

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

February 28, 2017

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3 - Chair
Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene
County Attorney Alan Hassler
County Manager Lee Staab

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road and Bridge Update

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris Baer stated that they have been plowing snow. Before the snow, crews had been pushing back ditches.

Mr. Baer stated that there are rocks falling on County Roads 1, 3, and 6. In addition, rocks have been falling in Byers Canyon.

Mr. Baer stated that he has been working on an Asphalt Plan. A plan should be presented to the Board in the very near future.

General Public Comments

Homesteaders 4H Club member Foster Krempin stated that his projects are horses, sheep, goats and pigs. Mr. Krempin stated that his club is selling peaches, apples, and pears as a fundraiser for the club. Other club members present with Mr. Krempin are Sege Krempin and Lexi Petefish.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

County Treasurer Christina Whitmer stated that she has been dealing with an individual who wants tax lien buyer names and addresses. Ms. Whitmer stated that she has received an opinion from the attorney for the Treasurer's Association that the requested information is confidential. Ms. Whitmer understands that the County Attorney does not agree with that opinion. Ms. Whitmer has contacted the Treasurer's Association Attorney Rich Crohn to get a written legal opinion.

Ms. Whitmer stated that the County will need to pay for the written legal opinion from Mr. Crohn.

Ms. Whitmer stated that she has received third party checks from EMS. Ms. Whitmer stated that she pulled those out of the deposit and returned them to EMS.

Ms. Whitmer stated that the County is up against a timeframe with the YMCA. Ms. Whitmer has plans to process that abatement (refund) by noon today. This is a tax due date for her office so they are extremely busy.

Commissioner Linke moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Modification Grant Agreement between the Arapahoe Roosevelt National Forest Service Sulphur Ranger District and Grand County Department of Natural

Resources for weed spraying on Forest Service land in the amount of \$11,000 as presented by Department of Natural Resource Director Amy Sidener.

Discussion: This is money coming into the County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the budget supplemental for the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$48,948.01 for the purchase of equipment as approved in the 2017 budget.

Discussion: The net savings for the purchases is approximately \$8,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the contract between Grand County and McCandless International Truck Center LLC in the amount of \$161,968 for the purchase of a 2018 7600 snow plow chassis.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the contract between Grand County and Auto Truck Group for the implements (sander, plow, dump, smart link control) for the snow plow truck in the amount of \$95,405.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the contract between Grand County and Wagner Equipment for the purchase of a 430FIT Backhoe in the amount of \$101,290.71.

Discussion: This is not the low bid. The low bid was with Case. The crews tested three backhoes; John Deere, Case, and Caterpillar. The Caterpillar is set up with the implements that Grand County has in place. It is a little more than \$500 more expensive but Mr. Clark believes that the County will see the savings by not having to retrofit anything to match up. Mr. Clark believes that Wagner has better customer service.

Mr. Clark noted that IT refers to "Integrated Tool Carrier."

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the contact between Grand County and Red Arrow Manufacturing for a pressure washer on power washer in the amount of \$8,581.30.

The motion passed unanimously.

Information Services Director Kirk Magnusson provided the Board with a State of Colorado Agreement for Microsoft Volume Licensing.

This allows the County to purchase Microsoft Volume Licensing rights at the State of Colorado prices. The County will save money over time. It allows the flexibility of moving licenses and not being tied to box level licensing for future upgrades of the systems.

The Agreement does not bind the County financially.

Commissioner Cimino moved to enter into the Volume Licensing Agreement with Microsoft as described by the Director of Information Systems.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Master Umbrella Contract between Grand County and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as presented by Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue.

Discussion: This is a zero-based dollar contract. It defines what the contracts will look like for the next five years.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Immunization Program through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Core Services as presented by Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue.

Discussion: This allows the County to work ahead.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Contract between Grand County and 10 childcare centers in Grand County for the Childcare Health Consulting Program as presented by Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue.

The motion passed unanimously.

County Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene stated that the Board previously approved a supplemental in the amount of \$475 for a fax machine. Ms. Rosene stated that the IS Department found a machine in the County that was not being used and they used the bulb from that machine and put into the Clerk's current fax machine. The Board has no objection to leaving the \$475 supplemental in the Clerk's budget in the event that the machine has problems before the end of the year.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the bonuses for the employees in the Clerk's Office as requested as requested by the County Clerk.

Discussion: Commissioner Cimino stated that when there are other departments with people working on an interim basis, the County has approved additional pay. The request from the Clerk is not to be related to the labor savings achieved. It is for the additional work and the additional mission that was accomplished.

Commissioner Manguso stated that Assistant County Manager received additional compensation while acting as the Interim County Manager. That was the same as the Interim Finance Director.

Commissioner Manguso stated that the Clerk requested a job description for an intern in the Clerk's Office. That request was accommodated by the County Manager and the Human Resources Director.

Commissioner Cimino stated that this department has not only done its normal mission during a shortage (approved 12 positions and been working with eight) for a long period time but has also been training to take on a brand new mission. There is a great deal of training involved in this new mission for Driver License.

Mr. Staab stated that the total request is approximately \$2,900.

Commissioner Manguso stated that she hopes that this does not come back with every department showing up and asking for this.

Commissioner Cimino stated that leadership is tough and there is a potential that this decision will affect other departments. There may be other departments operating at or near 66 percent authorized strength. If they are operating at 80 to 90 percent authorized strength, the Board may decide that is ok. It is extreme to be operating at 66 percent strength and taking on a brand new mission.

Commissioner Cimino stated that an equally valid request might be made and the Board will need to evaluate it. It can happen.

Commissioner Manguso stated that this has nothing to do with hire lag.

Commissioner Linke stated that it is not a lot of money and this crew is well deserving. Commissioner Linke stated that the Board needs to acknowledge that all departments are unique so fair and equal are not always the same. If another request comes forward, it will need to be evaluated individually.

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager and Attorney Items

Commissioner Cimino moved that the Board sign the letter recommending Mr. Paul Bruchez and the Bruchez Family to be winners 2017 Leopold Conservation Award.

Discussion: The Board appreciates the work done by the Bruchez family.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to authorize the Board to sign the letter of support to the State Historic Fund for Historic Fraser's grant application for phase 1 of the rehabilitation and preservation of the 4 Bar 4 Barn and Stagecoach building.

Discussion: Dave Lively stated that the 4 Bar 4 Ranch (Hotel Structure and Barn) are one of the most significantly important historic sites within Grand County. The historic preservation of this site is very important. Mr. Lively is strongly in support of this application.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to support the continuation of Buddy Schmaltz on the Gaming Commission Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the fee waiver request of the CSU Extension Hall from the Kremmling Preschool for a spaghetti dinner and Bingo on March 31, 2017

The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Lee Staab provided his weekly update.

Assistant County Manager Ed Moyer provided the Board with an update of the aquatic nuisance meeting. The likely funding partners are Northern, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Forest Service. In the past, Grand County has not been a funding partner. In the past, Grand County has provided some in-kind services. Grand County does not own or operate any of the Three Lakes System.

Commissioner Manguso stated that she is not willing to put in any money into the project.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-2-63, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF LARRY BANMAN TO THE GRAND COUNTY CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL CREATED PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §19-3-211"

The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2017-2-57, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR AMENDED GROUP COVERAGE CONCERNING THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PACKAGE"

Resolution No. 2017-2-58, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE DONATION OF KEWANEE CULTIVATOR TO THE WINTER PARK HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION"

Resolution No. 2017-2-59, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO ACCEPTING THE BID FROM MAPLE STREET BUILDERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTING ALTERATIONS TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE DEPARTMENT"

Resolution No. 2017-2-60, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF FIVE-YEAR MARK INSPECTIONS OF THE FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS AT THE GRAND COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING AND GRAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING"

Resolution No. 2017-2-61, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2017: SECTION 4.05, STANDARDS AND EVALUATIONS AND SECTION 9.03, PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL"

Resolution No. 2017-2-62, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A MASTER BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDICITY, INC., THE COLORADO REGIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO”

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to convene an Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for conference with attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions on (1) St. Jude’s water diversion case; (2) Colorado Supreme Court Case 2016SA291, Denver Water and Consolidated Ditch, et al; (3) Water Rights Application Resume – Fraser River; and (4) Serene Wellness litigation. The County Manager and Assistant County Manager will be part of the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 10:23 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

I, Kristen Manguso, hereby attest that the portion of the executive session during which no minutes were taken was confined to a topic authorized for discussion in an executive session.

I, Alan Hassler, hereby attest that the portion of the executive session during which the Recorder was directed to take no minutes constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

Mayor of Winter Park – Update to Activities Currently Underway

Winter Park Mayor Jimmie Lahrman stated that the new public transit system serves Winter Park, Fraser, Granby, and unincorporated Grand County.

In 2015, the towns of Fraser and Winter Park passed a sales tax for transit and trails. It was two percent in Winter Park and one percent in Fraser.

The new transit system purchased five buses from Steamboat Springs and ten buses from RTD.

The town of Winter Park hired a transit manager. The buses travel year round, runs until 2:00 a.m., and has handicap accessible buses.

Riders can use a cell phone application to track the buses on the routes. The app is “ride hop” and “lift” is the password.

The town and the community applied for grants for capital purchases and operating expenses. They have received \$1.7 million in capital funding to purchase buses.

The sales tax was passed as a trails and transit tax. Right now, the bus system is eating up every penny of the tax.

The Town of Winter Park put \$100,000 toward the \$2.5 million platform for the ski train. This work was needed to bring back the Winter Park Express (ski train). That is a vital connectivity piece between Denver and the County.

The town is building a stage at Hideaway Park and with the new stage and it can hold 5,000 people at a venue including vendors.

Mr. Lahrman stated that the biggest challenge is affordable housing. Mr. Lahrman stated that a healthy community houses between 30 and 35 percent of the workforce.

The town of Winter Park made a \$9.2 dollar investment. The town has a partnership with Winter Park Development Company for retail. The facility will have for-market units, retail space, and attainable housing units. The town will act as the landlord on the first 38 units.

The Headwaters Ecology Community Center was started with a purchase of property by the town of Winter Park in partnership with the Sprout Foundation. The facility is 20,000 square feet. It is on the trail system and it has a bus stop. It is a great project. There will be a higher education piece at the facility.

There is a second phase planned for the Sitzmark properties

The Town is going through a Master Plan revision.

Mr. Lahrman stated that he sees the Town of Winter Park coming to the County for collaboration. The Town may come to the County and ask for dollars, in kind work and/or letters of support.

MASS Economics Introduction

Director of Grand County Economic Development DiAnn Butler introduced Teresa Lynch and Tom Golf of MASS Economics.

Ms. Butler stated that the County applied for a federal grant through Economic Development Administration in conjunction with NWCCOG. Grand County received a grant for a resiliency economic development plan. It is a strategy and will identify some really strong projects moving forward that they can do to diversify the economy.

Ms. Lynch stated that the project is going to go beyond a traditional economic development strategy. The work will be toward prioritization of what the next steps will be and how to move from a great idea to an implementable project.

State Demographer Presentation

Chris Ackers of the State Demography Office appeared before the Board to make a presentation.

Mr. Ackers stated that nationally in 2016 the population increased 2,200,000 people. That was a growth of seven tenths of a percent. That is the slowest growth in 8 decades. Colorado's population is above 5.5 million. That was an increase of about 92,000 from the previous year. That gives Colorado a 1.7 percent growth rate. That is about one percentage point faster than the nation. It is a little bit slower than was seen in 2015. In 2015, Colorado was the second fastest growing state. In 2016, Colorado was the seventh fastest growing.

The fastest growing County was 14,000 and there were counties losing population.

From 2010 to 2015, the Front Range increase the greatest numbers. From 2010 to 2015, Grand County lost around 175 people.

With regard to population changes, the natural increase/decrease is birth minus deaths. What really changes the numbers is net migration. In general, the net migration has been positive.

In 2012, there was a low point in the net migration. That happened because of the great recession.

Mr. Ackers stated that according to the State Demographers Office, the definition of a resident is someone who lives at a location for at least six months.

In 1990, Grand County had just under 8,000 residents. There was a 4.8 percent annualized growth rate from 1990 to 2000. The population growth in Grand County leveled out in the 2000s and peaked in 2010. Growth in Grand County fell in 2011 and 2012 and has been slow to recover. Mr. Ackers believes that growth will start to happen in Grand County.

Grand County saw a great deal of out migration in 2012, in part, due to construction workers who could not find work.

In 2007, births peaked and are finally are on small upward trend. There has been an upward trend of deaths since 2007.

Mr. Ackers stated that Grand County has a similar growth pattern to the state except that Grand County has a muted growth pattern in that Grand County draws 44 to 57 year olds. Most of these people are at their highest income. There is some out migration of 18 to 24 year olds.

In 2016, Grand County has the following generation groups:

1. Baby boomers are the largest population sector in Grand County. In fact, one out of three residents are baby boomers. This is the highest share in the State and one of the highest in the country.
2. Generation X was a smaller generation, so there is a dip in that number. There is a low number of younger Generation X people in the County.
3. There is a low number of under 30 millennials in Grand County.

The median age in Grand County is 45.

Every person is coming here because they are filling a job.

By 2017, Grand County will likely be at the number of jobs it was at in 2007. It took Grand County about five years longer than the rest of the state to recover.

In 2005 to 2015, there was a slight amount of job growth. The leisure and hospitality employees are a large number of employees.

The average annual wage in Grand County is \$33,000; roughly 60 to 61 percent of the average annual wage in the state of Colorado.

The labor force is greater than the total number of jobs. As people retire, they are no longer part of the labor force.

In 1990, 39 percent of the Grand County population were baby boomers. More recently, the number of baby boomers is 33 percent. Grand County has far more baby boomers in its population than across the state.

In 2015, Grand County had 14,600 people and there is an expected 2.3 percent growth per year. The main growth is the 65 plus population. The baby boomers will be growing twice as fast as other populations.

Mr. Ackers stated that there are about 16,000 housing units in Grand County with approximately 11,000 of those being vacant housing units.

In 2000, there were 7,000 more housing units than households. It is now at 11,000. A lot of the growth is the second home industry.

The median home value of owner occupied homes in Grand County is \$250,000. Of the people in Grand County, 40 percent are paying 30 percent or more of their monthly income.

The growth is slowly recovering in Grand County.

Mr. Ackers stated that he believes that more people will retire in Grand County or will be spending more time at their second home.

It is generally believed that the cost in living in Grand County is so high because Grand County is so close to Denver. The one expense that makes the cost of living so high is the cost of housing.

Meetings Report

Commissioner Cimino:

Met with Winter Park Chamber Executive Director

Attended a conference call with KC Becker regarding Highway 40 erosion in Byers Canyon

Attended Upper Colorado Watershed Group workshop

Commissioner Manguso:

Attended a conference call with KC Becker regarding Highway 40 erosion in Byers Canyon

Met with Dee Mullinex regarding a boat that was donated to the County for water rescue. The boat is not working out for the intended purpose. There will be a request for a new boat. Ms. Mullinex will be looking for grants and funds for sonar equipment to be used for recovery.

Calendar

- March 1 Rural Health Network Board at Mountain Parks Electric meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Farr Pumping Plant Project at 10:30 a.m.
- March 2 NWCCOG QQ meeting in the Buffalo Room in the Summit County Commons in Frisco
at 10:00 a.m.
Grand County Enterprise meeting conference call at 4:00
- March 3 Meet with Ken Fucik
- April 10 Mayor/Managers meeting in Fraser

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this _____ day of March 2017.

Kristen Manguso, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder