

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

September 15, 2020

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

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of August 25, 2020, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Housing Authority

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

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and sign the Vehicle Lease Agreements for the 1998 Dodge and 2005 Chevrolet vans as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

General Public Comments

Bryce McCallum stated that he owns property off Highway 34.

Mr. McCallum came to speak about the Special Use Permit that was pulled from the meeting today due to multiple violations by Beacon Landing Marina.

Mr. McCallum stated that he has a historic easement on the property. It was been in tact since 1914.

Mr. McCallum was contacted by Mr. Dewey last summer and asked if Mr. McCallum would change his easement. Mr. McCallum did not want to change the easement.

Mr. Dewey had a new easement written up and recorded in the real estate records.

Mr. McCallum stated that he was never notified of the hearing held on this property last year.

Mr. McCallum stated that the Special Use Permit is being violated.

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on September 16, 2020, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the vouchers presented on September 15, 2020, for payment on September 16, 2020, for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the checks presented on September 15, 2020 for payment on September 16, 2020 for the Grand County Housing Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the wire payment and vouchers presented on September 15, 2020, for payment on September 16, 2020 for Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Potential Coronavirus effect to 2020 budget

REVENUES

Sales and Lodging taxes, Building and Short-Term Rental fees, and Highway Users taxes are all expected to be lower than originally budgeted for 2020. Sales taxes are projected to be 95% of the budgeted level and Lodging taxes are projected to be 80% of the annual budget. Building permits are projected to be 80% of the original budget amount. Short-Term Rental renewals are projected to be 100% of the budgeted level. Highway User Taxes are projected to be slightly lower than budgeted for 2020. Airport reimbursements for projects are projected to be increased from 95% to 100% of costs. Federal Cares Act reimbursements for COVID 19 expenses estimated to be \$700k .

	Current expected	2020 Budget
Sales tax	\$6,868,500	\$7,230,000
Lodging tax	\$ 969,000	\$1,292,000
Building permits	\$ 749,360	\$ 936,700
Short-term rental fees	\$ 136,300	\$ 136,300
Clerk & Recorder	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
Airport project reimbursements	\$4,849,000	\$4,624,000
Highway Users tax	\$1,909,000	\$2,009,000
Cares Act Reimbursement	\$ 701,000	\$ -
Total	\$16,982,160	\$17,028,000

Revenues expected to be lower \$46 in 2020

EXPENDITURES in excess of budget per month

	Spent 3/14 thru 9/14	Projected Monthly	Expected Costs thru 12/31
Emergency Operation Center personnel	\$263,445	\$53,294	\$452,048.27
Grand Foundation Business Grant Program & PPE	\$130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000
Isolation facility @ 100k/ mo	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
County OT (predominately PH & Sheriff thru 8/7)	\$ 16,756	\$ 3,427	\$ 28,751.77
Other Operating expenses	\$105,303	\$21,539	\$180,690.92
Totals	\$525,505	\$78,853	\$ 801,491

Expenditures expected to be higher \$801k

Expected effect on 2020 budget (\$847K)

Projected Budget Deficits and Postponed or Eliminated Operations and Projects

Projected County wide effects to Fund Balance	\$(847,000)
Add back Restricted Funds using restricted fund balance to cover deficits	
Lodging taxes	\$323,000
Open Lands, Rivers and Trails	\$ 83,423
Use TABOR emergency reserve for COVID-19 unbudgeted expenditures	\$ -
Less Restricted Funds using surplus to cover costs	
Airports - FFA increased project funding to 100%	\$(285,000)
Total budget shortfall less restricted funds	\$(725,577)
% Unrestricted fund balance of operating budget	31%

Postponed or Eliminated Operations and Projects

Hiring freeze projected savings	\$500,000
Excess Hire Lag savings over budget	\$420,500
Pay plan consultant cancelled	\$ 40,000
Windy Gap pumping plan cancelled	\$ 35,000
Internship program cancelled	\$ 25,000
Total Budget Shortfall less restricted funds and these projects	\$294,923
% Unrestricted fund balance of operating budget	36%

Finance Director recommended Hinkle and Company as the County auditor. The Board gave direction to engage Hinkle and Company for the County audits.

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

Commissioner Linke moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-9-6, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR THE RATZLAFF OUTRIGHT EXEMPTION, W1/2 & E1/2, W1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 77 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO" and authorize the Chair to sign all applicable documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Board of Health

Commissioner Manguso announced that the Board is sitting as the Board of Health.

Abby Baker, Deputy Director of Grand County Public Health stated that there have been no new COVID cases since September 6, 2020.

There are six people on quarantine or isolation.

Ms. Baker is working with the state lab to ensure that all of the negative results are being reported.

Dr. Selenke is working with a team on an operational plan for businesses to be open this winter.

Commissioner Manguso announced that the Board is sitting as the Board of Commissioners.

Manager and Attorney Items

Commissioner Cimino to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Managed Service Agreement between UMR and Grand County for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Kate McIntire presented the weekly update.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2020-9-3, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR GROUND LEASE AND AN AMENDMENT TO GRANBY AIRPORT HANGAR GROUND LEASE FOR AIRPLANE HANGAR NO. 20 LOCATED AT THE GRANBY-GRAND COUNTY AIRPORT, EMILY WARNER FIELD"

Resolution No. 2020-9-4, "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 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PITKIN COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, COLORADO AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, EACH SITTING AS ITS RESPECTIVE BOARD OF SOCIAL OR HUMAN SERVICES, FOR CONTINUATION OF THE NORTHWEST COLORADO REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE"

Resolution No. 2020-9-5, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WINTER PARK AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE WINTER PARK LIFT OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT"

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to appoint Rich Cimino to the Legislative Committee of CCI as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board members attended the Mayors and Managers meeting.

September 17 Meeting with Town of Hot Sulphur Springs Trustees at 7:00 p.m. – Commissioner Manguso and Cimino
September 18 & 19 Club 20 Fall conference – Commissioners Cimino and Linke

Grand Enclave Subdivision – Sketch Plan

PROJECT NAME: Grand Enclave Subdivision-Sketch Plan
APPLICANT: Grand Enclave Investments, LLC represented by Roger Ladd, Engineer: Tim Gagnon Core Consultants
LOCATION: Part of the SW ¼, of the NW ¼, of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 35, T1N, Range 76 West, 250GCR 854 (aka Tabernash Drive)
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Grand County Master Plan, Grand County Zoning Regulations, Grand County Subdivision Regulations
ZONING: F–Forestry and Open District
ATTACHMENTS:
a) Vicinity Map
b) Sketch Plan (Plat)
c) Application and Narrative letter
STAFF PLANNER: Alexander Taft, LEED Green Associate
REQUEST: The Applicant is proposing a subdivision to create fourteen (14) parcels on an approximately 78 acre parcel entirely surrounded by existing single family residential subdivisions.

I. BACKGROUND a. PROPOSAL

Grand Enclave Investments represented by Roger Ladd, the Applicant, is proposing a fourteen (14) parcel single family detached subdivision. The subject property has been owned by the Applicant since October 2005. Between 2005 and 2008, several proposals were reviewed by Grand County but were stalled because of the Great Recession in 2008. Those proposals considered approximately 42 acres and contained a maximum of three lots consistent with the Minor Subdivision Regulations, which have since been repealed.

The lots range in size from 2.31 acres to 7.33 acres, all compliant with the minimum area required for Residential District parcels being served by well and on-site waste water treatment systems. They are accessed by a single road which travels approximately 2,100' and allows several points for turnaround for emergency and personal vehicles alike. The site is located in Rural Growth Area #1 of the Master Plan.

b. HISTORY

The surrounding single family, single dwelling per parcel subdivisions include Winter Park Highlands Unit 5, Winter Park Highlands Greenridge, and Tabernash Village West. These were all developed between 1970 and 1980 and to date are not entirely built out. Significant features important to current development is the location of open space or “park” tracts which border the subject property and could be an important open space connection for trails or drainage. These tracts are under private ownership, not public or a homeowners association.

As referenced in a previous Staff recommendation dated October 17, 2006, the property was formerly a property owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as an “in holding” and acquired as part of a land exchange process. In 2006, a proposed Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat was reviewed and approved by Grand County but did not proceed because of the economic recession.

c. EXISTING REPORTS

Traffic Impact Analysis by Gagnon & Hayne dated January 11, 2007 reviews the conditions of the road network leading to the proposed development and estimated traffic volumes. The Analysis reports approximately 60% of total build out at this point.

A letter provided by JVA Consulting Engineers dated January 31, 2007 notes the single access. Comments were made about requests for variance to both the single point of access and distance of turnarounds which are still applicable today.

The Application narrative describes the natural drainage on site leading to Silver Creek to the south as a collector to the Fraser River Basin. Phase I Drainage Report by Gagnon & Hayne dated January 11, 2007, report that the site overlaps five historic drainage basins in the area. The soils and drainage are generally suitable for construction. There is potential for impacts to one drainage basin which would lead to greater than historic flows and the requirement of a detention basin.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

The Applicant proposes to build fourteen (14) single family detached parcels on approximately 78 acres. The plan meets criteria as set forth in the Master Plan for the Winter Park Highlands neighborhood which is located within the Tabernash Urban Growth Area (Chapter 3 -2.1 Growth & 4.2 Infrastructure).

The character of the surrounding development is similar to what is being proposed. The subject parcel is surrounded by single family detached development with the exception of large vacant parcels directly to the east and west. The density of the proposed development is approximately .25 du/acre which is similar to densities of surrounding developments.

The use of well and septic is expected, since there is no public water or sewer within a feasible proximity to create extension. The applicant stated they would like to be able to store an acre foot of water and was working on an agreement with Tabernash Water. With available water, depending on the water augmentation plan, Staff understands this to be the highest and best use of the property.

There are adjacent roads which could serve this development as well as support existing homes throughout the surrounding neighborhood. The traffic analysis report that the roads which serve the approach to the development are not at or near capacity. Given that this study is over ten years old, a Phase II/III Traffic Study is recommended.

Staff has detailed compliance requirements with the anticipated Preliminary Plat Submittal in Section III (c) below. Staff notes that in their research, there is no current plan for augmentation allowing the proposed lots to be served by wells. The Applicant shall be put on notice that no Preliminary Plat will be accepted by Grand County without confirmation from the Applicant that water augmentation is in process.

III. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Planning Commission reviewed this application during their regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Staff presented general background information and some history of the property, letting the project engineer, Tim Gagnon, discuss the challenges on the site.

Tim Gagnon explained the reasons and thinking behind a single road to serve the 14 lots. The primary reason for this decision is that the access to roads below the proposed development to the south are very steep and could not meet the grades in the Road and Bridge Standards. Also, there are turn arounds located at greater intervals which allows clusters of four (4) lots where road and emergency vehicles can turn around in those accesses.

There was further discussion about a potential for a fire suppression cistern as required by Grand Fire Protection District No. 1. The Commissioners asked about the location of a possible 30,000 gallon cistern as there have been several other located in the area over the past decade. It was discussed to locate the proposed cistern in the center of the site. The Applicant stated that they are working with the Fire District to find the best location.

The Planning Commission also discussed and questioned where buildable areas would be, issue of previous encroachments with Federal lands, what would be the impact of the proposal on view corridors, a possible trail connection south of the property running through the proposed opens space and review of the proposal by the Headwaters Trails Alliance.

One last topic of discussion brought up by the Commissioners is the location of trash pickup. The Commissioners cited the difficulty of trash trucks moving in and out of the site as well as in the general area as a concern. It is known that bears are often a problem in this area too, requiring containers to be secured. The Applicant agreed that between trash and recycling they would look into a community storage and collection system.

Planning Commission unanimously recommended the approval of the Grand Enclave Sketch Plan as presented by Staff with the following conditions to be met prior to submitting an application for Preliminary Plat approval:

1. No Preliminary Plat will be accepted by Grand County without confirmation from the Applicant that water augmentation is in process.
2. The Applicant shall map and identify areas of steep grade (in excess of 30%) and geologic hazards, these areas shall be noted on the Final Plat as non-development zones [2.1(1&2)].
3. Two points of ingress/egress as required by Section 2.2, paragraph 14 is required and if it cannot be met, a variance shall be requested with the Preliminary Plat [2.2].
4. The proposed length of the subject new street is 2,100 feet will require a variance if the block length requirement cannot be met.

5. This road shall be deeded to the public through a Quit Claim Deed recorded in conjunction with the Plat [2.5].
6. Open space shall be included on a land use table in the Preliminary Plat submittal [2.5].
7. Phase III Drainage Report which complies with Grand County Storm Drainage and Technical Criteria manual shall be submitted with the Preliminary Plat [2.7].
8. Soils analysis shall be provided with the Preliminary Plat to verify OWTS can be designed in accordance to these regulations and those requirements as set within Regulation 43 as amended by Grand County and to verify radon concentrations [2.7].
9. As required by State Law, the Applicant shall research and verify sub-surface mineral extraction rights [2.8].
10. The Applicant shall submit soil studies provided at Preliminary Plat and shall include information on radon hazards within the subject parcel to be developed.
11. Plat review agencies during Preliminary Plat shall include:
 - Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. (MPEI)
 - Xcel
 - Centurylink
 - Comcast
 - Colorado State Forest Service
 - Grand Fire Protection District No. 1
 - Colorado Geologic Survey
 - East Grand School District
 - State Engineers Office (Division of Water)
 - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - Headwaters Trails Alliance
 - Grand County Road and Bridge
 - Grand County Office of Emergency Management (added by Staff for BOCC consideration)
 - Grand County Consulting Engineer
 - Grand County Division of Natural Resources Plus any additional required by Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.
12. If accepted by the school district, impact fees in lieu of land shall be paid prior to recording the Final Plat.
13. The Applicant shall meet all Preliminary Plat requirements.

The applicant has obtained a draft agreement to store water with Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation District.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Grand Enclave Subdivision-Sketch Plan with conditions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to remove the 10:30 agenda item.

The motion passed unanimously.

Byers Peak Ranch, 1041 Permit (Major Extension of Water and Sewer) – Public Hearing

The public hearing scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. was called to order by Chair Manguso at 11:00 a.m. County Attorney Leahy set the record as follow:

- A. Grand County Development Application, dated July 21, 2020
- B. Vicinity Map depicting the Notification buffer as established by the Grand County GIS
- C. Interested Parties Memo, dated August 10, 2020
- D. Middle Park Times Public Notice, dated August 6, 2020
- E. Proof of Publication Middle Park Times, dated August 13, 2020
- F. Mailing list to all property owners within the notification buffer established by the Grand County GIS
- G. Byers Peak Ranch Sketch Plan dated April 30, 2020
- H. Title Company of the Rockies Title commitment, dated May 30, 2020
- I. Byers Peak Ranch Out of town service agreement with Town of Fraser, May 17, 2020
- J. Letter from Fraser Town Board to Grand County Board of County Commissioners, dated January 9, 2020
- K. Letter from Fraser Town Manager Jeffery L. Durbin to Grand County Board of County Commissioners, dated April 17, 2020
- L. Byers Peak Ranch Phase II Master Drainage Report prepared by Core Consultants dated April 17, 2020
- M. Byers Peak Ranch Master Utility Report prepared by Core Consultants dated August 10, 2020
- N. Aquatic Resource Verification letter provided by US Army Corps of Engineers, Benjamin R. Wilson, dated June 4, 2020

- O. Aquatic Resource inventory for Byers Peak Ranch prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants, dated January, 2020
- P. Byers Peak Ranch Application for Grand County 1041 Permit Hazard Review dated July I, 2020
- Q. Draft 1041 Permit
- R. Community Development, Planning and Zoning Certificate of Recommendation dated September 15, 2020
- S. Community Development, Planning and Zoning Power Point dated September 15, 2020
- T. Union Pacific Railroad Pipeline Crossing Agreement dated June 23, 2020

PROJECT NAME: Byers Peak Ranch–1041 Permit for extension of a collection and distribution system
APPLICANT: Byers Peak Properties, LLC, represented by Clark Lipscomb
LOCATION: 295 acres of land in the South ½ and the Southeast ¼ of Section 19 and the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 75 West of the 6th P.M. County of Grand, State of Colorado
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Grand County Master Plan
REGULATIONS: Grand County 1041 Regulations
ZONING: Residential & Forestry and Open District-R&F
ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Grand County Development Application
- B. Vicinity Map
- C. Draft 1041 Permit

STAFF PLANNER: Alexander Taft, LEED Green Associate
REQUEST: Review 1041 Permit to extend water and sewer service into the development with in the 295 acre property.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL.

Byers Peak Properties, LLC represented by Clark Lipscomb (“Applicant”) is the current owner of approximately 295 acres located just outside of the Town of Fraser by Warranty Deeds recorded at Reception No’s. 2007-000719 and 2009-000279, respectively, of the Grand County Records.

Byers Peak Ranch is a proposed development adjacent to the Town of Fraser in unincorporated Grand County. The Applicant is actively developing plats for development of approximately twenty five (25) acres of the total 295 acre development.

The Applicant is proposing a multiple phase development consisting of single/multi-family residential units, and resort lodge and hotel type units which are located adjacent to and south of the Town of Fraser.

The proposal calls for a total of 2,533 single family, multi-family and lodge units on approximately 250 acres of land. 2,408 dwelling units would consist of single and multi-family while 125 would be lodge units. Overall, the 2,533 units results in 10.3 units/acre.

During the process of platting a portion of the property, Staff identified the need for a 1041 Permit application to be submitted consistent with Section 2.7 Design Standards for Drainage, Sewer and Water, paragraph two (2) which refers to the “Grand County Administrative Regulations for Areas and Activities Designated as Matters of State Interest” commonly referred to as the 1041 Permit regulations. Within the 1041 Regulations Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-103 “Definitions”, paragraph 3 states:

Major extension of an existing domestic water treatment system: The expansion of existing domestic water treatment plants or any extension of existing water supply systems to service an additional population equivalent of twenty (20) single family dwelling units or the equivalent thereof in other areas. Staff has interpreted that these provisions listed in Chapter 4, a 1041 Permit is applicable to the development of Byers Peak Ranch.

II. RECOMMENDATION

This application for a 1041 Permit was reviewed by the Planning Commission during the regular meeting on August 12, 2020.

During that discussion one of the commissioners brought up a confusing point that there were inconsistencies in the total density at buildout of the property. Staff agreed and suggested that an approach to this may be that the 295 acres be included in this area to be served since we anticipate over time full build out will be achieved. The Applicant suggested that 2,533 unit count was the more likely the appropriate one and the system is designed to accommodate for this density.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend the approval of the 1041 Permit for Byers Peak Ranch (the “Development”) to install and operate water and sanitary sewer service connecting the Development with the

distribution system currently operated by the Town of Fraser as presented by Staff with the following conditions:

- 1) Operational capacity shall be verified before review by BOCC § 4-103 (f).
- 2) Proof of application for utility crossing required by UPRR shall be submitted prior to the BOCC public hearing § 4-103 (f).
- 3) The Applicant shall provide the most current CDPHE water compliance documents prior to BOCC § 4-103 (u).
- 4) Permit approval will expire after one year from permit approval unless construction of the project has commenced. Construction is defined as entering into a contract with Town of Fraser for the physical placement of equipment, piping, and/or earthwork that is part of the proposed installation of main lines across UPRR Right of Way.
- 5) Standard permit conditions including off-site construction impacts, noxious weeds, and blight.
- 6) Any additional conditions to be added by the Planning Commission or Board of County Commissioners.

The Board noted that 1 through 3 and 6 have been met.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Byers Peak Ranch–1041 Permit for extension of a collection and distribution system with Conditions 4 and 5 only.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to close the Public Hearing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Restrictions – Discussion

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin recommends that Grand County remain in Stage 2 Fire ban. The County is currently at four of the seven criteria.

The Stage 3 was removed for the Forest Service land.

Bustang / Outrider Craig-to-Denver Route Presentation

Background

- Bustang, CDOT's branded bus service, began in 2015 with routes from Denver to Glenwood Springs, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs
- In 2018, Bustang expanded to include Outrider – a regional bus network designed to connect rural Colorado with a single, easy-to-navigate service
 - Before Outrider, rural areas relied on a fragmented bus service – individual routes, each with different schedules, vehicles and fare structures

Benefits

The purpose of Outrider is to offer the following benefits:

- Gives riders reliable service, new buses, consistent schedules, reduced fare costs, convenient connections and reliable, on-time service
- Offers travel for seniors, students, disabled citizens, and others without personal transportation means
- Provides options for travel between rural communities for medical appointments, shopping, or connecting to the broader transportation system for longer trips to Denver, Denver International Airport, etc.
- Drives traffic to smaller, rural communities
- Provides jobs for residents in rural communities
- Affordable and convenient travel for tourists

Existing Routes

Outrider currently services four routes:

1. Gunnison-Denver (daily)
2. Alamosa-Pueblo (daily)
3. Lamar-Colorado Springs (five days per week)
4. Durango-Grand Junction (daily)

COVID-19 Precautions

*In Response to the COVID-10 pandemic, Outrider operators will take the following precautions to keep drivers and passengers safe:

All buses will undergo daily enhanced cleaning and sanitizing

- Selected seats onboard will be physically blocked to ensure proper social distancing
- Drivers will be issued proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Each bus will be supplied with face masks (for personal use), latex gloves and personal hand sanitizers
- Each bus will have a “security driver door” when available
- Riders will be offered free hand sanitizer wipes while boarding the bus
- Face masks are required for drivers and passengers

Outrider is proposing to expand service to four new routes starting in 2021:

1. Sterling-Greeley
2. Telluride-Grand Junction
3. Trinidad-Pueblo
4. Craig-Denver

Funding (Federal)

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Intercity Bus Program 5311(f)
 - Outrider is the re-branding of the current 5311(f) program administered by CDOT for several years
 - 5311(f) seeks to support the connection between non urbanized areas and the larger regional or national intercity bus service systems
 - Outrider is funded from the 5311(f) requirement to expend 15% of its apportionment for an intercity bus program
 - CDOT currently receives approximately \$1.8M/year in FTA Section 5311(f) funds

Funding (State)

FASTER Statewide Program

- Signed in 2009, the FASTER Act generates about \$200 million every year for state transportation projects through vehicle registration fees
- Allows the state of Colorado to improve roadway safety, repair or replace deteriorating bridges, and support and expand transit
- Allocates \$1.0M/year to operating funds for rural regional service run by local agencies

Transit Agency Partners

- Partnerships with local operators allow for agencies to take ownership of their regional bus system and manage them according to what makes the most sense for their communities
- Existing Outrider routes operate through contracts with local transit partners like Pueblo SRDA, Alpine Express, and SoCoCAA
- CDOT will choose the Craig-Denver operator through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The operator for this line has not yet been determined

Proposed Craig-Denver Route

Regularly Scheduled Stops:

- Craig
- Hayden
- Milner
- Steamboat Springs
- Kremmling
- Hot Sulphur Springs
- Granby
- Tabernash
- Fraser
- Winter Park
- Idaho Springs
- Denver #1 (Denver Federal Center)
- Denver #2 (Denver Union Station)
- Denver #3 (Denver Bus Center)

Proposed Craig-Denver Route

Opening: Outrider is proposing to expand service to four new routes starting in early 2021, including the Craig-Denver route

- Timing could be delayed if COVID-19 or other unforeseen issues impact ridership
- Schedule: The route would start by running five days per week, pending demand for weekend service
- Cost: This route will follow the same payment model as the other routes

- Seniors ride the bus at half price
- Prices vary based on distance:
 - *Craig-Denver Bus Center (\$34)
 - *Craig-Kremmling (\$16)
 - *Craig-Hayden (\$3)

Proposed Craig-Denver Route

- Payment: CDOT is finalizing a digital sales platform that will allow riders to purchase tickets through the Bustang mobile app
 - Riders can also purchase single ride tickets when paying with cash onboard
- ADA Compliant: All bus stops will be ADA compliant and accessible for individuals with disabilities
- Flag Stops:
 - Outrider will implement flag stops, where buses will only stop if requested by passengers

Proposed Craig-Denver Route (Bus Amenities)

- Bus Amenities:
 - Wi-Fi
 - Power outlets
 - USB ports
 - Bike racks
 - Luggage bays
 - Co-branding allowed
 - Bathrooms
- COVID-19 Related:
 - HVAC internal sanitation system
 - HVAC air filtration
 - Security driver door

Outreach

CDOT is contacting key stakeholder groups to promote the Outrider service and its benefits

- Highlighting the value of establishing a statewide, connected network
- Marketing the new routes once the lines are open

CDOT will solicit feedback and inputs on:

- Potential bus stop locations
- Schedules

Next Steps

Fall 2020: CDOT will send out a survey soon to collect feedback

Fall 2020: First round of individual meetings with key stakeholder groups:

- Answer questions and obtaining feedback on bus stop locations and schedules
- Solicit input on additional stakeholders to meet with

Late 2020 – Early 2021: Second round of individual meetings with key stakeholder groups:

- Present final bus stop locations, schedules and answer any outstanding questions

2021 Insurance Plans (Medical Plan Design, Dental Plan Design and Administrator, Long-Term Disability, Group Life Insurance, Voluntary Insurances)

Commissioner Cimino stated that the County did an evaluation at the end of 2019 between UMR and EBMS. There are only three self-insured governmental organizations that are part of Peak Health Alliance. They include Summit County government, Grand County government, and Breckenridge city government. The three entities had two choices and Breckenridge city government and Grand County government chose UMR. Summit County government chose EBMS.

Over the course of this year, the Grand County workforce is painfully familiar with early in 2020 wrong benefit plans were switched. That has been fixed. The intent for 2021 was to give UMR another year.

It would have been better to change the administrator in June or July. UMR made a decision this month to discontinue the serve in 2021.

The benefit package will be the same in 2021 regardless of who the third party administrator is.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the medical plan design, dental plan design and administrator, long-term disability, the group life insurance and the voluntary insurances as recommended.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board will re-visit the third party administrator when HUB provides more information.

Economic Development Update with Economic Recovery Team Bi-Weekly Update

Collaborative Unified Plan for Restart, Stabilizing and Economic Growth of the Economy

Objectives:

1. To be an asset and resource to county leadership
2. To provide a collective voice for the business community
3. To provide and communicate a clear path/plan for restarting our local economy
4. To leverage this situation to capitalize on future growth opportunities
5. To come out of this ordeal stronger and more unified

Phase 1: Economic Restart May – October 2020

- 1). Grand County Economic Recovery Task Force
- 2). Collaboration with Chambers/Businesses
- 3). State participation in Recovery and Resilience Committees and Efforts
- 4). Identification of Business and Economic Development Grants and Funding
- 5). Identify tools for tracking and measurement of economic input of COVID compared to other years.

Phase 1: Business Rebuild COSTARTERS: Refocus Rebuild Business Recovery Program <https://www.workinggrand.com/rebuild/>

20 businesses will be selected for a scholarship to attend via zoom this 10 week course.

Synopsis: REFOCUS. STABILIZE. RECOVER. Working with a dedicated group of peers guided by a CO.STARTERS certified facilitator, helps entrepreneurs shift their business models, stabilize, and emerge better than before.

Dates: Mondays: October 5th - December 14th (with a one week break on November 23rd) 5-7:30pm MST]

Applications Are Being Accepted at: <https://costarters-rebuild.dreamseedo.org/f/6889162587>

Funded: Freeport McMoRan provided full funding for this program.

Phase 1: See Source Visitor Data Working on a monthly report Data Dashboard Highlights:

See Source Data: <https://portal.seesource.com>

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Unique Visitors, Top States, In State/Out of State, Year to Date Comparisons over 3 years

Additional Information: Suggestions?

- Unemployment Numbers July 8.6
- Town Sales Tax, Lodging Tax

Phase 2: Economic Stabilization November – April 2021

- 1). Assessment of first six months
- 2). Assess the current financial situation for businesses and local governments
- 3). Adjust previous phase plans for current reality and increased volumes
- 4). Outline what the winter could look like
 - a. Anticipated demand/volume
- 5). Define future vision for the County
 - a. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- 6). Define and build action plan around future opportunities
 - a. Identify potential “anchor” new business(es)

Phase 2: Update Grand County Economic Recovery Team
WINTER CONTINGENCY PLAN

Purpose:

In the event of an outbreak and in order effectively manage it, keep your operations going, and provide appropriate communication, it is critical that a contagion mitigation plan be in place prior to the start of the

winter season. It is also imperative that this plan be built in collaboration with the local health authorities and shared with the key community stakeholders.

1. Identify Business Industry Playbook
2. Testing
3. Contact Tracing
4. Quarantining: Where? Lodging?
5. Communication: Code of Conduct Employees/Visitors
6. Consistent Marketing Messaging

Phase 2: Economic Stabilization and Growth November – April and beyond!

CRAFTY21: https://industry.colorado.com/sites/default/files/CRAFT_LOI%20Request_Webinar_7.8.2020.pdf
Pages 11 -16

Request: COVID-19 crisis recovery workshop to develop a Restart roadmap (1-day) with 50 hours of Tech. Assistance and \$10,000

Synopsis: Convene diverse stakeholders within a destination to build relationships and trust to drive collaboration

- Engage in group discussions about how to restart and reimagine the destination as a result of Covid-19
- Identify short, medium and long term strategies to restart and reimagine the destination's tourism economy
- Prioritize short term strategies and develop collaborative work plans to implement them

Status: Our Letter of Request was accepted and once they have confirmed EDA funds, we will be invited to do a full application

NWCCOG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EDA GRANT:

Request Amount: \$30,000

Match: \$10,000 Private Contribution

\$10,000 In Kind County ED Department

Synopsis: Scope of work utilize funds for economic recovery and resiliency efforts. We will submit to support the Work In Grand Phase 2 Platform: www.workinggrand.com. Connecting the businesses and workforce challenges. Need input from businesses on what they need to help connect jobs with shared workforce, attraction of workforce marketing and working with Homegrown Talent Initiative to launch student intern and appetite programs through the website.

Grant Application Notification Time Frame: October 1, 2020.

Targeted Business Attraction:

Recruitment and the cultivation of outdoor manufacturing based businesses in Grand County for the long term.

REDI Grant:

Request Amount: \$85,000

Match Required: \$25,000

Synopsis: Grand County Economic Development would use this funding to hire a consultant to develop and deliver a comprehensive strategic and attainable implementation plan for targeting specific industries for business attraction to Grand County. The purpose of the strategy plan is to provide a platform for the recruitment and the cultivation of outdoor manufacturing based businesses in Grand County for the long term.

Grant Application Notification Time Frame: Mid- September to Mid-October 2020

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 17th day of November 2020.

Kristen Manguso, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder