



COMMISSIONERS Corner

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

Richard Cimino | District 1
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“What if
today we were just
GRATEFUL
for everything?”
~ Charlie Brown

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WORKSHOP: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Commissioners discussed Grand County's 2023 legislative priorities, including: Maintaining local control of issues related to land use, water, and environmental stewardship; Unfunded mandates; Broadband expansion; Protection of the agriculture and tourism industries; Construction defect laws; School funding; Short term rentals.

Commissioners will be hosting **Rep. Dylan Roberts** during the January 3, 2023 regular meeting to discuss legislative priorities. *As this was a Workshop, no decisions were made.*

BOARD BUSINESS

- Regarding County Road 22: Following Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice, BOCC gave direction for the County Attorney to move forward with sending notice pursuant to the contract and bond documents.
- Board appointments:
 - Commissioners approved re-appointments to the 911 Board to two-year terms as recommended by East Grand Fire Protection District **Chief Todd Holzwarth**: Sheriff Brett Schroetlin, Fraser Assistant Town Manager Michael Brack, EMS Chief Robert Good and Chief Holzwarth.
 - Commissioners gave direction for staff to contact Tourism Board Executive Director **Lindsey Morrow** regarding board appointment recommendations.
 - The BOCC will be reviewing Airport Advisory Board, Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board, Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, CWCP and CAPP appointments at a future meeting.
- **Commissioner Cimino** gave an update regarding a recent Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) legislative priorities meeting.
- **Commissioner George** gave an update regarding the "Water Law in a Nutshell" workshop he and several staff members attended last week.
 - Commissioners had a lengthy discussion regarding local control and 1041 permit authority.
- **Commissioner Linke** gave an update regarding a recent Colorado Parks & Wildlife meeting he attended and spoke regarding wolf management. [Click here to learn more about CPW's plan to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado per State statute 33-2-105.8.](#)



COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

- Nov 23** | Commissioner/Legislator Monthly Breakfast Meeting
- Nov 23** | Peak Health Alliance Board Meeting
- Nov 28** | Colorado Basin Roundtable
- Nov 29** | **NO BOCC Meeting - 5th Tuesday**
- Nov 30** | DOLA Disaster Resilience Rebuilding Presentation
- Dec 5** | WP Transit Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Gobble Gobble!

County offices will be **closed** Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANK YOU to our first responders, Road & Bridge and other staff who remain in service throughout the holiday weekend to keep our residents and visitors safe!



MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

County Road 522

Manager presented drawings of the segment of County Road 522 near County Roads 50 and 731, where the County Engineer has redesigned the proposed right-of-way to avoid the Xcel Energy substation.

Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Grand County, and authorized the chair to sign outside of meeting. The MOA is one of the requirements for the County's 404 Permit to be extended.

Commissioners also approved and authorized the Chair to sign the final Monitoring & Discovery Plan outside of meeting. The Monitoring Plan requires a qualified, professional archeologist to be onsite at all times during construction of County Road 522 adjacent to the POW camp.

- County Manager will be out of the office November 30 through December 9. As such, the BOCC approved Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** as a signatory for documents and contracts in amounts up to \$100,000 typically signed by the Manager.
- Commissioners and Manager's Office will be meeting with TG&A later this afternoon to discuss the firm's grant research and writing services.
- Regarding snow removal operations on County Road 17: Ms. Benson stated that the road has been maintained as a Schedule A road with limited maintenance operations beyond Hinman Reservoir.
 - Staff was unable to locate documentation for maintenance on County Road 17. Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation that the County is unable to extend plowing beyond the Reservoir at this time.
- Weather permitting, a documentary team will be onsite at the Granby Airport next week filming the Emily Warner 50th Anniversary Great Colorado Women documentary.
- Ms. Benson also provided an update regarding conversations with hangar owners at the County's two airports about the amount of liability insurance they are required to maintain.
 - The level of insurance required of contractors and service providers is established by governmental immunity limits, as set by the Colorado Secretary of State.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Final Plat, Byers Peak Filing 2, Lots 1 & 3 | Approved with amended conditions.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

Vouchers and wire payments presented for payment by Finance Director **Curtis Lange** were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Office

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Kremmling and the Grand County Sheriff's Office extending GCSO's operational oversight to the employees of the Kremmling Police Department through January 15, 2023 was approved as presented by **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin**.

Public Health

A timeline for civil penalty fees for retail food operators who fail to make timely payment of the license renewal fee was approved as presented by Environmental Health Program Supervisor **Hannah Wynd**.

Housing Authority

A down payment assistance loan contingent on the property appraisal was approved as presented by Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland**.

Human Services

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** provided an update regarding the Collaborative Management Program. On December 8, the Collaborative Management group will vote whether to move the program's management from Grand County Human Services to the Mountain Family Center, which would remove Grand County as the fiscal agent for that program.

WATER PROTECTION UPDATE

Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris** and Water Quality Specialist **Kayli Foulk** gave an update regarding water protection programs, including:

- Colorado River Connectivity Channel (Windy Gap)
- Moffat Firing Project / CRCA Implementation
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds Framework
- Cyanobacteria Monitoring
- Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN)
- Learning By Doing
- CDPHE Standards
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP), Post Fire Recovery
- Water Availability: Colorado Fall Soil Moisture
- Grand Lake Adaptive Management for Clarity

Click here to view the presentation, and details for each program.

INTEGRATED RESPONSE AAR

Office of Emergency Management Director **Alexis Kimbrough** presented an After-Action Report for the Integrated Response (Active Shooter) Exercise that took place in Grand County in September.

Funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant, and instructed by National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT), the multi-agency training took place over three days, and involved all of Grand County's first response agencies, both school districts, hospitals and several County offices that have roles during emergencies.