

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**APRIL 29, 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 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

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

Fire Chief Alan Bermensolo and Alan Lawler, of the Mountain Home Fire Department, appeared to discuss the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC & D) and suggested that Mr. Lawler be the new RC&D representative for Elmore County. Mr. Bermensolo stated that the Mountain Home Fire Department has been working with RC&D to acquire funding to begin a wildfire mitigation plan, which will include the construction of a sustainable fire break in the area of the Mountain Home municipal airport. In addition to fire mitigation, funding for several other opportunities, such as land conservation, water management, community development and land management may be available with the help of Mr. Lawler working as the RC&D representative. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to appoint Alan Lawler to be the Elmore County Representative on the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

**HOFER ..... -AYE**  
**CORBUS..... -AYE**  
**WOOTAN..... -AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Jennifer Reymont, representing the State Insurance Fund, appeared to update the board of worker’s compensation insurance.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(j) to discuss insurance issues.

**HOFER ..... -AYE**  
**CORBUS..... -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 approve the minutes for April 22, 2013.

**HOFER ..... -AYE**  
**CORBUS..... -AYE**  
**WOOTAN..... -AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$51.25, Centurylink - \$37.64 and Mir Seyedbagheri - \$13.61.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$138.46, payable to RTI.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Idaho Waste Systems Letter of Termination for the Management of the Glens Ferry Collection Site.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter of support for the Atlanta EMS Grant. Discussion followed.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

The monthly Department Heads Meeting was held.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to update the Board. He will be providing a briefing for veterans and spouses on May 17, 2013 at the War Memorial Hall in Glens Ferry. Mr. Baumgardner stated that clients often wonder why it takes so long for a decision on their cases. Presently, it takes approximately one year for a decision, especially if their case has several different or complex issues. In the past month he has assisted thirty three veterans, spouses or family members with veterans affairs issues.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. The team attended a highway safety class a few weeks ago put on by the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho State Police. Mr. Roberts is looking into purchasing new turnout gear, as their current turnout gear is twelve years old. The new gear will be summer time suits, which are much lighter and cooler, to help reduce the risk of heat exhaustion. They will also be upgrading the light bars on two of their trucks. He is still waiting for a resolution on where to house one of the extrication trucks in the Pine area.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared and discussed a refund request from Brad Lewis. Mr. Lewis owns the Oasis Events Center and paid for a building permit for the events center. He is requesting to change the permit from a building permit to an agricultural permit because he is unable to proceed with the events center due to unforeseen expenses and is requesting the difference in permit fees be refunded.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Land Use and Building Department permit refund for Brad Lewis in the amount of \$2,732.08.

**HOFER ..... -AYE**  
**CORBUS..... -AYE**  
**WOOTAN..... -AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Mr. Christy will be holding interviews for the county building inspector position on Friday at 3:00 pm. He will be assisting the City of Glenns Ferry with mapping for their comprehensive plan. His department issued thirteen building permits in the month of April. There is currently one pending building permit for Owyhee County and two pending permits for Elmore County. The department was able to resolve thirty three code enforcement investigations over the last month and currently has forty five active investigations.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared with his accomplishments for the month. Mr. Seyedbagheri updated the board regarding the upcoming mosquito season. He thinks some larvae may not hatch due to the current drought situation, but highly recommends mosquito surveillance to identify the West Nile Virus insect threshold. Chairman Hofer stated that he received an email from Central District Health regarding the issue and urged Mr. Seyedbagheri to contact them regarding the mosquito surveillance. Discussion followed.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to update the Board. They currently have twenty two active participants with five pending entrance. Since October 2010, they have had nine clients graduate from the program and eight clients terminated unsuccessfully. They will be holding their second annual softball tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The third annual golf tournament will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Six members of their team will be attending the National Conference in Washington, DC on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The safety of the probation officers while visiting clients was discussed.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to update the board. Mr. Dye presented a monthly written update of the community service program participants. The community garden project has been started behind the Juvenile Probation office. The caseload decreased by three juveniles in April and Mr. Dye expects it to decrease by another three juveniles next month. They had an increased number of juveniles in detention in the past month. Mr. Dye reviewed the budget projections from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections regarding the state funding distributed through the

Juvenile Correction Act, Tobacco Tax and Lottery Funds. The FY2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant was discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the FY2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Allocation.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Jennifer Crogg and Bill Wenner, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared. The total number of clients on probation is one hundred sixty two and the number of conditional release clients is thirty two. The department had five restitution cases for the month of April. There are twenty seven clients enrolled in community service, which consist of clients on unsupervised probation only.

The proposed drug policy and the proposed changes to the personnel policy were discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed.

Terrell Howard and Shirley Williams, representing Blue Cross of Idaho, appeared to update the Board. Mr. Howard reviewed the 2013 insurance policy renewal. Ms. Williams discussed the possibility of starting an employee wellness program and the tools that Blue Cross offers.

Russ Duke, Marty Jones and Yolanda Hurtado, representing Central District Health (CDH), appeared to discuss the FY2014 Budget and the upcoming mosquito season. Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, also appeared to discuss the mosquito season and West Nile Virus. Mr. Duke stated that in the past, Elmore County has contracted with CDH to trap mosquitoes and test them to see if any are infected with West Nile Virus. There is usually a two year peak of infection, and then it will subside for a year or so. The testing helps to target problem areas that can be aggressively treated. Mr. Seyedbagheri feels that this may be a peak year, and that surveillance is necessary. Mr. Duke and Mr. Seyedbagheri will see if there are any grants available to help with the surveillance costs. Discussion followed. Mr. Duke reviewed the FY2014 CDH Budget and the services provided by CDH. They are requesting a 1.3% increase in county funding which would increase the county's contribution by \$1,401.00. Last year's contribution was \$108,921. If the increase is approved, this year's contribution would total \$110,322.00. Discussion followed.



K-03-13-11 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$75.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-12 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-13 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-14 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as not indigent, Elmore County is not the obligated county, not emergent, the application was not timely filed, applicant failed to cooperate, incomplete application and not the last resource.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-15 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$100.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-16 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as not indigent, not the obligated county, not emergent, applicant failed to cooperate, incomplete application and not the last resource.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**  
**CORBUS**..... -**AYE**  
**WOOTAN**..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-03-13-17 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as not indigent. Applicant has discretionary income to self pay over five years.

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

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

K-03-13-18 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$75.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

K-04-13-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant just received an award letter from SSD stating that applicant has Medicare to cover the dates of service on the application. Elmore County is not the last resource and the applicant is not indigent.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Jeremy G. Dewsbury, Katelyn Elizabeth Foy, Brandon Joseph Gary Stowell and Charmaine West.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1203, Hawks Construction - \$4.10.

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

Commissioner Corbus updated the Board on the ambulance medical director issue.

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

**HOFER ..... -AYE**  
**CORBUS..... -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 Corbus, to adjourn.

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALBERT HOFER, Chairman**

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**BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**