

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

OCTOBER 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, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Terri Exon, representing the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), appeared to review the yearly insurance policy updates and changes. How the extrication department is dispatched into service to respond to an accident was discussed.

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office Supervisor, appeared to give the board his monthly update. His office has evaluated potato fields for shatter-bruise. His office has been working in conjunction with the task force on different aspects of a post-fire range rehabilitation program. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) did helicopter seeding in the burned out areas. Mr. Seyedbagheri has evaluated physical and chemical characteristics from the soil of burned areas in ten different locations, for the purpose of enhancing seed germination and activation inactive carbon (ash) for water filtration and range rehabilitation. They are spraying the land hoping to enhance the natural seed and later will be putting on seed coating with humic.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to update the board. Mr. Baumgardner has had a busy month handling numerous veterans' issues. He has worked on several life insurance requests and assisted several spouses applying for partial reimbursement for plot allowances and funeral expenses. He provided a briefing to the Glenns Ferry VFW members with information on the Affordable Care Act. In the last month he has assisted twenty three veterans, spouses or family members with specific VA issues.

Vence Parsons, Plant Facilities Manager, and Tracy LeFever, E911 Coordinator, appeared to update the board on the unlimited power supply (UPS) system in the dispatch room. Ms. LeFever had an electrician check the wiring to the system throughout the dispatch room, equipment room, conference room and an office to find out what is wired to the UPS. The UPS is a back-up generator supply for critical equipment only and any outlets used for appliances cannot be wired to it. It was found that there is a refrigerator outlet wired into the UPS and will need to be rewired separate from the UPS. She also spoke to some vendors and got pricing on a bypass panel, which is needed for testing the UPS. Mr. Parsons stated that Malcolmson's Snow Park will be opening next week for the upcoming winter season.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to update the board. Mr. Dye reviewed his department's cost and revenue for the year. Community service hours have increased due to more

juveniles on probation. They have been very busy the last two months and currently have thirty four pending court cases.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Director, appeared. Twelve building permits were issued in October. There is one pending building permit for Owyhee County and two pending permits for Elmore County. There are currently thirty three active code enforcement investigations, up from thirty one the previous month.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared to give the board an update of the recovery efforts after the fires. Ms. Killian will be holding a meeting on November 4th. She has invited the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Forest Service and the Department of Water Resources. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Army Corp of Engineers to give their final report on the burned out areas. Stephaney Church, of the National Forest Service will also be present with information regarding the possibility of river flooding and what entities are responsible for specific areas of the river in case of flooding. The pros and cons of putting precipitation monitors in the affected areas were discussed. Ms. Killian is still working on finalizing the Trinity Ridge Fire and is submitting her paperwork for the Elk Complex, Pony Complex and Little Queens fires. The future process for getting grant monies was discussed. Ms. Killian is looking into rewiring the EOC building if she has available grant funds.

Jennifer Crogg, Misdemeanor Probation, was unable to appear but sent an update of their monthly progress. The total number of clients on probation is one hundred fifty eight. As of this date, ten clients were added to the case load and five were released or terminated from probation. The number of clients on condition of release is thirty one and there were two restitution cases for October. There are twenty six clients enrolled in community service, which is the number of clients on unsupervised probation only.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Rose Plympton and Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. Assessor Fisher stated the State Board of Tax Appeals held tax appeal hearings on October 22nd. His office is still working on the ratio studies. Treasurer Plympton reviewed the process her office goes through for the yearly tax drive. Assessor Fisher discussed the possibility of having a full time employee in the Glens Ferry Drivers License office and what the responsibilities of the employee would be.

Bonnie Harper, Southwest Idaho Rural Development, appeared. Ms. Harper's main focus is to find grant funding for the Glens Ferry area, but she will also research grant opportunities for the rest of Elmore County. She attended a grant writing workshop held by the Department of Parks & Recreation and found many possible grant opportunities for Elmore County. One in particular is the Recreational Trails program which provides funding for snowmobile trail grooming. Ms. Harper would like to see some updates made to the fair grounds to boost the use of the grounds throughout the year. Signage to promote winter sports such as kite skiing and snowmobiling at Malcomson's Snow Park was also 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.

Centra Consulting Inc. and the arid exemption issue was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Marcella Ambriz-Orozco, Adrian S. Arevalo, Melanie Lynn Bate, Cheyenne Michelle Castillo, Brittany Lynn Green, Jennifer R. Hitchings, Alicia Anne Holt, Desmond Charles Hooks, Zachary Ryan Lish, Cory James Pinque, Ivonne Popoca, Shaye N. Stanley, Daelene Sueann Tibbitts and Jessica Ann Van Meer.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for October 21, 2013.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$1,493.86, Central District Health - \$1,456.20 and Centurylink - \$37.66.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Allen’s Water Tender Service, Inc. for snow removal at the Pine EMS building.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Chairman Hofer reviewed a reduction to the price of the construction of the jail storage building. C-2 Construction will install regular overhead lighting instead of LED lighting, which reduces that cost and a thermostat controller will be installed on each side of the building which will slightly increase that cost. The changes reduced the total cost of construction from \$78,000.00 to \$77,200.00.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the agreement with C-2 Construction Inc. for the construction of the Jail Storage Building.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The planned improvements to the current boat launch area of Hammett Public Park were discussed. The project would include the boat launch being widened, brush and trees removed or trimmed, the site graded for riverbank access and gravel placed for a small parking/turn around area and picnic area. Currently, there is \$1,220.00 available in the Elmore County Hammett Park budget and Dale Smith of King Hill has donated 1,000 yards of gravel to the project.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to discuss billing and line item issues.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(f) to discuss pending litigation. 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 approve the expenses in the amount of \$244,286.01.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Fisher appeared and reviewed the casualty loss exemption forms as a result of the fire in the Fall Creek area.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the casualty loss exemption forms for the following properties affected by the Fall Creek fire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Remaining Tax Value</u>
Vetcop Trust (Fost)	01N09E049810	\$59,849.00
JM Land Company	01N09E190010	\$154,031.00
Korsen, William & Carmen	002040010110	\$58,123.00
Newell, EL or Doris	01N09E160250	\$24,996.00
Partlow, Peter	01N09E120080	\$166,498.00
Russell, Dena	TR0000448400	\$6,651.00
Sears, Brenda	02N09E285030	\$32,491.00

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

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..... -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

K-09-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend the application. The applicant has applied for SSD/SSI and Elmore County may not be the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as not indigent, not the last resource and not the obligated county, Ada County is the obligated county. The applicant did not cooperate to determine indigency.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment. The amount of the monthly payment will be reviewed in one year.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-10 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$100.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment. The amount of the monthly payment will be reviewed in one year.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-11 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as not indigent per Idaho code. The applicant has discretionary income to self pay the bills over five years.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-10-13-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to withdraw the application as St. Alphonsus filed a ten day prior application on 10/18/13 and withdrew it on 10/25/13.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to support and approve the use of the funds from the Hammett Park budget in the amount of \$1,220.00 for improvements to Hammett Park.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Layher and Wendy Robison appeared and discussion followed regarding budget line items and billing issues.

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