

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 30, 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, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Personal use of county vehicles was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$138.91, payable to RTI.

- 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 \$37.66, payable to Centurylink.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Attorney Grant reviewed the Arrowrock Road Maintenance Agreements. All of the agreements have been signed. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Elmore County sent a letter to Allen Lake, Chairman of the Atlanta Highway District, outlining the history of the agreements. When Attorney Grant prepared that letter it was based upon \$135.00 per hour as the cost for the loader. Mr. Lake was concerned that the first amendment to the agreement states \$105.00 per hour for the loader, so he made the change in the letter and sent it back to have the board initial the change. Attorney Grant has sent a second amendment to the maintenance agreement to Boise County raising the rate of the loader from \$105.00 per hour back to \$135.00. Boise County did not address the second amendment at their December 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Boise County’s attorney sent an email to Attorney Grant stating they will consider the second amendment at their next meeting in mid January.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to initial the correction to the Arrowrock Road Maintenance Agreement letter to Allan Lake stating the cost for the loader is \$105.00 per hour.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Marco Antonio Grajeda and Leeann K. James.

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

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Accounting for petty cash accounts for county departments was discussed.

The monthly department heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared. Mr. Seyedbagheri has been seed-coding with active carbons for post fire receding to enhance seed germination earlier, before cheat grass. The departmental petty cash account was discussed. He is working with Dr. Jensen of the Idaho Potato Commission, to evaluate potato psyllid survival during the winter months.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to give the board her monthly update. They currently have thirty one participants in the drug court program. Twenty five of these participants have full time employment. Anyone not employed volunteers with community service projects a minimum of twenty hours per week, completes five hours of documented job searches and must submit ten applications per week. The next graduation is set for January 28, 2014.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Services Officer, appeared to give the board his monthly update. He has had an exceptionally busy month, which may be due to clients trying to get benefits before the end of the year. He is still gathering data on Korean War veterans for a special awards ceremony. In the last month he has assisted thirty three veterans, spouses or family members with specific VA issues.

Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to update the board. Four building permits were issued for December 2013. Four Owyhee County permits were issued in December 2013. There are currently zero pending building permits for Owyhee County and one pending permit from Elmore County. The department is looking into some digital upgrades for the building permits. Expenses would include a tablet and printer for the building inspector. The purpose of the upgrades is to cut down on paperwork and to have an automatic digital backup.

Vence Parson, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared. He has been looking into a locking utility/tool cart for use at the jail, but was told that there may be regulations against taking the cart into the jail. Chief Deputy Mike Barclay will find out if there are restrictions.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to update the board. The addition to the Pine EMS building is complete and they have the extrication truck in the building. Mr. Roberts is looking into extra pagers to keep in the building for individuals who are available for extra help. He is going to get in touch

with Katie Ashby to make use of the volunteers from her drug court program to help keep the extrication trucks and buildings clean.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to give the board his monthly update. Mr. Dye reviewed his community service report. The report numbers have gone down, as they have had several juveniles graduate from the program this month. The case load has basically stayed the same, but the number of pending cases has gone up. Mr. Dye discussed the Alternative Placement Center, where they provide a place for kids who are facing several days of expulsion from school. Expelled kids can go to school there rather than missing days or weeks of school. Only a small number of the kids are actually on probation, but Mr. Dye's department still provides this service to the school district. Discussion followed regarding the requirements for the program.

Bill Wenner, Adult Misdemeanor Probation, appeared to give his monthly update. Currently, the total number of clients on probation is one hundred sixty five. As of this date, six clients were added to the case load and seven were released or terminated from probation. The number of condition of release clients is thirty six. The number of restitution cases is three. There are thirty one clients enrolled in community service, which is the number of clients on unsupervised probation only.

Alan Lawler, Resource Conservation & Development, appeared and reviewed the Southwest Idaho RC&D annual project summary, including the Mountain Home firebreak project which was completed November 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Corbus discussed the Oasis Fire Department's lack of funding to dig a well for the fire department and asked Mr. Lawler to check into possible grant funding for the project.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Rose Plympton appeared. Her office is finishing the December collection. It was the largest they ever had, taking in \$11,500,000.00 for all taxing districts.

Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to update the board of the operations of the Sheriff's Department. The officer that was hired for the Pine area has decided not to take the position as he was unable to find a rental to fit the needs of his family. Commissioner Corbus questioned why there was such an issue of finding and keeping a deputy for this area. Deputy Barclay stated that the remote area, family lifestyle and the pay are major reasons. If a deputy has a spouse that works in Mountain Home, for instance, the commute is a big issue, with them having to drive one hundred plus miles a day to work or winter road closures keeping them from making it to work. The position comes with a supplement in pay to cover rent, but there is also not a lot of rental availability in that area. He feels that this will be an ongoing issue until they can find someone who is a perfect fit for the situation. Since there is only one officer in Pine, that officer must have the experience to deal with several different emergencies that may arise. Deputy Barclay stated that since the position is in such a remote location, the level of pay is the primary issue and feels that an increase in the wages may be a solution, with the understanding that if they leave that



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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-11-13-11 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the treatment plan for the wound center until 6/01/14 with a reimbursement order of \$50.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State income tax refunds as payment to begin on 6/15/14.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-11-13-12 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as the applicant is not a resident of Elmore County for dates of service. The applicant is a resident of Boise County.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Welfare and Elmore County providing access to the Department of Health & Welfare’s Idaho Benefit Eligibility System.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Welfare and Elmore County providing access to the Department of Health & Welfare’s Idaho Benefit Eligibility System.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Continuation on case K-04-13-06. Roll call vote was taken.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

A Hearing of Continuation was held on case K-04-13-06. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper, Social Services Director Marianne Bate and Social Services Assistant Candi Hinton. Attorney Michael Hague, representing St. Luke’s Elmore, was present via telephone. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-04-13-06 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$150.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State income tax refunds as payment.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Jon Sowers, Horizon Human Resources Consulting, appeared. Mr. Sowers has been working on a performance evaluation plan and a two phase merit-based compensation plan and reviewed these plans with the board. The need for a human resource manager and their role with the county was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman**  
**ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**