

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

January 12 2021

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2 - Chair
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3

Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene
Acting County Manager Ed Moyer
County Attorney Chris Leahy
Assistant County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand County Judge Catanzerite swore in Richard Dunphy Cimino as Grand County Commissioner District 1 for a four-year term.

Grand County Judge Catanzerite swore in Merrit Linke as Grand County Commissioner District 2 for a four-year term.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Acting County Manager Moyer presented employee recognition for November, December and January.

Mr. Moyer recognized employee anniversaries:

Willis ("Bill") Bramwell	Assessor's Office	1 Year
Amanda Hugley	Human Services	2 Years
Joni Holme	Housing Authority	2 Years
Amy Cordova	Housing Authority	2 Years
Richard Cimino	Board of Commissioners	4 Years
Logan Price	EMS	5 Years
Wayne Schafer	Undersheriff	6 Years
Merrit Linke	Board of Commissioners	8 Years
Corinne Lively	Accounting	9 Years
Jennifer Gelbhaus	Public Health	9 Years
Debra Ruttenberg	Human Services	15 Years
Scott Kentfield	Road & Bridge	15 Years
Erich Barber	EMS	16 Years
Royce Reynolds	Road & Bridge	16 Years
Duane Dailey	Veteran Services Office	22 Years
Peter Rempel	Community Development	23 Years
Sara Rosene	Clerk & Recorder	30 Years
Warren Ward	Surveyor	30 Years

Public Comment

Megan Ledin of the Grand Foundation provided a report on the \$100,000 that the County gave for the small business fund. Out of all of the applications, they had to cap the amount to \$2,300 per business. They were able to support 56 businesses with that money in the realm of rent, mortgage or utility assistance. They helped out 32 businesses by giving employees grocery cards for Safeway and City Market. The \$100,000 was spent by the 30th of December 2020.

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Check Register and Expenditure List to be paid on January 13, 2021, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the checks presented on January 12, 2021 for payment on January 13, 2021 for the Grand County Housing Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on January 13, 2021, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the vouchers presented on January 12, 2021, for payment on January 13, 2021, for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve wire payment and vouchers presented on January 12, 2021, for payment on January 13, 2021 for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pandemic and Fire Costs as of 1-12-2021

	COVID-19	East Troublesome Fire		
		Paid	Unbilled but expected	Total Fire
2020 Cares Act Reimbursement Allocation	\$ 701,883			
Less:				
2020 Personnel costs	\$ 381,135	\$ 137,487		\$ 137,487
2020 Grand Foundation programs funded	\$ 230,000			\$ -
2020 Rural Health grant	\$ 10,000			\$ -
2020 Other operating costs	\$ 115,852	\$ 195,976	\$ 221,682	\$ 417,658
Total 2020 costs	\$ 736,987	\$ 333,464	\$ 221,682	\$ 555,146
Net 2020 (costs) after reimbursements	(\$ 35,104)	(\$ 333,464)	(\$ 221,682)	(\$ 555,146)
2021 Reimbursements Requested	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less:				
2021 Personnel costs	\$ 13,598			
2021 Grand Foundation programs funded	\$ -			
2021 Rural Health grant	\$ -			
2021 Other operating costs	\$ -			
Total 2021 costs	\$ 13,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net 2021 (costs) after reimbursements	(\$ 13,598)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Costs after reimbursements	(\$ 48,702)	(\$ 333,464)	(\$ 221,682)	(\$ 555,146)

Unrestricted Fund Balance calculation		
2020 Operating Expenditure Budget		\$ 20,172,000
2019 Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$ 6,194,000
2020 estimated unrestricted funds increase		\$ 400,000
Projected 2020 Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$ 6,594,000
		33%

Departments, Comments, and Issues

Josh Schroeder provided the Professional Services Agreement for engineering bidding services and construction as well as project close out services from Armstrong Engineering. This is for the northwest taxi-way and development area on the northwest corner of the runway at the airport. This will allow more hangar space.

The total on the engineering fee is \$165,847. It is expected to be 90 percent match from the FAA and five percent from the State and the County. The five percent match would be \$8,292.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Task Order for Professional Services Agreement between Grand County Armstrong Consultants as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the renewal of the following licenses for IgadI, Ltd. doing business as IgadI, located at 72399 US Highway 40, Tabernash:

Retail Marijuana Store
Retail Marijuana Infused Product Manufacturer
Retail Marijuana Cultivation
Medical Marijuana Center
Medical Marijuana Infused Product Manufacture
Medical Marijuana Cultivation

The motion passed unanimously.

Undersheriff Wayne Schafer requested the use of Samson Violation Funds in the amount of \$10,000 for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Undersheriff Schaffer requested that the funds be used by CPW to purchase tasers.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the \$10,000 on the Samson Violation in December to go for tasers in accordance with the request from Jeremy Huntington of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The motion unanimously.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Update

OEM Director Joel Cochran stated that the Emergency Management Performance Grant is a federal passthrough grant and funds a lot of Emergency Management offices throughout the state of Colorado.

Grand County requested \$54,500 and has been granted the money. Mr. Cochran has submitted the claim for the funds.

Mr. Cochran completed the request for the 2021 money in the amount of \$54,500.

Mr. Cochran believes that the amount will be approximately \$47,000 in 2022.

The County has submitted the Hazard Mitigation Plan and it is moving to FEMA.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-12-46, "A RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE RECORDING REQUIREMENT OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE LOT 3, SUMMIT TRAIL HOMES LOCATED ON LOT 3, SUMMIT TRAIL CONDOMINIUMS – PHSE 1, BEING A PART OF SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH RANGE 75 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO"

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-1-19, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTIAL RELEASE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$43,180.00) FOR THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMENDED FINDAL PLAT, 448 CONDOMINIUMS, BEING A REPLAT OF THE RIDGE AT MEADOW RIDGE RECORDED AT RECEPTION 149967, A PART OF THE SW ¼, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 76 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO"

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Board of Health

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Grand County Board of Health.

Dr. Selenke stated that there is an uptick in COVID-19 cases. There have been 126 cases in the last two weeks. The case rate is currently 812. The positivity rate 9.0 percent and that is in the yellow zone. There are four people in the hospital at this point.

On January 4, the Governor moved everyone into orange level.

The County is not congruent with the state order so the County will be issuing an updated public health order.

The key indicator going forward for moving people up and down the dial per the Governor is going to be the hospital capacity.

Dr. Selenke stated that Grand County is vaccinating for 1B now. The issue is that initially 1B was a certain level of first responders and a couple of other front facing critical workforce. About 10 days ago, the Governor decided that the people that are 70 plus would be included in 1B. There was a certain allotment and Public Health is trying to get more so they can launch the 70 plus group. The Governor expects the hospitals and primary care offices will be the main place for which that group gets its vaccine.

Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue stated that when they give vaccines, it has 10 doses in it. They have six hours to use up a vial. The optimal plan is to register 10 people at a time to get vaccine within the six hours. If people don't show up, they call people that they know can get to the office in time to use the vaccine.

Dr. Selenke stated that the schedule for testing will be changing. The most current information for testing days and times can be found at [www. https://www.co.grand.co.us/COVID19](https://www.co.grand.co.us/COVID19)

Public Health Director Brene Belew-LaDue stated that the total number of vaccines given by Public Health is 205 (not including yesterday).

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-1-17, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, SITTING AS THE GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ABBIE BAKER AS GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §25-1 -508(5)(c)(I)"

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Grand County Board of Commissioners.

Manager and Attorney Items

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve letter to the Colorado River District Board and General Manager Andy Mueller requesting funding for the connectively channel at Windy Gap.

The motion passed unanimously.

Acting County Manager Ed Moyer presented his weekly update.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2021HA-1-9, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, SITTING AS THE GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEVERBAUGH-HEATON ENTERPRISES, INC. AND THE GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY"

Resolution No. 2021HA-1-10, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, SITTING AS THE GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN ON-SIGHT INSIGHT AND THE GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A CAPITAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE SILVER SPRUCE APARTMENTS PROPERTY"

Resolution No. 2021-1-11, "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN FOSHA AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD"

Resolution No. 2021-1 -12, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM, APPROVING THE 2021 COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT, AND

APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2020 HIGHWAY USER TAX FUND REPORT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATE MAP SHOWING ALL COUNTY PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND NON-COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS, SAID MAP BEING HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED THE OFFICIAL COUNTY ROAD MAP FOR GRAND COUNTY FOR 2021 PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §43-2 -120”

Resolution No. 2021-1-13, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, SITTING AS THE GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PROWERS AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO CONCERNING THE COLORADO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOTLINE”

Resolution No. 2021-1-14, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN MCNERTNEY AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOB GNUSE AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION”

Resolution No. 2021-1-15, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE DAVIS AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT”

Resolution No. 2021-1-16, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRAND COUNTY BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS”

Resolution No. 2021-1-18, “A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAKOTA CORDLE AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIDDLE PARK FAIR AND RODEO BOARD”

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business / Correspondence / Calendar

Commissioner Cimino moved to designate Kristen Manguso as the representative to NWCCOG and designate Merrit Linke as the alternate representative.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Application for a Mine Land Reclamation Permit in Sun River Subdivision upon legal review.

The motion passed unanimously.

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| January 12 | Commissioner Linke will attend a meeting with the Forest Supervisor |
| January 13 | Commissioner Cimino will attend meeting with CCAT, Governor’s Office, and CDPHE regarding COVID policies |
| | Commissioner Cimino will attend a tourism meeting of CCAT at 2:30 pm |
| January 14 | Commissioner Cimino will attend UCRWG meeting at 10:30 |
| January 14 | Commissioner Linke will attend a new commissioner training as a presenter |
| January 15 | Commissioner Manguso will attend STAC |
| January 18 | Commissioner Cimino will attend the CCAT Public Health and Human Services Sub Committee meeting at 3:00 pm |
| January 18 | Commissioner Cimino will attend the Transit Advisory Committee meeting at 4:00 pm |

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for sales tax.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for lodging tax.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for marijuana sales tax.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Recovery Update

OEM Director Joel Cochran stated that work is being done to hire a recovery manager.

Water Quality Specialist Katherine Morris stated that CSU Extension Oliver Clark reported that she met with NRCS and a representative from the Colorado Department of Agriculture. They are working to provide assistance to agricultural property owners.

With regard to the EWP, work is being done on the MOU. The sponsor set up has changed a little bit.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the letter to Clint Evans, State Conservationist of the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service to request for EWP match funds relief to 20 percent.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report

County Treasurer Frank DeLay submitted a request to the State of Colorado for the rebate program for the people who lost their homes in the fire. That equates to rebates and taxes of \$472,000.

Treasurer DeLay provided the semi-annual report of the fund balances and the monthly reports.

Mr. Delay provided the Board with information regarding County investments.

U.S. Geological Survey Update RE: Post-East Troublesome Fire Burned Area, Debris Flow Potential

Post-fire debris-flow potential in the area burned by the East Troublesome, Colorado: 12 January 2021
Dennis M Staley, Jaime Kostelnik, and Jason W. Kean

Key Points

- 1 Post-fire debris flows can occur within minutes of intense rain, and repeatedly after fire. Elevated hazard can persist for several years following the fire.
- 2 Steep, burned watersheds including above some sections of Middle Fork Creek, East Troublesome, East Fork Troublesome Creek, Willow Creek, and Drowsy Water Creek may have elevated debris-flow susceptibility for several years following wildfire.
- 3 The U.S. Geological Survey provides estimates of debris-flow likelihood, potential magnitude, combined hazard, and rainfall threshold to improve situational awareness and reduce public risk. Data are available at: https://landslides.usgs.gov/hazards/postfire_debrisflow/

USGS –Post-fire debris-flow hazard assessments

INPUTS:

- Soil burn severity
- 53% of the East Troublesome area is burned at high and moderate severity
- Steep slopes
- Soil erodibility
- Change in vegetation cover
- Rainfall intensity (24mm/h)

RESULTS: •Debris flow likelihood

- Potential magnitude (vol estimates)
- Combined Hazard

Likelihood and rainfall threshold are determined by basin topography, severity of fire, change in vegetation cover, soil properties, and rainfall intensity.

- Most of the burn area is estimated to have a low to moderate to high level of debris flow hazard

Magnitude(m3) is determined by basin topography, severity of fire, and rainfall intensity.

****Most watersheds are estimated to produce volumes between 1,000 and 100,000 m3****

Rainfall thresholds are determined by basin topography, severity of fire, change in vegetation cover, soil properties, and rainfall intensity.

Fire-wide Rainfall Thresholds:

15-minute: 38 mmh-1(0.4 inches in 15')

30-minute: 29 mmh-1(0.6 inches in 30')

60-minute: 26.5 mmh-1(1.0 inches in 60')

Take Home Messages

- 1 Post-fire debris flows can occur within minutes of intense rain, and repeatedly after fire. Elevated hazard can persist for several years following the fire.
- 2 Steep, burned watersheds including above some sections of Middle Fork Creek, East Troublesome, East Fork Troublesome Creek, Willow Creek, and Drowsy Water Creek may have elevated debris-flow susceptibility for several years following wildfire.
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National Park Service Update RE: Burned Area Emergency Response

East Troublesome Fire

Grand Zone is 16,960 acres in RMP

Thompson Zone is 4,346 acres

Issues

- Hydrology
- Fisheries Biologist
- Soils Scientist
- Hydro Modeling
- Historic Architect
- Archaeologist
- Forestry
- Recreation
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Geospatial

Findings (Assessments)

Vegetation

- Hazard Trees
- Watershed
- Cultural
- Wildlife
- Recreation

Recommendations:

Rocky Mountain National Park – Emergency Stabilization (ES)

Treatment Total

ES-1 Burned Structure Enclosure

ES-2 Exotic Plant Control

ES-3 Elk – Moose Exclosure Fence

ES-4 Trail Stabilization

ES-5 Wilderness Campsite Safety

ES-6 Ranger Safety Patrol

ES-7 Front Country Hazard Trees

ES-8 Road Storm Patrol

ES-9 Cultural Resource Compliance

ES-10 Implementation Leader

ES-11 Culvert Trash Rack

ES-12 Burned Snowmobile Fence
ES-13 Public Safety & Resource Protection Signs

Rocky Mountain National Park – Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)

Treatment Total

- BAR-1 Exotic Plant Control
- BAR-2 Limber Pine Recovery
- BAR-3 Trail Stabilization and Rehabilitation
- BAR-4 Ranger Resource Protection Patrol
- BAR-5 Cultural Resource Compliance
- BAR-6 Implementation Leader
- BAR-7 Monitoring Equipment
- BAR-8 Wetland Vegetation Restoration

U.S. Forest Service Update RE: Burned Area Emergency Response

Liz Schnackenberg, BAER Team Leader presented:

BAER: A Program to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property and critical natural or cultural resources on NFS lands and take immediate actions to manage unacceptable risks

The Process

Values>Threats>Risk>Treatment

- Step 1. Identify critical BAER values
- Step 2. Assess for threats
- Step 3. Evaluate risk
- Step 4. Develop response strategy
- Step 5. Implement the strategy

East Troublesome BAER Challenges

- Satellite images/BARC
- Snow and access
- Personnel availability
- Covid

Fire Intensity vs Soil Severity

Fire intensity = energy or heat release during the consumption of organic matter.

Does not always indicate fire effects on soils.

Assessing Soil Burn Severity

- Soil Burn Severity determines
 - ✓ Flood risk
 - ✓ Rates of erosion
 - ✓ Vegetative recovery
 - ✓ Geologic response
 - ✓ Threats to downstream values

Initial FS BAER Assessment

- Human Life and Safety
- Hazard Trees
- Winter and summer motorized trails
- Off road/trail use
- Unknowns
- Road system– culvert failure?
- Property
- Roads
- Spring 2021 assessment
- Recreation
- Trail stabilization
- Denver Cr Campground low lying sites

Natural Resources

- Native Plant Communities
- Soil and Water

- Soil productivity, hydrologic function, water quality
 - T&E Critical Habitat- lynx
- Cultural Resources
- Site evaluation needed

Key Points

- Additional assessment spring 2021
- Roads
- North/Middle/South Supply Creek
- BAER implementation
- Continued inter-agency coordination
- Suppression repair

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 9th day of February 2021.

Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder