

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
APRIL 16, 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 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

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

Blake Watson, representing Idaho Power, appeared to update the Board on current activities. They have asked the Public Utilities Commission for a 5% increase in the power cost adjustment and are awaiting a determination. There has been a 3.4 % increase in base rates earlier this year. A good portion of the increase includes a new Power Plant in Payette County. The plant is expected to go online in the early part of June. It is a combined cycle plant, which makes it a more efficient plant using less fuel to generate more electricity. The Gateway West Project is still underway. The project will start in Wyoming and will be built in segments with expected completion by 2019. The plans are currently with BLM (Bureau of Land Management). They are reviewing the initial Environmental Impact Statement and comments. It will go back for the final Environmental Impact Statement, another public review and then the final decision. Discussion followed. They have installed the Automated Metering Infrastructure in the area last year. Five hundred thousand meters are now automated. The new meters allow customers to look at more specific energy usage instead of just seeing it on a bill every month. Customers will see an increase due to the initial set up cost for integrating the system, but will see a decrease in the future as there will be no physical meter readers anymore. This will cause a decrease in staff and a decrease of trucks in the area, in turn decreasing fuel cost for Idaho Power. They have received stimulus dollar funds from the Federal Government which have been used to implement the Smart Grid Project. The Smart Grids will increase reliability of the meters. They can “ping” the meters on a regular basis and if the meters don’t respond they will know there is a service interruption and can restore service quickly. It will also give the ability to analyze voltage and current to find power quality issues. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for April 9, 2012.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$56.47, payable to Idaho Power.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Skyler Maxine Abrahamson, Anika Rose Austin, Myra D. Delorea, Christine M. Hammond, Jaquelyn Kayleen Hitesman, Andrew Arthur Martin, Ivonne Popoca, Osvaldo Rubi and Shelby L. Sloan.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve a Tax Cancellation: No. 1157 – Brenda S. Wright for \$292.64.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Alan Roberts, Pine Featherville Rescue, appeared to update the Board. They have received a 2001 Chevrolet 3500 one-ton Extended Cab donated from Idaho Power. They would like to sell their old vehicle and use the proceeds to equip the new vehicle. Mr. Roberts questioned whether there will be space in the new Pine Building for their vehicle. Commissioner Hofer stated there will be space for the vehicle, but some construction needs to be done to the building before anyone can move in. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to sign the State of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Memorandum of Understanding, Sub Grant Award Documents.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Mir Seyedbagheri appeared to discuss the upcoming mosquito season. Mir submitted to the Board the Comprehensive Mosquito Surveillance and Control Plan for the Elmore County Pest Abatement District. Discussion followed on whether we needed to have Central District Health do mosquito surveillance regarding west Nile virus this year.

Steve West, Centra Consulting, appeared and the wells at the landfills were discussed. Mr. West met with Pete Wagner to discuss his concern to pursue the resolution with BLM (Bureau of Land Management) regarding the Glenns Ferry Landfill. Jack Gantz, Department of Environmental Quality doesn't think the Glenns Ferry Landfill would be considered a tier two transfer station, so no site certification and approval process will be necessary. Mr. West will come in on May 14th for a follow up.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve Resolution No. 475-12 transferring funds from PILT to Tort Liability.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

RESOLUTION NO. 475-12

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE ELMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING FUNDING AND ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN SPENDING PRIORITIES.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Elmore County have the authority and duty under Article XVIII, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution and Title 31, Chapter 6 of the Idaho Code to provide funding operations of the Government of Elmore County for expenditure of those funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board considered this adjustment to the County budget during its regular public meeting on April 16, 2012, and the need to amend the County budget has been satisfactorily demonstrated to the Board of Commissioners.\

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That \$75,000.00 from line item 138.338.00.099.00 PILT, be shifted to line item 131.331.00.098.00 Tort Liability.
2. That this resolution shall be effective April 16, 2012.

PASSED, at a regular meeting of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners in the County of Elmore, State of Idaho, held on the 16th day of April, 2012, upon which roll call vote was duly taken and said Resolution duly passed by a unanimous vote.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

/S/ WESLEY WOOTAN, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

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

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

**WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.**

Motion carried and

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made:

K-03-12-03 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant has a pending application at Medicaid that needs to be followed through and Elmore County is not a last resource.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

**WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.**

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

**WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.**

Motion carried and

Regular session resumed. No action was taken as result of the Executive Session.

Traci Lefever, E-911 Coordinator, and gave an update on the RTI (Rural Telephone) contract and installation fee. Ms. Lefever will take the information received to the E-911 Board for their approval. Discussion followed.

The NACo Prescription Drug Program was discussed. The item will be placed on the agenda for next week.

Ron Fisher, Assessor, appeared and Homeowners Exemptions regarding divorced couples was discussed. When a husband and wife own a house and get divorced and only one of them is living in the home they are only entitled to half of the Homeowners Exemption if no change in ownership has been recorded. Assessor Fisher gave the Commissioners a packet referring to the Idaho Codes referencing the rules for a Homeowners Exemption.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk