

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
June 9, 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
County Manager Kate McIntire
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 change the Agenda to remove the 11:00 a.m. Grand Lake Fire Ambulance License Request item and move the 1:45 p.m. Discussion on Potential Ballot Initiatives item to 11:00 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of May 19, 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Housing Authority

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

Jeff Vogel of Vogel & Associates, representing The Ranches requested relief from the Transfer fees for Lots 11 and 15, The Ranches.

Commissioner Linke moved to grant the appeal of Ranches at Devil's Thumb Transfer fee for Lots 11 and 15 as requested by Jeff Vogel on behalf of The Ranches.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Employee Recognition / Coin of Excellence

The Commissioners honored County employees with anniversaries in June. In particular, the Board congratulated Robert Lowers for 30 years with Grand County.

Housing Authority Director Sheena Darland nominated Joni Holmes of the Housing Authority for the Grand County Coin of Excellence for her excellent work with the Housing Authority.

General Public Comments

None

Finance Department

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Check Register and Expenditure List to be paid on June 10, 2020, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the checks presented on June 9, 2020 for payment on June 10, 2020 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 10, 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 June 9, 2020, for payment on June 10, 2020, for the Grand County Board of Social Services.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the wire payment and vouchers presented on June 9, 2020, for payment on June 10, 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, Clerk & Recorder fees, and Highway Users taxes are all expected to be lower than originally budgeted for 2020. Sales taxes are now projected to be only 75% of the budgeted level and Lodging taxes are projected to be 30% of the annual budget. Building permits and Short-Term Rental renewals are projected to be 50% of the original budget amount. Clerk & Recorder fees are projected to be 25% lower than budgeted and 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	\$ 5,422,500	\$ 7,230,000
Lodging tax	\$ 387,600	\$ 1,292,000
Building permits	\$ 468,350	\$ 936,700
Short-term rental fees	\$ 68,150	\$ 136,300
Clerk & Recorder	\$ 650,000	\$ 800,000
Airport project reimbursements	\$ 4,849,000	\$ 4,624,000
Highway Users tax	\$ 1,909,000	\$ 2,009,000
Cares Act Reimbursement	\$ 700,000	\$
Total	\$14,454,600	\$17,028,000

Revenues expected to be down \$2.6 million in 2020

EXPENDITURES in excess of budget per month

	Spent 3/14 thru 6/5	Projected Monthly	Expected Costs thru 9/30
Emergency Operation Center personnel	\$ 174,605	\$ 58,929	\$ 395,589
Grand Foundation Business Grant Program & PPE	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000
Isolation facility @ 100k/ mo	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
County OT (predominately PH & Sheriff thru 5-29)	\$ 10,665	\$ 3,599	\$ 13,365
Other Operating expenses	\$ 89,253	\$ 30,123	\$ 202,214
Totals	\$ 409,523	\$ 92,652	\$ 746,168

Expenditures expected to be higher \$746K
 Expected Effect to 2020 budget (\$3.3 million)

Projected Budget Deficits and Postponed or Eliminated Operations and Projects

Projected County wide effects to Fund Balance	\$ (3,300,000)
Add back Restricted Funds using restricted fund balance to cover deficits	
Lodging taxes	\$ 904,400
Open Lands, Rivers and Trails	\$ 417,115
Use TABOR emergency reserve for COVID-19 unbudgeted expenditures	\$ 46,168
Less Restricted Funds using surplus to cover costs	
Airports - FFA increased project funding to 100%	\$ (285,000)
Total budget shortfall less restricted funds	\$ (2,217,317)
% Unrestricted fund balance of operating budget	24%

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	\$ 1,196,817
% Unrestricted fund balance of operating budget	29%

Flying Heels Arena – Public Hearing

Commissioner Cimino moved cancel the public hearing and approve the Special Events Permit for the Rotary Club of Granby Foundation on June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 3, 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Flying Heels Arena located at 62819 US Highway 40, Granby.

The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Contracts / Comments / Issues

The Board reviewed the County Clerks fees for May 2020.

Commissioner Cimino moved to enter into the Participating Agreement between Grand County and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (Sulphur Ranger District) and Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (Yampa and Parks Ranger District) for the Grand County Noxious Weeds Participating Agreement in the amount of \$7,500 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and sign the Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding between Grand County Department of Human / Social Services, 14th Judicial District Probation Department, 14th Judicial District Court, Grand County Public Health Department, East Grand School Districts, West Grand School Districts, Mind Springs Health Mental Health Center, Behavioral Health Organization, Divisions 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 Cimino moved to approve the Immunization Core Services with CDPHE Contract Amendment #3 of Immunization Core Services in the amount of \$22,481 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the CDPHE – Communities That Care – Marijuana Prevention (Prevention Services Division) for injury and violence prevention – mental health promotion in the amount of \$107,574 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve the Grand County Senior Nutrition Services NWCCOG Alpine Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$36,500 for six months and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Board of Health

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

COVID-19 Incident Commander Brad White state cases are at 15 cases. Things have stabilized.

Mr. White noted that larger spectator events will likely not get authorized by the state.

Mr. White noted that worship got moved up to 50 per room.

The work is to come up with an automated testing system.

Public Health Nurse Brene Belew-LaDue noted that new cases are taxing on the public health system.

Dr. Darcy Selenke reported that she believes Public Health and the local hospitals have the necessary depth if there is an uptick in cases.

Commissioner Manguso would like to staff to prepare a resolution stating that the Board supports the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Morgan Hollbrock stated that she attends Winter Park Christian Church. She was asked to usher at church. She was concerned that there was a limit to the number of people who could attend church. She said that she will not turn one person away who wants to attend church.

Ms. Hollbrock believes that the rules are a government overreach on the churches on not allowing people to worship.

Mariette McGrath thanked the Board for going to bat for the churches. Ms. McGrath expressed concern that citizens' First Amendment rights are being violated.

Glen Chambers attends Winter Park Christian Center. Mr. Chambers believes that the church has been following government guidelines.

Mark Line stated that the group is here for all the churches in Grand County. Mr. Line asked for an up or down vote with regard to churches. Mr. Line noted:

1. Top down governance will never work
2. Our rights flow from our Creator, not from any form of government
3. Political power emanates from the people
4. We are a limited representative republic
5. Our First Amendment guarantees our inalienable right to gather

Mr. Line asked the Board to let our people worship.

Dr. Selenke based on experience, it was been recommended that people not gather in small spaces for long periods of time. The goal is not to stop people from gathering and worshipping. Dr. Selenke stated that Public Health wants people to operate.

Dr. Selenke stated that Public Health is asking that people be creative and find ways to protect people and continue to have businesses and worship.

Staff has been directed to prepare a resolution that supports the First Amendment. It will be considered next week.

Sky Foulkes stated that the economic recovery team has had three meetings and has pivoted to economic recovery.

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

Manager & Attorney Items

County Manager Kate McIntire presented her weekly update.

Commissioner Cimino would like to discuss a study to build out a broadband.

Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2020-6-1, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO AND MGT OF AMERICA CONSULTING, LLC FOR A 2 CFR PART 200 COST ALLOCATION PLAN"

Resolution No. 2020-6-2, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE A GRANT AWARD TO THE GRAND COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FROM THE COLORADO DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT"

Resolution No. 2020-6-3, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO

TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN STEVEN DUANE PETERSON AND SHELBY RAE PETERSON AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO ACCOMMODATE AN EXISTING ROAD TO A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER”

Commissioner Cimino moved to present the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

County Treasurer Christina Whitmer presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Whitmer reported that Public Trustees fees for releases of deeds of trust are up 43 percent through the month of May.

Board Business

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and sign the letter to Secretary of the Interior Barnhart with copies to the congressional delegation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cimino moved to approve and have the Board sign letter to ROSH Board regarding funds that were granted to Grand County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Mountain National Park requested assistance in informing the public on the time entry system into the Park.

The Board agreed that it will appoint the Deputy Treasurer as the County Treasurer.

Fisheries Management in Grand County Reservoirs

Jon Ewert, Aquatic Biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife presented.

Mr. Ewert noted that there are a lot of people on the reservoirs. He noted that fishing is one great recession proof recreational activities.

CPW investment in fisheries: Grand County reservoirs 2019

- 154,193 catchable Rainbow Trout stocked at \$1.13 = \$174,238
- 2,785,269 subcatchables @\$0.05 = \$139,263
- Total \$313,501

Return on Investment

- Caudill (2005) found that each dollar of rainbow trout hatchery budget expenditures were associated with an average of \$32.20 of retail sales and \$36.88 of total net economic value.
- CPW is currently spending about \$5 per licensed angler for catchable fish production.
- Direct revenue to CPW from angling is produced from Fishing License Sales and Federal Aid Apportionment.

Why kokanee?

- Use of pelagic habitat
- Consumer of zooplankton
- Sport fishery
- Function as pre base
- Cheap to raise, good timing

Lake Granby

- Built in 1949

- Kokanee introduced in 1951
- Mysis introduced 1961
- Lake trout introduced 1972

When Granby Reservoir is less full, warmer water means more Daphnia, increasing food, growth and survival of Kokanee by limiting Mysis predation on Daphnia and MAC predation on Kokanee.

When Granby Reservoir is fuller, cooler water delays Daphnia reducing food, growth and survival of Kokanee, but this favors Mysis & MC which prefer colder water.

Lake Trout per acre:

- Grand Lake 6.6
- Granby Reservoir 23.2

Williams Fork Reservoir has

- Lake Trout
- Northern Pike
- Zooplankton

Wolford Mountain Reservoir

- Kokanee are doing well
- Northern Pike have been introduced and are a problem (There is a \$20 angler harvest incentive on Northern Pike)

Board Business

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the letter to Senator Rankin and Representative Becker for the Senior and Veterans Property Tax Exemption and authorize the Board to sign and make it available for the other elected officials to sign if they choose.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 16th day of June 2020.

Kristen Manguso, Chair

Attest:

Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder