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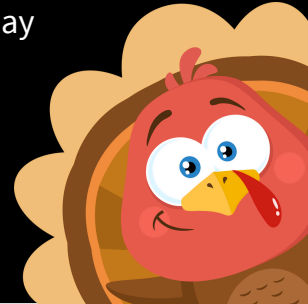
## Grand County Colorado

Richard Cimino | District 1  
Merrit Linke | District 2  
Randal George | District 3

# GOBBLE GOBBLE

County offices will be closed Thursday AND Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are **grateful** for our first responders, Road and Bridge crews and other staff who will be working through the long weekend to keep our communities safe!



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*Pictured above: Skiing has historically been a favorite past time here in Grand County, as evidenced by the young men in this black and white picture from the mid-1900s.*

## BOARD BUSINESS

An updated Letter of Support for the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs' application for a DOLA Energy / Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Tier II Grant was approved as presented.

**Commissioner Linke** gave an update regarding his recent trip to Washington D.C. to meet with Colorado's delegates, and discussions related to funding for the Shoshone Water Right Preservation project to permanently protect flows in the Upper Colorado River Basin.

### Tourism Board Appointments

Commissioners approved appointment of three candidates to the Grand County Tourism Board:

- **Beau Larson** (Three Lakes District, through December 31, 2027)
- **Gretta Fosha** (Main Stem District, through December 31, 2025)
- **Dakota Cordle** (Main Stem District, through December 31, 2025)

Commissioners also approved re-appointing **Cheryl Spezia** and **Jennifer Brown** to three-year terms.

### Strategic Plan Workshop

Commissioners reviewed a draft of the 2024 Strategic Plan outlining four priorities that were developed during a Board Retreat earlier in the year:

1. Managing for Sustainable Growth
2. Operational and Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency
3. Foster a Healthy Community
4. Promoting Resilient Communities

Staff is refining the Plan based on today's feedback, and will bring it back for approval at a future meeting.

### Federal Mineral Estate Withdrawal Discussion

Grand County has been working with our state and federal representatives along with other agencies on a legislative withdrawal of federal mineral estates within Grand County. The Board of County Commissioners is not opposed to mineral and energy extraction. However, our economy is dependent upon outdoor recreation, tourism and agriculture; therefore, we need to protect economically significant areas of the County that we rely on, especially the headwaters of the Colorado River.

Following a discussion with the Colorado Oil and Gas Association (COGA), Commissioners gave direction to move forward with the request, and refine the map of proposed withdrawal areas. Learn more about the proposal.



If you need this information in a different format, please contact Christine Travis by email (ctravis@co.grand.co.us) or by phone (970-725-3136).

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### FINANCE

Vouchers and wire payments for payment on Wednesday, November 26 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** presented several items:

- Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection with the State of Colorado | Approved as presented.
- The Accurant Virtual Crime Center / Accurant Crime Analysis / LexisNexis Community Crime Map / AVCC XML / Lumen CISC Member Agency Addendum and Joinder (to assist with information sharing across law enforcement jurisdictions) | Approved as presented.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

A Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for Rapid Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) / Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Syphilis Testing Distribution Project was approved as presented by Deputy Director **Hannah Wynd**.

### HUMAN SERVICES

A Core Services Program Contract with The Family Center was approved as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.



## MANAGER UPDATE

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

- Resolution No. 2024-11-26 directing the Grand County Treasurer to disburse funds from the escrow "CRCA Water Quality III.E.2 Escrow" account pursuant to Article III.E.2 of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement was approved as presented by Treasurer **Marcy Wheatley**. The funds were disbursed to seven wastewater providers in the Fraser River Basin.
  - Acknowledgement of Funds from Grand County Pursuant to Article III.E.2 of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement was approved as presented by Mr. Moyer.
  - The remaining funds will be released to Learning By Doing within the next several weeks.
- In regards to CRCA III.E.13.a, the BOCC concurred that the Operational agreement and authorization between Denver Water and the Bruchez family to use Denver Water's Big Lake Ditch water rights complies with the intent of the CRCA by maintaining historic agricultural uses of the BLD, maximizing the environmental benefits to Reeder Creek and the Colorado River, as well as preserving Denver Water's yield.
- Mr. Moyer gave an update regarding recent meetings:
  - Grand PLACES 2050
  - Mayor / Manager / Commissioner
- Regarding EMS Station One: Staff met with a representative from Freeport-McMoRan about upcoming Community Investment Fund grant opportunities to help fund the construction of the new Central Station.
  - Regarding EMS Station Two: Manager is working with the Towns of Winter Park and Fraser to identify potential properties that could be a co-located site for a new Fraser Winter Park Police station and Grand County EMS. More to come.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 4, East Grand Fire Protection District No. 4 will be "un-coupling" a firehose and raising the flag to officially open the South Station at 4 p.m.



## National Wreaths Across America Day

December 14, 2024



**Help Kremmling VFW Auxiliary 9374 honor local heroes!**

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