

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 12, 2016

Present: Commissioner E. Jane Tollett, Commissioner District 1 – Chair
Commissioner Merrit Linke, Commissioner District 2
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3

Also Present: Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene
County Attorney Alan Hassler
Interim County Manager Ed Moyer
Interim Finance Director Cathy Henderson

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Tollett stated under all Gods and beliefs all are welcome here.

Minutes

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting of November 10, 2015, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director

Cathy Henderson, Acting Finance Director, presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on January 6, 2016, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve and sign the vouchers, interfund transfers, and wire transfers presented on January 12, 2016 for payment on January 13, 2016 for Grand County. In addition, the warrants will continue to have Commissioner Linke's signature until Commissioner Tollett's signature is available electronically.

The motion passed unanimously.

Road and Bridge Update

Road and Bridge Superintendent Ken Haynes stated that the Trough Road is rough right now. With some warm weather, the crews will be able to take care of some of the pack.

Mr. Haynes submitted a copy of the Snow Plan and would like to schedule time with the Board to discuss.

Mr. Haynes requested an executive session with the Board.

Jennifer Scott of the Division of Natural Resources presented an Annual Compliance Report from the Application of Pesticides. Grand County operates under the State of Colorado's general permit for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. This report keeps Grand County in Compliance with the Clean Water Act and the Pesticide Application Act. This must be signed by the Chair. The Board will review for the meeting next week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to convene an executive session at 8:45 a.m. This is in compliance with CRS 246-402 (4)(f), which states, "Personnel matters, unless the employee asks for an open meeting (if multiple employees are involved, they must all request the open meeting), this provision does not apply to discussion concerning any member of the local public body, any elected officials, or the appointment of a person to one such offices, nor does it apply to discussions of personnel policies generally. The executive session is with Mr. Haynes and he requested the meeting be held as an executive session.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to reconvene the regular meeting 8:53 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

I, E. Jane Tollett, hereby attest that the minutes of this executive session were recorded in accordance with CRS 24-6-402 and confined to the topic authorized for discussion in the executive session.

Commissioner Tollett stated that during the executive session, Ken Haynes tendered his notice of retirement effective April 29, 2016.

Commissioner Linke moved that the Board accept Mr. Haynes' letter of retirement as it was presented.

Discussion: Commissioner Linke stated that Mr. Haynes has been with Grand County for over 28 years. He has chosen to retire and enjoy some of the finer things in life. Commissioner Linke wishes Mr. Haynes well and appreciates the great work that Mr. Haynes has done for Grand County.

Commissioners Tollett and Manguso agreed that Mr. Haynes has been a great asset to Grand County and he will be missed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Calendars

January 12	Workshop with Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation District at 6:00 p.m.
January 13	Planning Commissioner Interview
January 14	Visioning committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. Windy Gap Funding Meeting
January 21	Meeting with Coroner and EMS Big Lake Ditch meeting in Kremmling Grand Lake Women's Club JSPC meeting Legislative Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Ethics Committee meeting Workforce meeting call-in Builders Association meeting
January 25	Road and Bridge meeting at 7:30 a.m. 1177 meeting in Glenwood Springs
January 27	402 Class
January 28	TPR at 10:00 in Steamboat Springs
February 1	Staff meeting with Interim County Manager at 8:30 a.m. Community Development meeting at 9:30 a.m.
February 3	Kremmling Town Hall meeting

Interim County Manager Ed Moyer stated that he has a resolution that will appoint Commissioner Linke as a local elected official to represent Grand County to the Northwest Workforce Development Board. That resolution also appoints Merrit Linke as the chief local elected official and Northwest Workforce Development Board's representative on the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium Board of Local Elected Officials.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1-17, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, APPOINTING COMMISSIONER MERRIT LINKE AS THE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL AND APPOINTING THE STATE OF COLORADO AS THE OPERATOR OF THE WORKFORCE CENTERS IN THE NORTHWEST COLORADO LOCAL AREA"

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to create the insurance committee and appoint the following positions:

Human Resources Department
Accounting Department
Attorney’s Office (Advisory only)
Manager’s Office
Elected Official

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Board to sign a letter to the Colorado State Land Board Department of Natural Resources regarding possible oil and gas sale on mineral rights owned by the state on private property.

The motion passed unanimously.

Community Development Director Bill Gray stated that there is building violation and he is present to discuss an action step that he would like to take. He would like to issue a summons to the property owner for a building and zoning violation.

The property is located in Grand County Village. It is between the top of Red Dirt Hill and Tabernash on the left side. The area with the yellow bulldozer has been changing and getting worse. The property began as a shed on residential property. Over the last 10 years, the County has allowed property owners to construct accessory buildings and are required to use as if they have a single family home. People could store tools in the shed. In this case, the shed has transitioned from a shed to looking and functioning more like a dwelling and a travel trailer has been placed to the side of the shed. It actually has a wood stove in it. There are a number of items that make it appear that it is being used as a dwelling. The building violation is that they are occupying a structure that is only a shed. For it to be a dwelling, it would need a building permit so that it can be permitted for that purpose. On the zoning side, in order for it to be a dwelling the shed is required to be a minimum of 400 square feet. The 400 square foot minimum has been something that has been part of Grand County Zoning Regulations since enacted.

Staff has gone through the voluntary steps to have the owner comply. The property owner has not contacted staff. Staff provided an additional notice at the end of December.

Commissioner Manguso stated that she believes that zoning violations should be going to Community Development. Commissioner Manguso thought that the Board was to be updated only. It will not take any actions.

Commissioner Tollett does not want to evict people. There is no homeless shelter in Grand County.

Mr. Moyer stated that this is just an update for the Commissioners. Staff is not asking for permission.

The Board would like to see the material in the drop box. It does not need to have a presentation at a Board meeting.

Housing Authority

Commissioner Manguso moved to temporarily adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting and reconvene the Grand County Housing Authority

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

County Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene stated that currently the size of the County’s precincts is limited to 1,500 active registered voters. By Resolution of the Board, the County can have up to 2,000 active registered voters.

Ms. Rosene stated that Grand County has one precinct (Precinct 3) that is close to the 1,500. It is an area of Granby that is having some growth. For the short-term, Ms. Rosene would like to increase all of the precincts

to 2,000 to get the County past the Presidential Election. The County party chairs have expressed no objection to this change knowing that the County will be realigning and/or adding precincts.

Ms. Rosene requested the Board allow the increase Precinct size to 2,000 active registered voters.

Commissioner Linke moved to increase the precinct size to 2,000 active registered voters.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rosene received a request from the Towns of Granby and Fraser to print and tally ballots. The County Clerk and Recorder has done this in the past. The County Attorney let the County Clerk know that she must have permission from the Board of Commissioners to use County equipment for functions other than County functions.

Ms. Rosene stated that the equipment will not leave the County Administration Building and will be in the possession and control of the County Clerk's Office.

The Board has no objection to approving the request.

Ms. Rosene stated that she has received requests from Special Districts to run their elections in May. The County Clerk has been appointed to serve as the Designated Election Official for some of the special districts. Ms. Rosene asked if the Board will allow her to use County equipment for specific special district elections.

The Board is fine with the Clerk performing that function.

General Public Comments/Issues by any member of the public wishing to address the Board

Jen Fanning, Executive Director for Grand County Rural Health Network, and Sally Ryman, Program Director presented the fact that Grand County Rural Health Network in collaboration and in partnership with Grand County, Middle Park Medical Center, and Mind Springs Health have received a three year grant for \$525,000 to implement a mental health navigator program. This came directly out of a result of mental health and maternal infant child health community-wide strategic plan and will be funded in full. It entails two part-time Mental Health Navigators which is 0.75 FTE. This will be is licensed clinical social worker, a licensed professional counselor or someone on the same level. One Navigator will be employed by Mind Springs Health working out of Grand County Rural Health for the general public and one Navigator out of the Middle Park Medical Center.

The second component is a Transport Mental Health Navigator. They will be transporting patients in emergency situations from the emergency departments to the mental health clinics to the substance abuse clinics which will take a work load off the Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Fanning thanked the Board for its partnership.

Ms. Fanning stated they need to find a vehicle for the transport piece and preferably a vehicle that has child locks in the back.

The grant does have a potential to be renewed one more time.

Eden Recor asked again that the public comment time be moved to 8:30 a.m. before everything else starts. He stated that the public is who the Board is responsible to but also the ones that need to work in the morning.

Eden Recor discussed the Board's handling of Home Health over the last few weeks. He stated that Ms. Belew-LaDue requested an extra person and the Board asked for numbers of what her department was spending. When Ms. Belew-LaDue came back with the numbers the Board recommended that Home Health be cancelled. Mr. Recor stated that was a cold way of doing things because Home Health affects people who are in trouble and the decision should not have been done lightly. He believes there should have been public comment and maybe collaboration with other health organizations to see if there was a solution.

Mr. Recor looked at the budget in regard to salaries and it was indicated that there were 2.7 FTEs for salaries. He does not see any salaries being cut in the first couple of weeks of the year. He believes if salaries are going to be cut, cut them all. There are others ways of cutting salaries without cutting a complete organizations. Mr. Recor stated that there are a lot of counties that do Human and Health Resources under one department. An

action like that out of the blue is wrong. Mr. Recor stated that it was made to act like it was an emergency but it had already been budgeted. He believes it is not the way to govern a county. He believes that Grand County should exam the whole health network of the County. There are nonprofits and hospitals. All of these people need to get together to determine what needs to be done for the health of Grand County. People need services. Maybe all the health organizations need to be combined into one organization and maybe just one supervisor.

Mr. Recor stated he looked at the Road and Bridge budget and their budget since 2013 has been level but the Board is talking about cutting twelve Road and Bridge employees. There have been other people whose salary has increased 24 percent from 2013 to 2014.

Mr. Recor stated that the Board of Commissioners did not want an increase but across the board in Grand County there have been salaries increased that have been greater in some places and no increases in other places.

Elected Officials can get way behind the curve and if the Board wants them to do their jobs, the Board must pay them accordingly.

There were some hidden years that salaries were increased greatly. Mr. Recor stated they need to go back from 2007 to 2016 to what has really been done with salaries. People that did not get salaries during that period did not get their corresponding benefits.

Commissioner Manguso stated that it was not that the Board okayed the other nurse. There are other issues behind this where the information is not available. It was a recommendation by the department head based on the Board's request for every department head to find ways to reduce costs.

Commissioner Manguso stated that with regard to Home Health if Mr. Record looked at the budgets he would see that Home Health Budget for 2016 was \$663,402. Of that total, \$499,402 was County support. There were seven long-term patients that were seen more than a month at a time. When Home Health shut down they had fourteen total patients. It is a good service and she is sorry to see this. Grand County is a rural community and Commissioner Manguso believes that between Rural Health Network and the work of a Home Health nurse, the community should be able to continue to provide that service, but not on the backs of Grand County. The County might have to help some, but it is not as cut and dried as it appears. It was a recommendation by Home Health nurse for more reasons than what is seen. Commissioner Manguso believes that people will receive care.

Commissioner Manguso responded on the subject of Road and Bridge. The head of Road and Bridge made those recommendations for cutting twelve employees. The department heads are doing what they are paid to do. We all need a little time before judging the outcome.

Commissioner Linke stated that he agrees with Commissioner Manguso, and the Board did not just willy nilly decide what to do. There is a lot of factors in the background.

There are nonprofits doing a lot of the jobs.

Mr. Recor noted that part of the salary of the Public Health Director is in Home Health and he wondered why her salary has not been cut for having less work. He wondered why that this was such an emergency.

County Attorney Hassler stated that one of the issues being dealt with on the fast basis was state regulations. The state regulations to qualify a supervisor for the department did not give the County enough time to deal with the situation. Each nurse providing services has to have credentials and that process involves having enough people to send two to each visit for a period of time. The other constraint was meeting Medicare requirements for advising clients that the program has to change. They also needed to get notice to the patients to the absolute extent possible before going public. This was not handled in such a harsh manner as it appears.

Grand County Home Health Director, Public Health Senior Nutrition and Home Care Director Brene Belew-LaDue clarified that there are five employees in Home Health who are affected. Her department divides between administrative but the five employees are the clinicians that actually see the patients. Ms. Belew-LaDue stated that 15 percent of her salary is in Home Health.

Commissioner Linke noted there is a positive solution in the near future.

Ms. Belew-LaDue stated that they have been in talks with other agencies and she believes there are possibilities. Some of the current patients are receiving care. Hospice has a solution and they are working on that now. Rural Health Network has been discussing this over the past few months.

Mr. Recor stated he is glad to have this on the record and hopefully the newspaper will publish what has been going on.

Executive Director of Grand County Rural Health Network Jen Fanning stated that the Network have been looking at their situation for months knowing that Home Health had a wait list. She stated the Network will be working on long term solutions. The Network first wanted to let Home Health and Hospice to do their due diligence. The Rural Health Network will be convening the community to talk about long-term solutions.

Ted Kaplysh came to speak with the Board about the salaries for elected officials. He stated that when the issue of raising the salary of elected officials came out he was immediately for the thirty percent increase. Mr. Kaplysh believes that it is important that the salaries paid to the people are sufficient to encourage good people to apply for those positions. Mr. Kaplysh was surprised that the Board agreed to thirty percent but did not figure out how to pay for it. Then the Board rejected the raise and he would like to see the Board, since it is a bill not a law, review how it may find the money necessary to pay the thirty percent. Mr. Kaplysh stated he believes there is waste in the budget and that the Board could trim out another \$150,000 to cover the salary increase.

Commissioner Tollett stated that the decision is to balance first, spend second.

Board Business

The Board requested applicants for the Colorado River Water Conservation District Board and has made a decision.

Commissioner Linke stated that there were seven applicants and they were all very qualified. Those seven applicants were narrowed down to three:

1. Paul Bruchez
2. Mike Ritschard
3. Wes Palmer

Commissioner Linke moved to appoint Mike Ritschard for the Colorado River Water Conservation District appointee as Grand County's representative and allow Chair to sign the appointment.

Discussion: Commissioner Manguso thanked everyone who applied. All the applicants were good and the ability to attend all the meetings was a big issue. She hopes to see appointee involved in the River District and report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Interim County Manager Moyer asked that part of the motion needs to be to allow the Chairman to execute the notice of appointment to the Colorado River Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

Commissioner Linke stated he accepted that amendment to the motion.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated there is an oath of office for the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

Sandy Doudna stated that at one point these were lifetime appointments and she stated that Paul Ohri wanted it to be stated the appointee is serving at the pleasure of the Commissioners with a 30-day notice can be terminated.

Commissioner Linke stated that from the perspective of the River District it is a three-year term.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tollett asked that the Board send a thanks for the interest in this Board.

Manager and Attorney Items

County Attorney Hassler spoke on a previous issue regarding a claim by property owners regarding a road in a subdivision west of Lake Granby. The Board directed Mr. Hassler to advise the attorney for the property owners that the claim for the road encroachment on their land was denied. Mr. Hassler received communication asking for reconsideration.

Commissioner Linke stated the County is not moving the road nor will not pay compensation.

County Attorney Hassler stated the County receives requests for public records from time to time. He stated that some time ago the Board was being advised of all CORA requests. Apparently there was a CORA request missed regarding the snow removal equipment building from Road and Bridge. There was a request from LG Everist for information and his office needs to know if the Board wants to know the requests that are coming in.

The Board stated that they do want to know about the CORA requests and the responses.

County Attorney Hassler stated that they have had two recently from Commercial Research firms. It is getting to be a problem in terms of staff time. These companies contact hundreds of public entities at time and want to know what kinds of contracts were recently awarded so they can build a database for their customers to know where they can bid or find out what the market is. These things take time to respond.

Commissioner Linke wondered what things a CORA request encompass that is not public record.

County Attorney Hassler stated that parts of personnel records cannot be disclosed. Mr. Hassler noted that medical information cannot be disclosed and things given to the Board under legal basis for confidentiality.

Commissioner Linke said that most of the requested information is public record. Mr. Hassler stated that staff time is spent organizing and presenting the specifics of the request.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2016-1-10, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE CATEGORIZATION OF GRAND COUNTY AS A CATEGORY III-D COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIXING SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 15-288, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-18”

Resolution No. 2016-1-11, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 2016 JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CCI STEERING COMMITTEE PROXY”

Resolution No. 2016-1-12, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL BETWEEN L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, DBA L-3 D.P. ASSOCIATES, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DRIVER TRAINING SIMULATOR”

Resolution No. 2016-1-13, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN COLORADO WEST REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH, INCORPORATED D/B/A MIND SPRINGS HEALTH, INC. AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF GRAND COUNTY”

Resolution No. 2016-1-14, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION THAT THE COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYEES OF THE GRAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR REPORTING YEAR 2016”

Resolution No. 2016-1-15, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUSINESS LOAN FUNDS APPLICATION AND AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG EAGLE COUNTY, GARFIELD COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY, MOFFAT COUNTY, PITKIN COUNTY, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, ROUTT COUNTY, SUMMIT COUNTY, AND GRAND COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUSINESS LOAN FUNDS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND ITS REGION 12 REVOLVING LOAN FUND CORPORATION”

Resolution No. 2016-1-16, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER MERRIT LINKE’S SIGNATURE ON CHECKS ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ON JANUARY 6, 2016”

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the Board of Commissioners Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Manager Items

Interim County Manager Moyer updated the Board on the fourth quarter 2015 Granby Landfill Inspection Report to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). There were no changes of any significance on this and they will do the annual report to CDPHE that is due at the end of the month.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated that there is a memo from Katherine Morris, Water Quality Specialist, regarding the Bureau of Reclamation funding request for 2016 in the amount of \$500,000 to study the alternatives to improve Grand Lake clarity that was approved. The Three Lakes Technical Committee meeting will be convened in February 2016 to discuss the future plans.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated there was a Memo from Katherine Morris with a regard to a list of water meetings that are currently on the schedule.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated there was memo from Katherine Morris regarding Grand Lake clarity that is the revised clarity standard. There is also a memo from Barbara Green, Environmental Council, stating that the Clarity MOU has been finalized and being circulated for signature. The County Environmental Council has approved it in the final form and will be presented to the Board soon.

Interim County Manager Moyer has been meeting with department heads on the task of \$5,700,000 from the 2016 Budget down. There will be workshops scheduled to review budget strategies.

Treasurer’s Report

Teri Tanton, presented the Semi Annual Report. She stated the Board will need to do a motion and make sure it is published in the Middle Park Times.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the publication of the Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve Resolution No 2016-1-18, “authorize the Grand County Treasurer to disperse funds from the account of Payment in lieu of Taxes for East Grand Schools as presented by Teri Tanton of the Treasurers’ Office in the amount of \$22,617.83.

The motion passed unanimously.

Town of Winter Park – Update

Winter Park Town Mayor Jimmy Lahrman came to provide the Board of Commissioners an update.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the Colorado Department of Transportation Avalanche Control System is an automated system that was funded by the County, the ski area, and the Town of Winter Park and it is now operational. The Town asked CDOT to install the automated avalanche control system because it would alleviate some of the closures on Berthoud Pass for the guests coming to the ski area. The system is enabled to be operated any time of the day but CDOT chose to apply to the Forest Service for a daylight only permit. That permit can be changed in the future but they are operating it only during day now. There are still some closures but the closures are limited and they are shorter. The ski area seems to be happy with the results.

The main concern is obviously the entire highway system from Denver to Granby. There was a toll lane installed on I-70 which is an eleven foot wide lane and is operational seventy plus days a year. That creates capacity issues as drivers are entering onto the Interstate. The community wants its guests to arrive as easily as possible but also want them to be able to leave as easily as possible.

The Town is hoping the County will have conversations with CDOT that the highway capacity be expanded all the way to County Road 5. The Town chose County Road 5 as the western/northern terminus. Mr. Lahrman understands that the Town of Fraser has approached CDOT for funding to expand the Highway 40 capacity to four lanes, to at least the County Road 804 intersection.

Commissioner Manguso stated that Highway 40 is on CDOT's Transportation Planning Region (TPR) all the way from Empire to Craig. She believes there is money available in 2017 to begin the engineering.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the Town realizes that CDOT has identified Highway 40 as a main corridor coming out of the mountains so CDOT realizes it is causing capacity issues for their guests in the summer on Sunday nights and in the winter on holiday weekends and special event weekends. The Town is trying to keep all partners in the loop to press for upgrades.

Winter Park may want to engineer this. The Winter Park community is looking at the safety issues for pedestrian crossings over the Highway 40 corridor. The Town realizes traffic flows are key to moving people connectivity in its community.

Mr. Lahrman stated that they are using all resources available to alleviate capacity issues.

The ski train was halted a few years ago and then last year they did a one-time run at it. It is a popular amenity for the community and they are looking at the rail system. Union Pacific owns the rails and Amtrak leases the rails with Union Pacific making the rules. In order for the ski train to operate, Union Pacific has imposed a number of parameters on Amtrak and the ski area in order to operate safely. Union Pacific wants a platform, heated switches, and a siding in Fraser cleaned up. This is about a \$3,000,000 improvement project and the ski area said they were committed and have put in a grant application through CDOT.

The ski area is looking at this as a great amenity. There have been conversations with Mayor Hancock and his staff as to how to promote that piece with Union Station being a key hub in Denver.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the ski area is going through a permit process with the Forest Service. It is an update to the permit.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the ski area had strong holiday numbers. In 2014, they had a record year in sales tax.

The Town asked its constituents to increase sales tax two percent and the Town of Fraser asked for a one percent sales tax increase. Both of the measures passed in November and they are dedicated measurers to Trails and Transit. In the Town of Winter Park the two percent was implemented December 1, 2015 and in the Town of Fraser it was implemented January 1, 2016. As of now, Winter Park is ten percent ahead of the numbers last year.

There is good access into the valley and there is good economic growth with the ski area and businesses which is bringing development on the east end of County. There are monster homes going up in Fraser Rendezvous Subdivision and Grand Park continues to build. The ski area has been holding tight on a couple of their projects but they are seeing some other investments being talked about. The Town of Winter Park invested in Sitzmark North and Sitzmark South properties which are directly adjacent to Hernandez to the North and directly adjacent to the Conoco strip mall. The property was purchased by Winter Park Development Company. They

did visioning sessions in the community on the Sitzmark North Property where there will be an investment in a community center called the Headwaters Environmental Conservation Community Center. The Town is looking at a deliverable in January 2017 on the community center. The Town is looking at investing in a permanent stage at Hideaway Park. The Sitzmark South property is a \$30,000,000 development project that should come on line in early January 2017. It was designated restricted for a grocery store and there will be about thirty market rate units. One of the key pieces of infrastructure that the town is struggling with is affordable and attainable housing. There will be thirty nine attainable units that the developer will build and the Town will purchase. To keep pace with attainable housing the Town will need to take down forty units each year for the next five years.

The same investors closed on the Beavers property which is about 171 acres in unincorporated Grand County. There is hope to get this property into the Town of Winter Park. The Town is working with the developers as to the best way to move forward. Mr. Lahrman stated the Town would like the Commissioner's support when it comes time to annexation which would give the Town connectivity all the way to the ski area.

The Town of Winter Park council made a decision to invest in a permanent stage in the park and is approximately \$3,000,000. They have design drawings and have entered into a contract with Big Valley in a CMGC contract for the construction drawings. The Town hopes to start the project in early August of 2016 and have a deliverable by June of 2017.

Mr. Lahrman stated that there are two large events going on in the east end of the County that have a lot of people concerned. The Town of Winter Park has no say concerning the events and the Town of Fraser is closer to the events. The Town of Winter Park is asking that communication be open to the community so they are aware of any items they need to address. They are in full support of bringing in new groups and show what Grand County has. The biggest fear factor is that some businesses will be overwhelmed.

There was a sales tax increase passed with it passing in Fraser 70/30 and in Winter Park 60/40. With the tax increase, Towns were able to set up a year round transit system. The bus will run until 2:00 a.m. which has increased the ridership. The police department reported a decrease in DWI and DUI arrests and businesses are happy to see people stay in their establishments later. There have been some problems transitioning from a private system to a public system. One of the main things they have done is put out a job posting for a Transit Manager which will be a good investment.

The two percent increase was written as a trails and transit and is good for any transit. The tax increase is good for capital, any type of trails, and any way to move people. There is talk about a charter bus from Union Station to Winter Park.

The Town of Winter Park has put in a grant for \$800,000 and they are looking at types of buses. There are three main bus contractors/builders in the United States. They would like to have a green bus but after talking to other communities some of the green buses have problems at altitude and cold weather. Mr. Lahrman stated there are problems in putting investments in a new fleet and not have the proper facility to maintain them. The facility that presently maintains the buses cannot house any buses. The facility is located on prime real estate that the ski area owns and the Ski Area would like to see another portal entry at that location. Mr. Lahrman stated the Town of Winter Park would be coming before Board of Commissioners to ask and would like to co-facilitate at the County facility on County Road 5.

Mr. Lahrman stated he has spoken to EMS and the fire department and they both suggested that they would like something built out there that would allow them to create a driving training grounds. It would be good training for operators of snow plows, ambulances, fire trucks and buses. Co-facilitating has a lot of advantages financially so what the Town of Winter Park would be asking the County for an in-kind donation. They are eligible for federal grant funding which is capital and they do fund up to fifty percent in operating and up to eighty percent in capital. CDOT is willing to get them some money. They raised tax two percent which generates about \$1,800,000 and up annually. The ski area, through the change, agreed to fund \$3,000,000. The original idea was to take the \$3,000,000 to leverage the money for a facility. The County could come with an in-kind donation in the way of land, or infrastructure so the county would not have to come up with new dollars.

Interim County Manager Moyer asked Mr. Lahrman when the goal was to have the bus barn in place.

Mr. Lahrman stated he is not sure but would be sooner rather than later because of the cost of the rolling stock. They are considering purchasing twelve used buses out of the RTD system and running them into the ground

which would be better than the old school buses. He believes it would be two years out before a deliverable because of breaking ground and building so it would probably be approximately five years out.

The County will need lead time on the property because of restraints such as water.

The Transit Advisory Committee is made up of three members. Initially before the sales tax was passed there were two from the ski area and one from the town. The members were C. A. Lane, Laurie Mason, and Charles Banks. When the sales tax passed the agreement was that the two remaining members would appoint a third member from the Town of Fraser. C. A. Lane resigned and Peggy Smith was appointed.

Nothing dramatically will change on the funding of the trails. The Town is going to continue to support HTA and the local trail groups. It provides opportunity to fund them through the restricted tax as opposed to the general fund. Mr. Lahrman is hoping that the County continues to fund at the levels as in the past. It will be a project specific funding mechanism.

The Town of Winter Park has a posting for an Affordable Housing Coordinator. They are expanding the economic opportunities without having resources to sustain them. Affordable housing is a key component. The Building Department head is resigning. Brian is leaving and the Town has hired a new Building Department Head by the name of Russ.

Mr. Lahrman stated that elections were coming up and there are four councilors up for election. As a Home Rule Municipality a person is elected as a counselor and then the council elects the mayor.

There will be an election in April because the Accommodations Tax is up for approval again. The tax sunsets every four years and they are putting the questions on the ballot this year to ask that it not sunset.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the Town of Winter Park is a strong hold out on marijuana. They have a moratorium on marijuana which is good for the community. A person can purchase marijuana in areas around Winter Park. They are getting feedback from the community and businesses that they would like it to go to a vote. The Town is going to explore that option. Mr. Lahrman believes it is more economics than anything and it has become more acceptable.

Bud Wilson Fire Station – Outright Exemption, creating a lot for Grand Fire District 1 Satellite Station

The following is all or part of staff's Certificate of Recommendation to the Board as it was provided by staff for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2016.

PROJECT NAME: Bud Wilson Fire Station Outright Exemption
APPLICANT: Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 / Represented by Ron Thompson
LOCATION: Metes and Bounds Parcel Situated in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 76 West of the 6th Principal Meridian
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Grand County Zoning Regulations and Outright Exemption Regulations
EXHIBITS: Outright Exemption Plat, Letter of Application, Map of Fire District Boundaries, Vicinity Map
STAFF PLANNER: Brett Hanlon
REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting the approval of an Outright Exemption to create a 5.05-acre parcel which will be used for the eventual construction of a fire station.

I. DISCUSSION

The Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 (the Applicant) is requesting the approval of an Outright Exemption that will create a 5.05-acre parcel which will be used for the eventual construction of a fire station. The proposed access for this property is off of County Road 40. There are electric utilities nearby and available. The Applicant is in the process of completing a water augmentation plan that will allow for the drilling of a commercial well. The Applicant plans to construct a septic system that will service the fire station. The Applicant has entered into a contract to purchase the property from the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. This purchase is contingent upon the approval of this Outright Exemption request. Staff has included a condition that will require the coordination of the real estate transaction with the recording of this Outright Exemption.

II. BACKGROUND

Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 provides fire and rescue services to residents and the general public. The District covers approximately 150 square miles. This area includes the Town of Granby and several outlying subdivisions, including Innsbruck-Val Moritz, Granby Ranch, Grand Elk, Stillwater Estates, Winter Park Highlands, Homestead Hills and C Lazy U Ranch. A map of the District boundaries is included as an attached exhibit. The District's primary fire station is located in Granby. The District has a satellite station—called South Station—located in the southern area of the District's boundary area on the Red Dirt Outright Exemption, which was approved by the County in 2005. The South Station is a shared facility with East Grand Fire Protection District No. 4.

The proposed Outright Exemption parcel would provide a site for an additional satellite station in the northern area of the District. This would allow improved emergency response to the north and areas within Grand Lake Fire Protection District No. 2, with which Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 has mutual and automatic aid agreements.

III. REGULATIONS

A. ZONING

COMPLINACE/NONCOMPLIANCE WITH GRAND COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

The proposed Outright Exemption parcel is located in the Forestry and Open Zone District

1. Minimum Lot Area

The minimum lot area for a parcel in the Forestry and Open Zone District which is located outside of a Growth Area is 5 acres. The proposed parcel is 5.05 acres and therefore it meets the minimum lot area requirement.

2. Minimum Lot Width

The minimum lot width for a parcel in the Forestry and Open Zone District is 200 feet. The proposed parcel's width is approximately 450 feet and it therefore meets the minimum lot width requirement for the zone district.

3. Setbacks

The Forestry and Open Zone District requires 30' front yard setbacks, 10' minimum side yard setbacks and 20' minimum rear setbacks. With these setbacks applied, there will be an adequately sized building envelope to allow for the construction of a fire station.

B. OUTRIGHT EXEMPTION REGULATIONS

COMPLIANCE/NONCOMPLIANCE WITH GRAND COUNTY OUTRIGHT EXEMPTION REGULATIONS

1. Outright Exemption Regulations Section 1.4.1—Jurisdiction

Outright exemptions allow the division of land when such division may not qualify for Grand County Subdivision Regulations or Grand County Subdivision Exemption Regulations. An Outright Exemption is used in the following circumstances:

- (a) Adjustment of tract boundaries to establish/determine a boundary when substantial evidence of a bona fide dispute.
- (b) Adjustment of a tract boundary to eliminate an existing encroachment of a substantial structure upon the real property of another.
- (c) Acquisition of access from one parcel of property through another.
- (d) Involves other unusual circumstances which are deemed by the Board of County Commissioners to justify such a grant.

This Bud Wilson Outright Exemption is justified as an Outright Exemption according to letter (d). The Board of County Commissioners has determined the siting of a fire station is a circumstance that would warrant the use of the Outright Exemption process.

2. Outright Exemption Regulations Section 2.2—Tracts, Parcels, Lots

(1) As a minimum requirement, dimensions shall conform to applicable zoning or other land use requirements and have a minimum area of five (5) acres.

The proposed Bud Wilson Outright Exemption parcel is 5.05 acres in size. Therefore, this parcel meets the minimum lot area requirement for an Outright Exemption.

3. Outright Exemption Regulations Section 3.2—Plat

The final plat shall contain or be accompanied by the following information:

(a) Title (which shall include the phrase “Outright Exemption”, bar scale, North arrow and date.

The title of the plat shall be amended to read:

Final Plat

Bud Wilson Fire Station Outright Exemption

A Parcel Situated in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 76 West of the 6th Principal Meridian County of Grand, State of Colorado

Conveyance to Owners Recorded at Reception # 177777

(b) Legal description

This requirement has been met.

(c) Primary control points, or descriptions, and ties to such control points to which dimensions, angles, bearings and similar data on the plat shall be referred.

This requirement has been met.

(d) Tract boundary lines, right-of-way lines of streets, easements and other rights-of-way, and property lines of residential lots and other sites, with accurate dimensions, bearings or deflection angles and radii, arcs and central angles of all curves with long chord bearings and distances.

This requirement has been met.

(e) Names and right-of-way width of each street or other right-of-way.

Show the entire width of the County Road 40 right-of-way.

(f) Location, dimensions and purpose of any easement, including reference by book and page to any preexisting recorded easements.

This requirement has been met.

(g) Number to identify a lot or site, names of adjacent property owners, and acreage of each site to nearest 1/100th of an acre.

Show the names of adjacent property owners.

(h) Purpose for which sites, other than residential lots, are dedicated or reserved.

This requirement has been met.

(i) Location and description of monuments.

This requirement has been met.

- (j) A title insurance commitment or attorney’s title opinion showing that the applicant is the owner of all the land to be platted and that all roads, streets, easements and other rights-of-way and all lots, tracts or sites dedicated or to be conveyed for public use or except patent reservations and except liens and encumbrances which cannot be extinguished, released or purchased by the developer. If such land is mortgaged by the developer, it shall be sufficient if the mortgagee joins in the dedication.

This requirement has been met.

- (k) Statement by owner platting the property and, if required by the Grand County Board of County Commissioners, dedicating the streets, rights-of-way, easements and any sites for public uses, to be in substantially the following form (dedication language may be omitted if not required by the Board of County Commissioners):

The dedication statement shall be amended to read as follows:

...”THAT IT HAS CAUSED SAID REAL PROPERTY TO BE LAID OUT AND SURVEYED AS BUD WILSON FIRE STATION OUTRIGHT EXEMPTION AND DOES HEREBY DEDICATE AND SET APART ALL THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES SHOWN ON THE ACCOMPANYING PLAT FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC FOREVER, AND DOES HERBY DEDICATE THOSE PORTIONS OF SAID REAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE INDICATED AS EASEMENTS ON THE ACCOMPANYING PLAT AS EASEMENTS. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NORTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HAS CAUSED ITS NAME TO BE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED BY ITS _____, THIS DAY OF _____, 20____.”

The correct professional title of the person responsible to sign for Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District shall be determined and added to the plat as the signee for the dedication statement.

- (l) Certification by a surveyor

This requirement has been met.

- (m) Certificate of approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Grand County, Colorado

This requirement has been met.

- (n) Certification by the applicant’s attorney, the professional engineering, designing or planning firm, if any, and a statement by the owner ensuring compliance with the design standards and all other requirements issued by the Board of County Commissioners.

N/A

- (o) A two and one-half by three inch (2 ½’ x 3’) vertical box in the lower right hand corner shall be provided for use by the County Clerk and Recorder.

This requirement has been met.

- (p) A vicinity map.

This requirement has been met.

- (q) Documented proof of legal access.

This requirement has been met.

- (r) Documented proof of the availability of sewer and water supply. Proof of adequate water supply for any proposed development shall be submitted pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-20-103.

A Commercial Well Permit will need to be provided prior to the recording of this Outright Exemption.

- (s) Statement of taxes due showing current taxes paid.

This will need to be submitted prior to recording the final plat.

- (t) An electronic copy of the final plat in AutoCAD.dwg or AutoCAD.dxf format shall be provided prior to any recording of any final plat.

This will need to be submitted prior to recording the final plat.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the Bud Wilson Fire Station Outright Exemption with the following twelve conditions to be met prior to the recording of this Outright Exemption:

1. The title of the plat shall be amended (see (a) above).
2. The entire width of the County Road 40 right-of-way shall be shown on the plat (see (e) above). 3. The names of the adjacent property owners shall be added to the plat (see (g) above)
4. The dedication statement shall be amended (see (k) above).
5. A statement of taxes due that shows all taxes are paid will need to be provided (see (s) above).
6. A Commercial Well Permit will need to be provided. (see (r) above).
7. An electronic copy of the final plat in AutoCAD.dwg or AutoCAD.dxf format shall be provided (see (t) above).
8. A 14" x 18" black-line mylar with approved addresses for each parcel on the plat will be required.
9. Note #4 on the plat shall be removed.
10. The correct professional title of the person responsible to sign for Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District shall be determined and added as the dedication statement signee on the plat (currently, it says Manager).
11. The real estate transaction between the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 shall be coordinated with the recording of the Outright Exemption.
12. A 24" x 36" mylar plat will be required. This is over a 4 or 5 year period. When they are building, the houses will get lower iso rating.

[End of Staff's Certificate]

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Bud Wilson Fire Station Outright Exemption as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business

Commissioner Manguso stated there was an email from the Grand County Tourism Board, Dede Faye, stating there was a vacancy in the Mainstem District.

Commissioner Manguso moved to appoint David Craig as the alternate to the Mainstem District of the Grand County Tourism Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Farm Bureau of Middle Park

Paul Bruchez stated that the reason for attending this meeting was the December Farm Bureau meeting and the discussions on water topics.

There is a short term situation with Ms. Underbrink Curran continuing some of the water engagement activities. Mr. Bruchez wondered if the County had a plan rolling that to another individual. For decades many in the group became meadow pumpers with contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation and Northern. With the firming projects coming and with county, the irrigators were able to step up its defense to move against Northern. Northern at that time fulfilled their obligations of the contract. Without the county leadership they would have been a group of ranchers hiring attorneys and going against Northern. The leadership role mixed with the ag community created a success that the trickle down affect is that most are still working with a partnership collaborative effort to restore a large portion of the Colorado River. With Ms. Underbrink Curran's leadership as a representative of Senate Document 80, there was been a wonderful presence from the County. They would like to see a long-term strategy for the County.

Overall, because of how water resources are managed based on water rights the main stem flow of the Colorado River through the summer season based on Ag rights. Keeping water rights alive in this valley for all purposes, with Northern's contracts on Windy Gap operation and their minimal flow requirements during that time frame when the ranchers get into a low flow situation most people in the room control the main stem and what it looks like. The irrigators want to keep an active dialogue as to how that continues so they do not get into situations in future years they have lost the momentum with understanding the water and having this kind of engagement with their leadership.

Dave Hammer stated that there is a lot of positive results even in the lowest water years. They need not to forget the energy and the impact Grand County has and everyone knows the name Grand County when it comes to state water rights. The County does not want to lose its name recognition. Mr. Hammer is always afraid of the every growing bureaucratic nature of the River District. He hopes there is a County plan to keep the momentum growing.

Commissioner Tollett is dedicated in keeping the expertise in Grand County government. Water is too important to the county, not only for the ranchers, agriculture, but also tourism.

The County is starting to document what the projects are in the County. There are people and projects going all over the place and how is the best way to keep the expertise. There are water rights and projects that need to be maintained.

Mr. Hammer asked about the current short term relationship with Ms. Underbrink Curran versus long term.

Commissioner Linke stated that Lurline is on a six month contract with an automatic six month renewal. Lurline was asked for a hitch hiker's guide to the CRCA so if and when she is no longer with the County her knowledge does not go with her. The contract with Lurline specifies which meetings she will attend and what panels she is the County's representative.

Mr. Hammer stated that one year is a short period of time and wants to know how the County plans to transition to a new person.

The Board stated that Mike Ritschard was appointed for the River District. Mr. Ritschard stated that it needs to recognize that with the County budget, there needs to be communication between Middle Park, River District and Grand County about all the work that has been happening. There is a need for more people to be kept in the loop.

Commissioner Tollett stated that the County would do the water projects and will continue working the projects.

Commissioner Manguso stated that the hitchhikers guide has been completed. Ms. Underbrink Curran has completed her portion of the hitchhikers guide. It has not been decided what is going to be done about the six month and the renewal. Commissioner Manguso was amazed at the overlap between the Middle Park Water Conservation District and the County. Stan Cazier has a great deal of knowledge and Mr. Ritschard will be a strong representative on the River District and will advocate for Grand County. Maybe there is a need to find a way to partner together to find someone to represent all entities.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated that the County entered into an agreement with the River District to administer and help with the water rights that was acquired through the agreements of the CRCA and the Windy Gap Firming Project. Those paid engineers and attorneys on staff will help with decision making.

Sandy Doudna asked where the documentation is so someone could find out information. Ms. Doudna was informed that there are River District minutes, Grand County minutes, Mike will be getting copies of all the agreements and they are recorded.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated that there are documents that are being finalized that are part of the CRCA that have not been recorded yet but they will be.

The group at the meted wants to make sure that the Commissioners know how important it is to the agricultural producers in the county.

The 1980 Agreement was found in county records. The Colorado Basin Roundtable right now requested funding from the State and the State set aside \$1,000,000 million for stream management planning. The

Colorado Basin Roundtable decided that they were not ready as a Basin to move forward with a plan for stream management planning which upset many people. They decided to use the funding to create a library of what information actual exists to identify gaps that need more attention specific to water resources, stream management planning and etc. It might be an opportunity for Grand County to apply for a grant.

Commissioner Linke stated that nobody was getting the story of what was going on with the river district. Nobody was sent to the River District with the County's position on any agenda items.

Commissioner Tollett stated the County is requesting regular updates from Katherine Morris and Lurline Underbrink Curran so they have an internal water meeting to get a better handle on the projects. They are not short term projects.

Wendy Thompson stated that the Division of Water Resources at the state has a public website but not sure what is available.

Grand County may want to create a portal of water information where people can look.

Interim County Manager Moyer stated there are documents on the County website with links under Water Protection.

Mike Ritschard stated that the biggest thing is going to be communication but they need to be sensitive to ongoing negotiations that cannot be discussed.

Commissioner Manguso stated they are all open to a good strong ongoing relationship.

Paul Bruchez gave an ILVK (Irrigators Living in the Vicinity of Kremmling) update. They consider Phase 1 of the ILVK Project to be the twelve mile stretch of river that was once ten miles but is now twelve miles. Phase 2 is a greater collaboration to understand the river system knowing all the other projects that are going on that are being coordinated. With the dollars being spent to study and understand there is a lot of double work happening.

The ILVK has a lot of information and have a lot to learn. There are now twelve landowners, with one of them being the BLM, which are on board. With the grant money they have spent over \$600,000 on engineering work and projects in the river. They had grant applications out and the Colorado River Basin Roundtable voted \$50,000 ask from the Basin, and \$413,000 ask from the State that will be voted on in the middle of March. That grant involves projects on six different landowners, and will be cost share matched at fifty percent.

The most urgent project that needs to be tackled is the gray control structures but also for grant funding resources that are some of the dreamier parts as to how they would actually use the money. If they apply straight on for all the riffle grade control structures first their opportunity to get funding for other projects down the line would be more challenged. They are trying to decide which projects are prioritized based on ditches that are lost, pumps that do not work, and pumps that cannot work because they do not have water.

The intention in the twelve miles is to have thirteen grade control structures which are specific to the irrigation pumps. The project is slated for approximately sixty other riffles but much more minimal in design and construction primarily focused on habitat and creating the low flow channel. The goal is to continue to decrease the temperature of the river, increase the aquatic habitat, and sustain the ability to continue to irrigate and pump.

The most expensive part of the project on paper for engineering is bank stabilization. Some bank erosion in rivers is a natural occurrence but it is not good when it is eroding at a rate that they are losing infrastructure. They are looking to buffer the banks. The goal is to ensure they do not flood the flood plain.

They are trying to fix what is wrong and hoping funding will come through. If the State grant comes through they will be about \$2,000,000 short of the end project if they get everything. They have a pilot project that exists that built a riffle vein that sticks out into the river and it softens the flow of the water on the bank both upstream and downstream. They used a sloping pit run and willow plantings and it has sustained through 2014 and 2015 flow and demonstrated it has not moved at all.

They are ready for the \$900,000 construction project in 2016 if the grant comes through. So far all the work that has been done has fallen under agricultural exemption. The next round of work will not be completely agricultural.

The Army Corps of Engineers wants \$35,000 just to look at it to begin the evaluation.

The one downside to the project is that they are still looking for rock resource. The current cost of getting rocks with a certain hardness that the engineers have demonstrated a need for is a long haul. The Linke rock does not have the hardness required. They are looking for fractured granite.

Mr. Bruchez stated that the group is getting the engineers to become bigger believers in the group. They did a pilot outside of the engineers using the Linke rock that worked really well that was a blend a cobble with angular granite working together. Using local material brings the cost of the project down.

Bill Thompson stated that the Denver Water Board has a pit below the Williams Fork Dam and maybe someday the County can do negotiations with Denver. It might be useable but first they need to quantify how much is needed.

The end product that all parties involved are striving for is a healthy river for somebody to be able to use the water resource.

Mr. Bruchez offered to send his video presentation so it can be part of the record.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this _____ day of April 2016.

E. Jane Tollett, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Grand County Clerk and Recorder