



Grand County

Colorado

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

Rich Cimino | District 1
Merrit Linke | District 2



Photo courtesy County Manager Ed Moyer.

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STAFF RECOGNITION

Thank you to our employees celebrating anniversaries this month, and welcome new staff members!

ANNIVERSARIES

One Year

Hannah Wynd, Public Health
Michael Wagner, Sheriff's Office
Victor Gibson, Clerk & Recorder

Two Years

Julie Aprill, CSU Extension
Thomas Johnson, Information Systems
Gary Sidell, Maintenance

Three Years

Blake Shannon, EMS
Richard Gamblin, EMS

Four Years

Stephen Rubenstein, EMS
Richard McGraw, EMS
Allie Miller, Juvenile Services
Richard Jansing, Human Services
Maxine LaBarre-Krostue, County Attorney

Five Years

Rebecca Toro, EMS
Sarah Bausano, EMS

Nine Years

Charley Shy, EMS
Tawnya Bailey, Coroner's Office

Ten Years

DiAnn Butler, Economic Development

Eleven Years

Zac Broady, Road & Bridge

WELCOME

Troy Simon, MP Fairgrounds Manager
Nathaniel Johnson, Road & Bridge
Stephanie Chou, EMS
Dalton Corbett, EMS
Krista Conrad, Public Health Intern
Travis Wildeboer, EMS
Marcy Wheatley, Treasurer
Caitlyn Corcoran, CSU Extension Intern
Mia Rimmer, EMS Intern
Misty Emerson, Assessor's Office



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

June 22 | Legislator Monthly Breakfast

June 22 | Peak Materials Open House (2270
County Rd 5, Fraser) 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 23 | AGNC Legislative Call

June 23 | CO Municipal League Conference
CO Assoc. of Ski Towns Reception
(Breckenridge)

June 24 | CCI HB22-1117 Lodging Tax
Huddle (Zoom)

June 27 | CO Basin Roundtable

June 28 | **ELECTION DAY**

June 29 | Regular BOCC Meeting

[Click here to view the BOCC's full calendar.](#)



GC EMS EMT **Sarah Bausano** (top) and Economic Development Director **DiAnn Butler** (bottom) were recognized for milestone employment anniversaries. Paramedic **Rebecca (Polyack) Toro** was not present for a photo.



Fire Restrictions: None

As of 6/21/22:
Based on the scientific fire matrix used for the northwest Colorado region, **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin** recommended no fire restrictions at this time.

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioner Kristen Manguso's resignation in order to accept the position of Community Development Director was effective Monday, June 20, 2022 at 5 p.m. Commissioner Cimino nominated Commissioner Linke to serve as Chair for the remainder of the year; Commissioner Linke accepted the appointment.

MANAGER'S UPDATE County Manager Ed Moyer

- **Windy Gap Connectivity Project:**
 - Manager and project partners have been meeting with NRCS leadership and Senator Bennett's office to expedite execution of the watershed plan authorization and construction agreement.
- **County Road 522:**
 - Manager and Assistant Manager are working with property owners on access agreements for a planned site visit by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and also for the appraisal of the right-of-way.
- **Community Development**
 - Manager met with several developers along with Community Development staff to keep projects moving forward during the transition to a new Community Development Director.
- Peak Materials is hosting an open house at the asphalt plant on County Road 5 tomorrow (Wednesday, June 22) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help address citizen complaints about air quality and opacity. Peak will be discussing plant improvements made earlier in the year, along with upcoming projects.
 - Manager has made multiple requests for the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment to visit Peak's operations. (The State is responsible for mitigation air quality complaints.)
- Mr. Moyer's request to waive certain provisions within the Personnel Manual: Section 4.04, Elected Official Employment After Terms in regards to Commissioner Manguso's resignation in order to accept the Community Development Director position was approved after hearing a citizen's comment on the matter.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT WORK GROUP

The BOCC had previously appointed Public Health Deputy Director **Laura "Ellen" Parri** to represent Grand County on the Region 1 (Northwest Colorado) Opioid Settlement Work Group. Ms. Parri gave an update regarding the Work Group's discussions and progress.

Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors. These settlements will provide substantial funds to states for abatement of the Opioids epidemic across the country.

Colorado counties have the choice to either receive settlement funds directly to implement their own plan, or opt out and re-direct those funds to their Region. Via the Workgroup, Region 1 representatives have recommended pooling funds to maximize their effectiveness. Commissioners supported this collaborative, regional approach, and approved Grand County opting out of receiving funds directly and instead directing its funding to Region 1. [Click here to read more about the Settlement.](#)

SB19-188 | FAMLI PROGRAM

Human Resources Director **Colleen Reynolds** provided an update regarding Colorado Senate Bill 19-188, FAMLI Family Medical Leave Insurance: Concerning the creation of a family and medical leave insurance program, and, in connection therewith, creating an implementation plan for a family and medical leave insurance program and making an appropriation.

Per the bill, local governments have three options:

1. Participate in FAMLI,
2. Decline all participation in FAMLI,
3. Decline employer participation in the program (but allow individual employees to participate).

At this time, the BOCC chose option 2, pending additional information from the State about the program and its administration. [Click here to read the full memo.](#)

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

Vouchers and wire payments presented at a Special Meeting Monday, June 20 for payment by Finance Director **Curtis Lange** were approved as presented.

Human Services

A user agreement with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for use of the CJIS system for non-criminal justice agencies presented by Human Services Director **Deb Ruttenberg** was approved as presented.

Emergency Medical Services

County Manager **Ed Moyer** recommended appointing **Dr. Darcy Selenke** and **Captain Erich Barber** as Grand County representatives on the Foothills RETAC Board of Directors. The RETAC asks each of its five counties to appoint three regular members and one alternate to the Foothills RETAC Board of Directors. Both appointments were approved, and Commissioners thanked Dr. Selenke and Captain Barber for their willingness to serve on this volunteer-based board.

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Manager **Joel Cochran** gave an update about **Team Rubicon's** fire mitigation work in Grand County:

- 109 work requests have been received
- 79 home assessments have been performed
- 31 mitigation projects have been completed

The team will be in the County until mid July. Commissioners would like to thank the veteran volunteers performing the fire mitigation work, and also the businesses and organizations helping support Team Rubicon members during their stay - including Middle Park High School, which is housing team members.

Mr. Cochran also gave an update regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); GCOEM has withdrawn from the FEMA grant application after receiving other alternative funding for fuels reduction projects.

Water Protection

Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update about Emergency Water Protection (EWP) projects:

- The bulk of the work in the Drowsy Water drainage has been completed. NRCS is recommending pursuing a project at the culverts on County Road 219. The project completed further up the drainage is now conveying water, sediment, and debris downstream to the County culverts which are creating a pinch point. Engineering is underway.
- Work on the Landslide and East Fork ditches is anticipated to begin in late July / early August.
- Work on the Corral Creek culvert will begin shortly.
- Construction is underway on private property projects in the Kinney Creek area.
- Troublesome Creek Ranch is in design phase.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Road & Bridge

A contract amendment from C.G.R.S., Inc. to repair a damaged power line at the Granby fuel station presented by Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** was approved as presented.

Housing Authority

An application for Exemption from Affordable Housing Transfer Fee by the Grand Land Company for Coyote Creek at Winter Park, Lot 21 Units 40 - 49 presented by Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** was approved as presented by the Housing Authority Board.

Coroner

Chief Deputy Coroner **Tawyna Bailey** received a scholarship to attend the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Conference in Las Vegas July 17-22. Ms. Bailey's out-of-state travel request was approved.

Ms. Bailey and **Coroner Brenda Bock** also addressed the BOCC regarding SB22-065, Modification to County Coroners' Salaries: Concerning the status of elected county coroners in class II, III, and IV counties. Grand is a category III-B county. In consultation with the County Coroner, Commissioners approved the County Coroner as a full-time position. The County Coroner salary will now be equal to the salaries of Commissioners, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer and Assessor.

Airport Advisory Committee

Airport Advisory Committee members **Justin Andersen** and **Dennis Carpenter** gave an update:

- Traffic tracking boxes have been installed at both the Kremmling and Granby airports to collect data about the types of aircraft utilizing the airports. The data collected will provide more accurate records of the traffic at both airports; year-over-year, the data indicates a 20% increase in traffic at the Kremmling Airport.
- The committee is sending a questionnaire to all Colorado airports as a means of comparing Grand County's airports operations to other airports in the state.
- The committee is also looking into bringing an old dirt cross runway back into service at the Kremmling Airport.

PUBLIC HEARING

Grand County Ordinance 19 Burn Permits, Penalties Section (continued from June 7, 2022) | Approved.

SULPHUR RANGER DISTRICT

The U.S. Forest Service recently hired **Eric Freels** as the District Ranger for the Sulphur Ranger District. Mr. Freels introduced himself and discussed a variety of topics, including trail closures due to the East Troublesome and Williams Fork fires, as well as the Northern Water / Grand County / USFS / BLM aerial mulching project. The BOCC welcomed Mr. Freels and looks forward to working with him.