

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2013

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 Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

The Board met at 9:00 am at the Elmore County Jail for the quarterly jail inspection.

Regular session resumed in the Commissioners Room.

Lawrence Joost, of Pine, appeared. Mr. Joost owns a few hundred acres of land at Anderson Ranch Reservoir used for dry grazing. He works for the Forest Service in the Noxious Weed Program. He has his professional applicators license to spray for noxious weeds and sprays his property. He also helps his neighbor, who has nine hundred acres, spray his noxious weeds. The problem he is encountering is the other properties in the area do not spray their weeds, so the weeds blow around and land on Mr. Joost's property causing weeds to re-grow. He would like to see if there can be more weed spraying enforcement done. The Board will discuss the issue with the County Extension Office and get back to Mr. Joost.

Bill Kelly, Bob Ruth, Jolene Hobdey and Guy Burnham, of the Oasis Fire District appeared to update the Board. The fire department and EMS services have been responding to several emergency calls in the Tipanuk area, which is outside of the Fire District boundaries. They do not mind taking these calls, but responding to the out of district calls are causing additional costs to come out of their already small budget. Oasis residents pay taxes to the Fire District, but Tipanuk residents do not. Mr. Kelly questioned whether there may be a way for the Fire District to get some kind of funding to cover the cost of these out of district responses. It was suggested that a billing system be developed for the out of district calls. Discussion followed. Mr. Kelly also discussed the Oasis Events Center. He stated that it was decided by the Oasis Fire District that they do not have resources to provide emergency services to support the magnitude of people that a large event would bring in. Discussion followed.

Stephanie Church, of the Boise National Forest Service, appeared to update the Board of commercial mushroom gathering in the Trinity Ridge Fire area and the environmental disaster it leaves behind. Ms. Church believes the mushroom gathering season will begin as early as May 1st. They are anticipating high volumes of mushroom gatherers to converge on the area burned in the Trinity Ridge Fire. Their plans are to issue commercial picking and personal use permits, and have separate areas for each activity. They will designate camping areas to include portable restrooms and garbage collection.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to add to the agenda Stephanie Church of the Boise National Forest Service to discuss commercial mushroom gathering in the Trinity Ridge Fire area.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS..... -**AYE**

WOOTAN..... -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Harry Lewis, of the Oasis Events Center, appeared. Mr. Lewis has been trying to get an extension on his Conditional Use Permit to have another festival at his event center. He has been told that he must make repairs on the road leading into the event center and have it certified before he can hold another festival. Mr. Lewis stated that it may be in his best interest to have his property rezoned back to agricultural instead and asked how he would go about doing that. Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, also appeared. Mr. Christy discussed the procedures Mr. Lewis would need to follow depending on what he decides to do with his property. Discussion followed.

Mr. Christy reviewed the Building Inspector Agreement between Elmore County and the City of Mountain Home and the Professional Services Agreement for the Qualified Economist.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Building Inspector Agreement between the Elmore County Land Use and Building Department and the City of Mountain Home.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS..... -**AYE**

WOOTAN..... -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Professional Services Agreement for the Qualified Economist between Cardno WRG, Inc. and Elmore County Land Use and Building Department.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS..... -**AYE**

WOOTAN..... -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Christy reviewed a request from Dave Mickelson to waive or reduce the re-application fees for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for his proposed RV Park near Elk Valley Golf Course. The project was approved for a CUP in 2010, but the RV Park was not constructed. Mr. Mickelson then got an extension of the CUP in 2011 with the prospect of building the park in 2012, but the Trinity Ridge Fire made construction impossible. He now wants to apply for another extension and is requesting a reduction of the fee.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Cooperative Weed Management Cost Share Funds Disbursement documents.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Letter of Adoption of the Emergency Operations Plan for Disaster Services.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk