



## COMMISSIONERS Corner

News & Updates from Grand County's  
Board of County Commissioners



Construction on an access road at Granby Airport is expected to be completed by the first week of August. The road is part of a larger project to expand the taxilane and accommodate construction of new hangars in the future.

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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

### August 3 BOCC Workshops:

11 a.m. - Water Protection, Drought  
Plan and MOU\*

\*Subject to change.  
Final agendas are posted by the Friday  
ahead of Tuesday BOCC meetings at:  
[www.co.grand.co.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.co.grand.co.us/AgendaCenter)

## SHORT-TERM RENTAL WORKSHOP

Community Development gave an update about Short Term Rentals as part of a workshop discussion on the topic. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Grand County currently has 915 STR units with an active online listing. Of those:
  - 422 have valid permits
  - 493 are unregistered (do not have a valid permit)
- In 2021, \$151,453 in STR permit revenue was projected; \$67,300 has been collected to date
- 135 STR complaints have been received between July 2020 and July 2021
  - The most common complaint was noise / parties, followed by parking and trash issues

The presentation included a comparison of Grand County's STR regulations with other towns and similar communities. Other resort communities are limiting the number of STRs by the total number, total number by zone, occupancy, and number of days the unit can be rented per year.

Fees for legally operating an STR vary widely amongst mountain and resort communities, with some charging for an annual or bi-annual license, and others charging for a license plus additional fees per sleeping area or capacity.

**The topic will be taken up by the BOCC again during the August 3 meeting, and will include a possible moratorium on new STR applications, permits and renewals.**

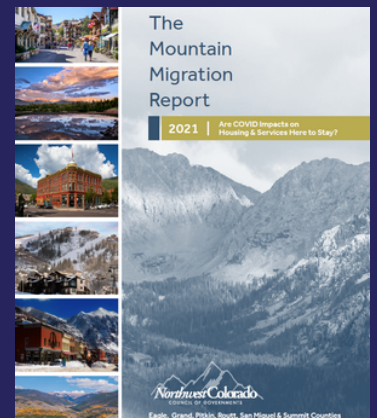
## MOUNTAIN MIGRATION REPORT

In April, the Northwest Council of Governments performed an in-depth study about the impact of COVID on housing and services in Eagle, Grand, Pitkin, Routt, San Miguel and Summit counties.

The results of the study were published in late June, and included statistics such as:

- Only 50% of housing units in the study are being occupied by full-time residents
- Only about 36% of home sales in 2020 were to full-time residents

To read the full study, visit [www.co.grand.co.us/CommunityDevelopment](http://www.co.grand.co.us/CommunityDevelopment), and click the "2021 Mountain Migration" link under Quick Links.



# BOARD BUSINESS

In addition to reviewing their correspondence and calendars, this week the BOCC discussed:

- Workshop Policy
  - Following discussion on whether Workshops should be live-streamed and broadcast via WebEx, Commissioners asked staff to draft a policy regarding accessibility methods for publicly accessible BOCC meetings, events and workshops.
- Elected Official Term Limit ballot question.

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## BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

EMS, Sheriff's Office, Community Development, Water Protection, Road & Bridge, Natural Resources, Manager's Office

In a previous BOCC meeting, Finance Director **Curtis Lange** asked Commissioners to host Workshops with each department prior to developing the 2022 budget. The purpose of the Workshops is for department heads to provide a high-level overview of changes they seek to make in their 2022 budgets. 2022 budget notices will be published mid-September, and Budget Hearings will take place October 4 - 8. **To view the full Budget Calendar, visit: [www.co.grand.co.us/Account/AnnualReports](http://www.co.grand.co.us/Account/AnnualReports) and click on the 2022 Budget Calendar link.**

Highlights from this week's Workshops include:

### EMS

- Grand County Emergency Medical Services Chief **Robert Good** stated that he is developing a 2022 budget based on the proposed mill levy not passing.
  - EMS is proposing raising the local property tax mill levy by 1.75 mills, which would provide Grand County EMS with about \$1.54 million annually in order to meet budgetary needs for staffing, building improvements, and vehicle replacements to continue serving Grand County safely, efficiently and effectively. To learn more, visit [www.co.grand.co.us/Emergency-Medical-Services](http://www.co.grand.co.us/Emergency-Medical-Services).
  - If the mill levy passes, Good will develop a supplemental budget.

### Sheriff's Office

- Grand County Sheriff **Brett Schroetlin** stated that recent State legislative changes related to police reform will have monetary implications for his office.
  - To meet the new legislative requirements, the department needs additional body cameras, systems, and increased digital storage (which is \$230 / month / camera).
  - Sheriff Schroetlin also plans to ask for a full-time employee dedicated to logging and maintaining body camera footage - which must now be retained for three years.

### Community Development

- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** stated that the department will incur a \$249,000 expense (spread over three years) from Eagleview Parcelviewer for new pictometry (aerial imagery).

### Road & Bridge

- Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** gave Commissioners a general assessment of the state of Road & Bridge equipment, buildings and fleet:
  - The truck fleet is beginning to show age, with many of the trucks at very high-mileage
  - The cost of asphalt is currently \$114 / ton
  - Baer anticipates keeping the level of magnesium chloride the department purchases the same, and is considering purchasing frack tanks for efficiency; having our own tanks would allow mag to be done across the County in a more timely fashion

### Manager's Office

- County Manager **Ed Moyer** and Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** gave a budget overview of the accounts for which the Manager's Office is responsible: Central Telephone, Colorado Sewer Enterprise Fund, County Maintenance, County Manager's Office, Fairgrounds, Flying Heels Arena, GC Mutual Ditch & Reservoir CO, Granby Landfill, Internships, Judicial Center, Middle Park Fair & Rodeo, Motor Pool, Personnel & Admin, Water Quality Fund. Specific 2022 requests included:
  - Replacement of two vehicles in the County motor pool
  - Improvements at both of the County's Fairgrounds:
    - Considering options for sprinkler systems
    - Exploring the possibility of a covered show arena in Kremmling
    - Constructing a concessions facility at Flying Heels Arena (FHAA received a \$225,000 grant for the project)

As with previous workshops, most departments are anticipating rising costs of supplies such as paper and fuel, and are expressing concerns about staffing levels. Conversations have included the need to increase hourly wages and the possibilities of using vacancy savings to increase compensation for current employees and new hires.

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer's** update included:

- Regarding the Gore Range name-change: Commissioners gave staff direction to conduct an online public opinion poll.
- The BOCC approved the County Manager and David Taussig to execute and submit the Diligence Application for the Land Fill Well No. 1 to make absolute the full decreed exchange rate of 10 gpm.
- Regarding County Rd 522: Temporary access agreements were distributed to land owners as part of Task 2, Cultural Survey Field Inventory of Wetland Areas 3, 4 and 7.

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WORKSHOP

Finance Director **Curtis Lange** led a Workshop discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act. Grand County has been awarded a total of \$3,056,145 to be used on eligible projects between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2021. (To date, we have received half of the funds; we will receive the other half in 2022.) During the Workshop, Lange outlined the four specific categories that constitute "statutory eligible uses" of the funds. Staff and the BOCC will continue discussions about possible projects and use of the funds in future meetings.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS...

- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented two items for approval:
  - The updated Kremmling Airport Layout Plan that reflects new items on the airfield, along with a request for signature of approval in order to forward to the FAA for their records. **Approved.**
  - Notice to Proceed with taxiway construction at the Granby Airport, to begin August 9. **Approved.**
- Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** presented two items for approval:
  - Indian Peaks Marina Restaurant Liquor License Renewal - **Approved.**
  - Highway 40 LLC DBA Bonfire Cannabis Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal - **Approved.**
- Emergency Manager Joel Cochran presented a grant award letter for approval:
  - The Colorado Division of Homeland Security approved a grant to Grand County in the amount of \$54,500; the grant is not related to any specific emergency - **Approved.**
- Economic Development Director **DiAnn Butler** presented a services contract with Wireless Research Center (WRC) for approval - **Approved.**
- Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented a CORE Services Plan for approval - **Approved.**
- Sheriff **Brett Schroetlin** stated Grand County continues to meet the criteria in the scientific matrix to remain in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, and also presented the Headwaters Rescue Authority Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) for review and approval:
  - The IGA creates an intergovernmental agency, the Headwaters Rescue Authority, to coordinate, mitigate and respond to surface water emergencies. **The IGA was approved.**
- Community Development Director **Robert Davis** presented five resolutions for approval; all were **Approved:**
  - Hansen Outright Exemption 2021-2-18 final plat
  - Stagecoach Meadows 2021-5-27 amended final plat
  - Wildacres First Filing 2021-6-23 2nd final plat amendment
  - Shores of Shadow Mountain 2021-6-25 amended final plat
  - Gorewood 2019-7-30 amended final plat
- Water Quality Specialist **Katherine Morris** presented a letter from the U.S. Geological Survey with costs for the USGS to install and operate an Alert Raingage network in the East Troublesome Fire burn scar through the end of the year. The cost is \$45,650. **Approved.**
- Road & Bridge Superintendent **Chris Baer** gave Commissioners an update regarding recent mudslide and water discharge activity:
  - A storage pond near the Fraser shop gave way during a storm. Corrections have since been made, and a report filed with the State; no hazardous materials were discharged into the creek as a result of the event.
  - The road surfaces have not sustained any damage due to recent mudslide activity. Some material washed out from under the asphalt, but it was replaced.



Many of the public comments we've received regarding the County Road 522 project are that "the County should just widen Highway 40..." Unfortunately, the decision to alter U.S. Hwy 40 isn't one we can make locally. State and U.S. highway projects are planned and prioritized by CDOT at the State level. While counties have input about projects, we compete with the Front Range and other metro areas for project funding and time.