

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 28, 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 and Commissioner Bud Corbus. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper. Commissioner Wootan was absent.

Vivian Garcia, Elections Clerk, appeared to canvass the May 21, 2013 Taxing District Election.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the canvass of the May 21, 2013 Taxing District Election.

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

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

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

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-04-13-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as applicant not cooperative and not indigent as discretionary income exceeds the amount of monthly payment over five years.

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

K-04-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as applicant not cooperative, incomplete information and applicant is not an Elmore County resident.

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

K-04-13-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as not indigent, applicant can pay the bill over five years.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN..... -ABSENT Motion carried and so ordered.

K-04-13-10 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with reimbursement order of \$200.00 per month beginning July 15, 2013.

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

K-04-13-11 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny to await the results of a medical review.

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

K-05-13-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as applicant not cooperative, incomplete information and not indigent.

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

K-05-13-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve for one time rent, with reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State income tax refunds as payment.

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

K-05-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny and sign Order of Dismissal as the application was withdrawn by applicant and St. Lukes RMC.

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

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the Board of his monthly progress. Mr. Seyedbagheri surveyed eighteen different fields for frost damaged and provided necessary recommendations for enhancing crop production efficiency. His department has been surveying for mosquito larva hot spots at the county level. They have conducted noxious weed volunteer spray training.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Services Officer, appeared to update the Board. Mr. Baumgardner provided a detailed briefing on veterans and family benefits at the VFW Veterans Memorial Hall in Glenns Ferry,

which appears to have been successful, as several people requested additional information. He will be holding his annual Outreach visitation in June or July at the South Fork Boise River Senior Citizens Center. He has been completing a records review on closed claims and returning the records to those clients. In the last month, he has assisted thirty two veterans, spouses or family members with veterans affairs issues.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared. His department interviewed for the building inspector position. Mr. Christy made an offer to an applicant and is hoping to get him certified in the next few months. He had a meeting with FEMA last week regarding the Community Rating System, which deals with mandatory flood insurance for certain residents. They are hoping to get a reduction in insurance rates for those residents. Two building permits were issue for the month of May. There are currently zero pending building permits for Owyhee County and seven pending permits for Elmore County. There is one pending Planned Community application. The hearing is tabled until some remaining deficiencies are resolved. There are currently forty seven active code enforcement investigations. Chairman Hofer discussed the upcoming wild fire season and asked if there will be code enforcement for residents with overgrown weeds and cheat grass around their properties. Mr. Christy stated they will start those enforcements.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to update the Board of his monthly progress. There is a slight increase in the caseload from last month as far as the number of cases pending court. Mr. Dye will be meeting with members of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections to tour the county's old jail to see if it may be feasible to use it as a juvenile detention center. The costs incurred for housing juveniles in other detention centers is continuing to grow, and Mr. Dye thinks it may be cost efficient for Elmore County to have their own detention center. Community service projects were reviewed.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to update the Board. The Extrication Department has been quiet, but they have been called out to assist with ambulance calls. Commissioner Corbus questioned if they can bill for the assists. Mr. Roberts has ordered the new summer extrication suits. His department has some equipment that will need to be upgraded and would like to know if he can sell the current equipment to another entity. Attorney Grant will research the transfer of the equipment.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services, appeared. There was a tabletop exercise held last Thursday. There were several participants and the exercise went well. The Emergency Operations Plan is now complete, so Ms. Killian will now restructure the plan to make it work specifically for Elmore County. Ms. Killian should receive the final bill from the Forest Service for the structural protection trucks used during the Trinity Ridge Fire by June. Discussion followed regarding billing for the fire.

Bill Wenner, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared. The total number of clients on probation is one hundred eighty four. As of this date five clients were added to the caseload and three were released or terminated. The number of conditional release clients is forty three. There were four restitution cases for the month of

May. There are twenty three people enrolled in Community Service, which are clients on unsupervised probation only.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to update the Board. All personal property tax has been received from businesses and the state will handle utility companies. Mr. Fisher reviewed his department’s latest ratio study. Assessment notices will be mailed out this week.

Clerk Steele discussed Board of Equalization tax appeal hearings. The deadline to file a tax appeal is June 24th by 5pm. Notices will be sent to appellants notifying them of the Board of Equalization hearings to be held on July 1st and 2nd. The jail bond was also discussed. Clerk Steele asked all department heads to get their proposed budgets to her this week. Budget hearings will be held in the next few weeks.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for May 17, 2013 and May 20, 2013, with a change made to the May 17th minutes.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Expenses in the amount of \$300,695.02.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Recorder’s Office Report for the record only.

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

The ambulance medical director contract was discussed.

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

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

Regular session resumed. Commissioner Wootan joined the meeting.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to 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.

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

Clerk Steele discussed the Glenns Ferry Security Agreement. Glenns Ferry Mayor Joanne Lanham requested a change be made to the current contract regarding Elmore County being responsible for the maintenance of the building being used by the Sheriff’s Department and the city will be responsible for ground maintenance. There was a question of which party is responsible for insuring the property. Attorney Grant reviewed the language to be put into the contract regarding the change and will revise the contract for review by the Board and Mayor Lanham.

Rich Wills appeared and discussed the possibility of a job performance incentive program for Sheriff’s Department employees. Mr. Wills feels that employees going above and beyond should be compensated for their performances. The Board felt that if there were to be an incentive program it should be for all county employees, not only the Sheriff’s Department. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) to discuss confidential documents. 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.

Departmental budgets were discussed.

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