

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 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. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared and updated the Board of the departmental operations. They will be putting a deputy into the Glens Ferry School District to be a Security Resource Officer. Departmental training for school violence emergencies was discussed. Possible gun control laws were also discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for February 11, 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 \$4,000.00, payable to Animal Damage Control-District 2.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Abigale Michelle Chavarria, Andrew Scott Crighton, Natasha Ann Feekes, Samantha Jane Feekes, Shannon Renee Gordon, Brittany Lynn Green, Ashley Jacarra Harmon, Megan A. Klein, Thetoska Renee Lehto, Liana Ysabel Lopez, Stephen F. Murphy, Sydney Michelle Oppenheim, Jordan Andre Pendleton, Hanna Elizabeth Janette Pettibone, Mariah Lynn Shenk and Cassandra Lee Wickard.

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

The personal property tax issue was discussed. Clerk Steele attended the Idaho Cities Association meeting last week to learn more about the possibility of losing personal property tax. She is also in contact with the Idaho Association of Counties, who will be sending letters to the governor regarding the impacts of taking away personal property tax from county and city budgets. She is awaiting a calculation sheet from the State Tax Commission outlying the actual budget deficit over six years.

Nicole Sirak-Irwin and Alicia Kinser, of the Family Advocates, appeared to discuss 4th Judicial District CASA Program, and to request funding. They provide a court appointed special advocate to children who have been abused or neglected. Volunteers are the primary service providers for the CASA program. Ms. Sirak-Irwin requested \$15,000.00 for FY2014 from Elmore County.

Commissioner Corbus attended the recent Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting and updated the Board of the management of the rural ambulance operations. Discussion followed. Attorney Grant reviewed the specifications for rural ambulance services to obtain grants.

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

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Cameron Arial, of Zions Public Finance, appeared to discuss refinancing the county jail bond. Mr. Arial reviewed the method of sale that Zions Public Bank uses to find the lowest interest rate for bond refinancing. The Board will further discuss the possibility of refinancing.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session under I.C. 67-2345(d) to discuss a worker's compensation issue. 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.

A recess was taken for a Legislative Conference Call-In being held at Mountain Home City Hall, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the Legislative Conference Call-In were Senator Bert Brackett via speaker phone, Mountain Home City Mayor Tom Rist, City Clerk Nina Patterson, City Treasurer Paula Szafranski, Commissioners Wes Wootan and Bud Corbus, Chairman Al Hofer, Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper. Mayor Rist stated that the personal property tax is a major concern among county and city officials and asked Senator Brackett if they can count on him for his support. Senator Brackett stated that everyone has done a fantastic job letting the legislators know what a huge impact this will have on county and city budgets and that the loss of the personal property tax has the possibility of decimating cities. Mayor Rist stated that it is unfair to ask the Commissioners to raise levies to compensate for the shortfalls. Chairman Hofer stated that now is

not the time to shift the burden to residents, as the economy is not in the best shape. Elmore County is fifth on the list of counties that will be the most affected by the loss of personal property tax and the City of Glenns Ferry is very concerned that the loss will decimate the city all together. Senator Brackett realizes that each county and city is heading into budget talks and stated that the House should have some sort of plan by then, so everyone will know how to proceed with their budgets. Commissioner Corbus asked how the counties and cities can be notified of the updates in a timely manner. Senator Brackett stated that he can send out a bi-weekly newsletter via email with updates and continue the conference calls as well. Everyone is welcome to call or email Senator Brackett with any questions or concerns. Senator Brackett updated the group on the Health Insurance Exchange. It will be discussed on the Senate floor this week. The Idaho Department of Transportation will be reviewing pilot routes for trucks weighing over one hundred twenty nine thousand pounds. They are working on a Forest Protection Statue, consisting of \$400,000.00 for equipment and materials for wild fire efforts. The primary concern for wildfires seems to be fuel loads, so they will need to address increased grazing or implementing fire breaks. The surface water issue at Mountain Home Air Force Base was discussed.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and discuss a worker’s compensation issue.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session under I.C. 67-2345(d) to discuss a worker’s compensation issue. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session: The Board directed Attorney Grant to revise Resolution No. 484-12 pursuant to the discussion held in Executive Session, primarily to include the use of sick time for work related injuries.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-02-13-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as not emergent, not medically indigent as applicant can pay over five years.

HOFER -**AYE**

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

HOFER -**AYE**

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk