

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 13, 2018

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1 (by phone)
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2 – Chair
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3 (by phone)

Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Sara Rosene
County Manager Lee Staab
County Attorney Robert Franek

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was scheduled to consider fire restrictions. County Attorney Franek stated that he would like the Board to consider a Subdivision Improvements Agreement and deposit a check with the Treasurer for The Ranches.

County Sheriff Brett Schroetlin stated that a couple of days ago, the Board agreed to release State 1 Fire Restrictions. Since that time, the fire has spread. The County is in a red flag warning.

Sheriff Schroetlin recommends that the County stay in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

The Forest Service will be staying in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

County Attorney Franek stated that he has a Resolution for Stage 1 and Stage 3 Fire Restrictions in Grand County. Mr. Franek stated that the resolution he has for the Board repeals and rescinds any other resolution that is in contradiction to the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Stage 1 Fire Restriction within Grand County. This restriction is immediate and expires in 14 days.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Schroetlin stated that the state land area at the Silver Creek Fire is a concern. The need is to provide a closure order for the public lands in that area. The fire is heading in the direction of public land.

Sheriff Schroetlin recommended that the State 3 Fire Restriction area be one mile south of Highway 134 and north to the Lake Agnes area and west to the County line. It is west of Highway 40 and north of Highway 134 less one mile and west of the county line. That will restrict access into the state land area.

Mr. Franek stated that the Board of Commissioners have the authority to enact Stage 1, 2, and 3 fire bans within Grand County. The Stage 3 ban is a closure of the area with the exception of the landowners who live in the area. Mr. Franek has a resolution that incorporates both the State 1 and Stage 3 ban. All fires are ban within a specific area and the land within the Stage 3 area are closed off with the exception of: persons with Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission, any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized fire fighting force, EMS, search and rescue in the performance of an official duty, residents in the area accessing private property via closed Forest Service road, or persons occupied in a business, trade, or occupation in the area as specifically authorized by Sheriff's Department or the Board of County Commissioners, US Forest Service or the State of Colorado.

The description of the Stage 3 area will be:

Beginning one mile south of Highway 134 as the southern boundary and ending Highway 40 mile marker 159 as the northern boundary. It will extend on a line to the western boundary of Grand County. It is everything west and south of US Highway 40 from one mile south of the intersection of State Highway 134 to the County line on Rabbit Ears Pass.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution no 2018-9-5, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO DECLARING A STATE THREE FIRE BAN/RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN LANDS OF UNINCORPORATED GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO, AND A STAGE ONE FIRE BAN/RESTRICTION ON ALL OTHER UNINCORPORATED LANDS OF GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AND REPEALING AND RESCINDING ANY RESOLUTION OR PART THEREOF THAT IS IN CONTRADICTION TO THIS RESOLUTION"

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve resolution No. 2018-8-32, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RANCHES AT DEVIL'S THUMB, SECTIONS 9, 16 & 17, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 75 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF GRAND STATE OF COLORADO" and authorize the Chair to sign the Subdivision Improvement Agreement, Water Quality Agreement, and plat.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mandy Hannifin thanked the Board for keeping the Fire Restrictions. Ms. Hannifin is the Chair of the Stillwater Fire Abatement Coalition in the Stillwater Pass area. She is concerned that there will be additional hunting pressure into the Stillwater Pass area. She would like to see that devices with flames that can be turned off and on reconsidered because of the hunters.

Commissioner Linke stated that the fire concerns will be addressed again next Tuesday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this _____ day of October 2018.

Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder