodging tax funds, Manager Moyer and Finance Director Curtis Lange presented four options for creating a new Lodging Tax Community Priorities Fund and Budget.
 - Commissioners asked for additional details for Options one and two prior to making a decision.
- Commissioners approved appointment of three members to the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo board to terms ending December 31, 2026:
 - Kremmling residents **Dalene Harthun** and **Jace Provance** and Breckenridge resident **Koby Miller** were appointed as recommended by Assistant County Manager Micah Benson on behalf of the Fair Board.
- Manager Moyer gave an update regarding a recent Colorado Basin Roundtable meeting. The Roundtable is seeking a representative from one of the municipalities to serve on the Basin Roundtable. Interested parties should contact Manager Moyer directly.
- Ms. Benson gave an update regarding a recent scoping meeting with CDOT to discuss the bridge over the railroad tracks on Highway 9 south of Kremmling (which is due for replacement). CDOT currently has funding for design, with construction tentatively slated for 2029.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Grand County Economic Summit hosted by Economic Development is Wednesday, November 20.
- County offices will be closed next Thursday AND Friday, November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

BOARD VACANCIES

- County Technical Services, Inc.'s Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CTSI CAPP) Board of Directors has openings (Commissioners Linke and George expressed that they were not interested in sitting on that board).
- Middle Park Water Board of Directors, Granby - Hot Sulphur Springs - Grand Lake (Commissioner District 2) representative.

NW LOAN FUND UPDATE

Northwest Loan Fund Director **Anita Cameron** gave an update regarding the number and amount of loans made from the fund. Commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Project as presented by Ms. Cameron.