



GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# Public Announcement

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July 30, 2019

The Grand County Board of County Commissioners invites the community to engage in a public meeting regarding planning for the future of county facility needs in Grand County. The public meeting will be held at the Grand County Administration Building, Top Floor, Commissioners' Meeting Room at 308 Byers Ave in Hot Sulphur Springs, CO on August 5th from 6-8 p.m.

On March 20, 2018, the Grand County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Grand Results Strategic Plan. Out of 14 different results, the Board identified the Public Safety Facility as the most critical need. Grand County's current Public Safety Facility was built in 1983. It houses the Sheriff's Office, 911 Communications Center and the Detention Center. The Needs Assessment for the facility involves concerns with space requirements, safety, and security. Sheriff Brett Schroetlin stated, "The size of the facility is not the only issue. There is a concern for the safety of the employees and the citizens of the County." The building has suffered from fires and safety equipment failures, costing around \$40,000 to \$50,000 each time to correct. In addition, the Public Safety Facility does not currently meet the American Correctional Association standards.

Schroetlin stated, "Since 1983, the population of inmates has changed, with a larger percentage having a mental health diagnosis. New state of the art detention centers need to take this into account by complying with state regulations and providing appropriate protection for inmates and staff." The Public Safety Facility needs to be replaced and the Board is also considering mental health services as part of this effort. Please join us to learn more about the topic, ask questions, and share your thoughts. The BOCC welcomes any feedback from the community regarding their level of support.

Please provide feedback and comments [here](#) and learn more about the Public Safety Facility Needs Assessment [here](#).