

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

June 22, 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
 County Manager Ed Moyer
 Assistant County Manager Micah Benson
 County Attorney Chris Leahy
 Assistant County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comments

None

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Check Register and Expenditure List to be paid on June 23, 2021, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the checks presented on June 22, 2021, for payment on June 23, 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 June 23, 2021, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the vouchers presented on June 22, 2021, for payment on June 23, 2021, for the Grand County Department of Human Services.
 The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve wire payment and vouchers presented on June 22, 2021, for payment on June 23, 2021, for Grand County.
 The motion passed unanimously.

Pandemic and Fire Costs
 as of 6-22-2021

	East Troublesome Fire			
	COVID-19	Paid	Unbilled but expected	Total Fire
2020 Cares Act/ETFire Reimbursement Allocation	\$ 701,883	\$ 20,388		\$ 20,388
Less:				
2020 Personnel costs	\$ 381,135	\$ 243,829		\$ 243,829
2020 Grand Foundation programs funded	\$ 230,000			\$ -
2020 Rural Health grant	\$ 10,000			\$ -
2020 Other operating costs	\$ 115,852	\$ 254,503	\$ 56,813	\$ 311,316
Total 2020 costs	\$ 736,987	\$ 498,332	\$ 56,813	\$ 555,146
Net 2020 (costs) after reimbursements	\$ (35,104)	\$ (477,944)	\$ (56,813)	\$ (534,758)
2021 Reimbursements Requested	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less:				
2021 Personnel costs	\$ 211,170	\$ -		\$ -
2021 Grand Foundation programs funded	\$ -			\$ -
2021 Rural Health grant	\$ -			\$ -
2021 Other operating costs	\$ 13,900	\$ 15,368		\$ 15,368
Total 2021 costs	\$ 225,070	\$ 15,368	\$ -	\$ 15,368
Net 2021 (costs) after reimbursements	\$ (225,070)	\$ (15,368)	\$ -	\$ (15,368)
Total Costs after reimbursements	\$ (260,174)	\$ (493,313)	\$ (56,813)	\$ (550,126)

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%

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issue

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022 between Grand County Department of Human/Services, Fourteenth Judicial District Probation Department, Fourteenth Judicial District Court, Grand County Public Health Department, East Grand School District, West Grand School District, Mind Springs Health, Region 1 RAE Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Division of Youth Services, West Slope CASA, Advocates for a Violence-Free Community, Mountain Family Center, Grand Beginnings, Grand County Rural Health Network, and Grand County Juvenile Services Department as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Colorado Department of Human Services and Grand County Board of Human Services for LEAP Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the extension of the sketch plan for Cougar Avenue Homesites to July 24, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Lease between Alice Marie Nordloh Family Protection Trust and the Snider Ranch and Board of County Commissioner of the County of Grand, State of Colorado for animal shelter on approximately .145 acres in the amount of \$1 per year and authorize Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Contract Amendment #4 between Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Grand County for the benefit of Grand County Public Health for the purpose to reduce and eliminate vaccine preventable diseases in Colorado from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke announced the Board is sitting as the Grand County Housing Authority.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Services Contract between Rocky Mountain Catastrophe and Restoration, Inc. and Grand County Housing Authority for mold and water damage mitigation and work located at Silver Spruce Apartments in the amount of \$3,416.41.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Consideration and Appointment of Emergency Medical Services Assistant Medical Director

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-6-13, "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR GRAND COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES"

The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Appointment of Grand County Public Health Medical Director and Assistant Medical Director

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

Commissioner Manguso moved to approved Resolution No. 2021BOH-6-14, "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICAL OFFICER AND AN ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO CRS 25

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Health Director Abbie Baker stated that the disease rates are very good. There was a minor flair-up in the last three weeks but case rates are really low.

The positivity rate in Grand County is around two percent and case rate is about six per 100,000.

Vaccine rates in Grand County are 61 to 62.7 percent. There is a lot of vaccines and appointments available across the county.

Free testing sites are now being offered in Hot Sulphur Springs.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is causing more illness. It seems to be concentrated to the western part of Colorado.

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

Manager & Attorney Items

County Manager Moyer noted that as of yesterday, the Windy Gap pumps are off.

The Shoshone Outage Protocol should come on in the next few days.

Granby is filling but will likely not spill. They are taking around 50 cfs through the Adams Tunnel.

With regard to County Road 522, the County Engineer will be providing some options to the Board.

Mr. Moyer has been working on a MOU with the Municipal Subdistrict of Northern Water in conjunction with the Windy Gap 1041 Permit. The MOU addresses the conditions 21 and 22 that are tied to the nutrient reduction plan and nutrient monitoring plan. This will use adaptive management.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-6-10, "APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, SITTING AS THE GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND GRAND COUNTY FOR THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM AND THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"

Resolution No. 2021-6-11, "APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRANBY FOUNDATION TO USE PORTIONS OF THE FLYING HEELS RODEO ARENA GROUNDS AND FACILITIES FOR LIQUOR AND CONCESSION SALES DURING CERTAIN EVENTS, SUBJECT TO BEING ISSUED A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT AND THE CONDITIONS THEREOF"

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Board Business / Correspondence / Calendar

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the letter to State Historic Fund for the grant application for Historic Fraser.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board gave direction to staff to make it know that Grand County does not oppose SHIPO.

The Board announced that it will sit as the Board of Equalization beginning July 1, 2021.

Commissioner Cimino attended the Colorado Geographic Naming Recommendation Committee meeting.

The Board had a Medical Director meeting. The Board attended an Open Lands Rivers and Trails field trip at Windy Gap and the Himbaugh property.

The Board attended a meeting of the Builders Association.

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| June 22 | Bi-Annual Town Update at Town of Granby, starting at 5:30 pm |
| June 23 | Monthly Legislators Breakfast, via Zoom, 8 to 10 am |
| June 24-25 | Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) Summer Policy Retreat in Adams County |
| June 24 | Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado River Basin Roundtable Webinar "Evaluating Conserved Consumptive Use in the Upper Colorado River", via EventBrite 9 to 10:30 am |
| June 24 | USDA Rural Development Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge Webinar, starting at 12:30 pm |
| June 24 | Presentation of tree cutting and chipping equipment at Legacy Park |

June 28 Legislative Session Town Hall with Rep. Amabile and Senator Rankin at the Granby Library, 5 to 6:30 pm
June 29 No GC BOCC Meeting (per January Resolution – Fifth Tuesday)
June 30 Airport Meeting in the GC BOCC Boardroom in Hot Sulphur Springs, 1:30 to 3 pm
June 30 Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) Mountain Migration Report via Zoom, 2 to 4 pm
July 3 Annual Fly-In and Mike Jolovich Dedication at Emily-Warner Field and Aviation Museum in Granby, 9 to 11 am
July 5 County Offices Closed in Observance of the Fourth of July Holiday
July 6 Interview with Coroner regarding the numbers of people who died of COVID-19

Fire Recovery

Presented by Emergency Manager Joel Cochran.

PURPOSE

The purpose of our staff report is to request a budget amendment to fund debris collections containers and logistics needs of the volunteer teams as they work on debris and hazard tree projects as a result of the East Troublesome Fire (ETF).

BACKGROUND

On June 15, 2021 Emergency Management participated in a workshop with the BOCC to discuss the alternatives projects for handling debris management. See Staff Report and attachments to the June 15, 2021 BOCC workshop.

Emergency Management received direction to continue working in a community partnership with the Grand Foundation and with credentialed volunteer teams. This was Alternative-2 within the discussion.

Alternative-2 was supported by the following per site cost estimates (the equipment logistics estimate in this table was increased by \$200.00 to account for increased fuel prices and hydraulic hose repairs:

Estimated Costs per Site

Ash and metal debris containers \$5,300
Equipment Logistics, repairs and fuel \$1,149
Personnel Logistics (7-person crew) \$3,465
TOTAL \$9,914

CURRENT SITUATION

Emergency Management has identified a per-site cost calculation with the Grand Foundation. Each Southern Baptist Disaster Relief – Colorado (SBDR) job site will be documented and upon job clean-up will be inspected by Emergency Management. Costs for each site will be identified and based upon the expenses in the categories above shared 50/50 with Grand County.

- Equipment and personnel logistics will be consistent for all SBDR job sites. The cost will be \$4,614.00 and at 50/50 cost share \$2,307.00.
- Container costs will be job site specific and shared 50/50, but not to exceed \$5,300.

How many job sites to plan for?

We continue to work from the destroyed home number of 366 as a baseline number. The number is +/- 10 homes but is a close estimate and based upon the initial damage assessment and newly added and some subtracted homes. The survey numbers from our work and SBDR are changing slightly as are the job numbers from SBDR. The number as of this report was 53 job orders.

We reported on June 15, 2021 these numbers which equal 356:

No homeowner information = 123
Homeowner reported 100% complete = 102
Homeowner working on debris = 35
Homeowner waiting on insurance = 47
Southern Baptist DR Job orders = 49

We adjusted the numbers based upon issued building permit numbers:

No homeowner information = 109 with 14 building permits issued
Homeowner reported 100% complete = 102 with 23 building permits issued
Homeowner working on debris = 35 with 3 building permits issued
Homeowner waiting on insurance = 47 with 4 building permits issued

Southern Baptist DR Job orders = 53 with 4 new job orders

Emergency Management recommends using a 100 job site number as a starting place for budgeting purposes. We believe within this budget amendment we will also be able to support the logistical needs for hazard tree cut work. We will need to evaluate the tree removal or chipping options once we have visibility on the scope of the cleanup project from our right of way.

Alternative 2 – Grand County per site cost share with the Grand Foundation.

We estimate a range of expenses based upon a per site cost @ \$9,914.00

- 50 homes = \$495,700 / 50/50 split with Grand County = \$247,850
- 100 homes = \$991,400 / 50/50 split with Grand County = \$495,700

SUMMARY

- For purposes of this discussion, Emergency Management is requesting a budget amendment of \$495,700.00 be added to the East Troublesome Fire line item
- Emergency Management will monitor each job site for complete cleanup
- Emergency Management will review all invoices for accuracy

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve a supplemental budget amendment request for up to 100 homes and the budget amount will be up to \$500,000 to be added to the East Troublesome Fire line item.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recovery Manager Alyssa Engles provided information on the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Right now, they have about \$600,000 as a placeholder for the emergency protective measures project. All of this will be paid on actuals.

The overtime labor and fringe benefits for Grand County employees is for 56 employees and is just under \$100,000.

Water Quality Specialist Katherine Morris stated that SGM surveyed Smith Creek, Drowsy Water Ranch, and to the east fork head gate. NRCS approved the use of technical assistance dollars to design a project on the BLM above Drowsy Water Ranch. BLM will participate on this. This is 100 percent reimbursable.

There have been five submittals for construction contracts. SGM is reviewing those.

Assistant County Manager Micah Benson stated that the CWCB grant has allocated \$1.5 million. A portion of that goes to the Watershed Recovery Coordinator position for Grand County. Northern is the fiscal agent on the grant so Ms. Benson has a MOU that defines both roles and how the money is moved.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Northern Water and Grand County for the \$1.5 million grant from CDCB.

The motion passed unanimously.

Amended Final Plat, Wildacres First Filing, Lots 5 & 6, Block 5

The Board of County Commissioners, in their May 25th review of the Wildacres Amended Final Plat Lot A proposal, requested a new plat be drawn depicting the portions of the property with a 30% slope or greater as 'No-Build' zones. The applicant's surveyor, Warren Ward, sent an email on 6/18/21 to Community Development stating:

"I did a full topo of the whole site, and found no area consisting of a slope of 30% or greater, therefore, I placed in note 4 that there is no "no build zone" based on that criteria. It is my professional opinion of which I am placing my stamp that the objective of this plat - to remove the no-build zone - is justified."

Mr. Ward has provided a new plat with a fifth plat note stating the property is located in the Three Lakes Design Review Area and is subject to all design criteria of the overlay district.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Amended Final Plat, Wildacres First Filing, Lots 5 & 6, Block 5 with conditions as presented noting the surveyor's note.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-6-15, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED FINAL PLAT OF AMENDED LOT 24 BLOCK 7, BUSSEY HILLS, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 24 AND 28, BLOCK 7, BUSSEY HILLOS LOCATED IN PARTS OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 2

NORTH, RANGE 76 WEST OF THE 6TH PM, COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO” and authorize the Chair to sign applicable documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Highway 9 Safe Passage Wildlife Crossing Final Report

Presented by Michelle Cowardin of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Highway 9 project was built in 2015 – 2016 with the seven crossing structures.

Prior to the mitigation project, 60 percent of all crashes on Highway 9 were related to wildlife/vehicle collisions. On average, there were 63 wildlife/vehicle collisions per year.

The project consisted of rebuilding Highway 9, building crossing structures, fencing, escape ramps and other mitigation features to decrease wildlife/vehicle collisions.

All five of the underpasses on Highway 9 are the same size – 42’ x 14’.

The monitoring research started in 2015 and went through 2020. There were 61 cameras at 49 different locations.

They had extreme success with species that use the structures. There have been 17 different species that use the structures. The animals using the structures are mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, moose, pronghorn, white tail deer, bears, lions, bobcats, rabbits, river otters, coyote, fox, and turkeys.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Big Game Population Trends

Area Wildlife Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife presented an update.

The Elk Management Units in Grand County is E8 and E13. The Elk plan was approved in September 2010. The current estimated population 4,563 animals. The target in the plan is 4,000.

The deer population objective is 10,500 to 14,000. The population is currently 13,476.

The seasons are now later than they have been.

They are seeing a reduction in fawn survival. The drought may be the issue with regard to the survival rate.

CPW is issuing 9,520 licenses.

The pronghorn plan was approved in 2020. The population objective 600 to 800 with a target 700. The sex ratio objectives are 35 to 40 bucks to does. The winter count produced 755.

The Moose Management Plan needs to be updated. The population objective is 190. The estimated population is 164.

There are a number of meetings with regard to the wolf introduction. The information can be found at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Submit-Public-Comments.aspx>

Board Business

Commissioner Manguso moved to approve the Kremmling Airport Ground Lease for Space D to construct a new hangar at the Kremmling-McElroy Field and authorize the Chair to sign outside the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ongoing Fire Restrictions (Actions if necessary)

Sheriff Schroetlin recommended staying with Phase 1 Fire Restrictions.

WRC – GC Digital Economic Resilience Program Funding Request

Finance Director Curtis Lange noted that the programs are great. The WRC is asking for \$500,000 to be split between two programs - \$250,000 each. One is a forestry program and the other is a local job training program.

The request is outside the County process for giving grants to non-profits. The WRC programs are not yet established in Grand County to provide services to our citizens. The WRS is located in North Carolina.

For the Forest Tech Center, it appears that the \$250,000 will be used to hire a grant writer and staff salaries. If grants are received, the funds will be used for forest fire mitigation issues using a technological opportunities.

Mr. Lange does not see a local benefit of the Forest Tech Center and believes there are too many unknowns.

Mr. Spain stated that the economic benefit to the County could be very high.

Mr. Lange stated that there is also a request for the Workforce Center of \$250,000. The program is not established locally yet. There seems to be a similar program in the US Virgin Islands. There appears to be a plan for every county in North Carolina. The timelines are uncertain.

Mr. Lange believes that it is too early to recommend funding the programs.

Economic Development Director DiAnn Butler stated that this is not the same as supporting the other non-profits in the County. This is a partnership opportunity to expand and look at how the County uniquely and authentically help the economy and diversify without changing what we love about Grand County.

Tourism jobs will never help meet the housing market in the form of salaries.

Brad White of Grand Fire One supports this request.

Eden Recor was asked to support the Davis Center concept. Government should not be stepping in and direct how things go. Mr. Recor does not support this project.

Commissioner Cimino stated that local governments have to do the initial investments. That is how the state and the federal government respond.

Commissioner Linke stated that he supports this concept. Commissioner Linke is concerned funding outside the funding process.

County Attorney Leahy is not sure that the County can use general fund money for this project. Commissioner Linke asked if the County could provide half the money up front and then get commitment from other local governments.

Commissioner Cimino stated that this would be a good investment for Grand County.

Ms. Butler stated that she has presented this information to Division of Local Government.

Commissioner Linke proposed putting the workforce development portion of the request on the next agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 6th day of July 2021.

Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder