

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Al Hofer and Wes Wootan. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper. Chairman Shaw was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for February 13, 2012.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$1,169.32. Idaho Power - \$99.38, Norco - \$176.70, Valley Co-ops, Inc - \$393.24, Katherine E. Baldwin - \$500.00.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda Rural Telephone Company (RTI) and E911 to update the Board on a current development.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Traci LeFever, E911 Coordinator, appeared to discuss the Rural Telephone Company (RTI) issue. Ms. LeFever reviewed a revised draft of the RTI contract for monthly services. Attorney Grant made two revisions. There was a non-appropriation clause added and it will be for five years instead of one year. There will also be no back billing allowed. Attorney Grant sent the draft to RTI and is awaiting their approval. The E911

Board will then review it at their next meeting on March 6, 2012. Correspondence was also received from RTI showing a breakdown of installation fees. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to update the Board on matters related to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. The dispatch agreement between the County and the City of Mountain Home was sent to the City for execution. Sheriff Layher discussed maintenance contracts for his departments. They have increased their police presence in Glens Ferry. The Sheriff's Department will hold a vehicle auction towards the end of March.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Sara Verness Arellano, Shannon Marie Conway, Marcos Guadarrama, Marla A. Higgins, Harry William Knox III, Feona Jenine Peele-Nowak, Taylor Robbin Riggs, Rose Maire Shenk, Ashley R. Sievers, Marcene Sievers and Mindy Kay Troutfetter.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

The Pine Property Purchase was discussed. Attorney Grant would like to the Board to sign the closing documents the first week of March and have the closing finalized by March 15, 2012.

Members of the public were present at the meeting. Commissioner Hofer updated the audience on the specifics of the Pine Property Purchase and what areas the Sheriff's Department covers in the County.

The War Memorial Fund was discussed. The amount of the fund is \$42,162.00. The funds will be disbursed according to the membership percentages of the Glens Ferry VFW, Mountain Home American Legion Post #101 and Mountain Home American Legion Post #26.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the distribution of the War Memorial Fund per the membership percentages as follows, 52% to the Mountain Home American Legion Post #26, 28% to the Glens Ferry VFW, and 20% to the Mountain Home American Legion Post #101 starting in 2013.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to recess as a Board of Commissioners and convene as a Board of Equalization.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to discuss the request by Love Abiding Christian Church for a Tax Exemption and a refund for the taxes paid for prior years. The building in question was initially assessed as a commercial building, because there was no evidence at the time that it was being used as a church facility. No tax exemption application was received, therefore no exemption was given. Daniel Pomerlee, pastor of the Love Abiding Christian Church, recently filed an application for a tax exemption. Connie Dorr, of the Assessor’s Office, re-evaluated the building and found it is now being used as a church facility. At last week’s meeting, the Board approved the application for a tax exemption, effective January 1, 2012. Mr. Pomerlee also requested a refund of the taxes he has paid for in prior years, and not to have to pay three delinquent years taxes. The Board took the request under advisement.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny the request by Love Abiding Christian Church to refund taxes paid for previous years and not to exempt the three years of delinquent taxes for parcel #A0090002010A.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to recess as a Board of Equalization and convene as a Board of Commissioners.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Clerk Steele discussed making Pine and Prairie mail-in voting precincts. The Elections Department sent letters asking opinions on making each precinct mail-in and the majority agreed to do so. Each precinct has less than one hundred and twenty five registered

voters. Making them mail-in precincts will alleviate cost to the county. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(f) to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote was taken.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

The Snowmobile Fund and the Groomers budget, which was received from Allen Kiester, of the Snowmobile Advisory Committee, was reviewed by the Board.

Idaho Waste Systems (IWS) was discussed. The bond is due in March of 2012. There are still issues that need to be addressed, such as the dirt and coal that is being trucked into the landfill. There was a question as to whether these materials are being used as cover, or should we be charging a tipping fee. IWS is scheduled to give their ninety day update to the Board at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

**SHAW..... -ABSENT**

**HOFER..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

**/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman**

**ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**