

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 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 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.

Scott Hunsaker, Auditor, Jon Hunt, Stephenson Computer Consulting and Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss a jail audit. Also discussed was personal use of county vehicles and meal reimbursement issues. Mr. Hunsaker explained what constitutes “personal use” of a vehicle and when the employee is responsible for claiming the use for tax purposes. Attorney Grant reviewed the criteria for an employee getting reimbursed for meals.

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to give his monthly update. Mr. Seyedbagheri has been working with Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator and several other government agencies on the BAER emergency task force regarding post-fire action plans and project implementations.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to update the Board. They held an extrication training and EMS recertification last weekend. Mr. Roberts reviewed the requirements the extrication department needs to obtain grants.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Service Officer, was unable to appear, but delivered a written update for the Board. In the past month his office has assisted twenty three veterans, spouses or family members with specific VA issues.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. Ms. Killian will be meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding assistance for recovery efforts from this year’s wildfires. She is still working with the agencies that proposed recovery support for this year’s wildfires. She will also research possible of grant funding for some recovery projects. Ms. Killian and Clerk Steele met with the Bureau of Homeland Security and are close to finalizing the paperwork with the state for last year’s Trinity Ridge Fire and began the FEMA paperwork. Ms. Killian presented the board with the yearly Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Subgrant Application for Assistance.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Subgrant Applications for Assistance.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Supervisor, appeared to give her monthly update. Ms. Ashby discussed the possibility of probation officers carrying a weapon on the job and what criteria would be needed. Currently, the probation officers notify law enforcement when doing a home inspection, in case they need back up. The drug court program is at full capacity, with twenty eight participants in the program. Twenty three of the participants have full time employment. Any participant not employed volunteers a minimum of twenty hours per week, completes five hours of documented job searching and must submit ten job applications per week.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared to update the Board. Mr. Christy reviewed the finals plans for the construction of the addition to the Pine EMS Building and the Jail Storage Building. Twenty three building permits were issued for September 2013. There are currently four pending building permits for Owyhee County and three pending building permits for Elmore County. His department is currently working with Mayfield Townsite on how to proceed with that project.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared and gave the Board his monthly update. The department has eight clients on their caseload, with nineteen pending cases. The community service program is going well. The community garden project was a great success and harvesting will be winding down soon and they will be starting the canning process. Mr. Dye reviewed the Restorative Justice Program.

Jennifer Crogg, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared. The current number of clients on probation is one hundred fifty eight. As of today, ten clients were added to the caseload and eight clients were released or terminated from probation. The number of condition of release clients is thirty one. There are two restitution cases for September. There are twenty nine people enrolled in community service, which are clients on unsupervised probation only.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher and Treasurer Rose Plympton updated the Board.

Mr. Fisher stated that the State Board of Tax Appeals will be holding tax appeal hearings on October 22, 2013. His department has received forty two casualty loss exemption forms from property owners in the wildfire areas and have been busy visiting the properties to photograph the losses. Landfill fees were also discussed.

Ms. Plympton will be working with the Clerk’s office for the next few weeks on the fiscal year’s end.

Clerk Steele stated her office is preparing for the November 5, 2013 taxing district election. She is waiting for confirmation from the State Tax Commission on the L2's and will get them to Ms. Plympton when finalized.

Steve West and Ryan Eldridge, Centra Consulting, Inc. and Marty Jones, Central District Health Department appeared to discuss the Arid Exemption for the Bennett Road Landfill and the Bureau of Land Management right-of-way at the Glenns Ferry Collection Site. Mr. West stated that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring more soil information and test pits dug at the Bennett Road landfill before they will grant the arid exemption. Mr. West reviewed a proposal he will submit to DEQ to dig seven test pits, with depths of approximately twenty feet, to do soil characterization. He will then resubmit the application, along with the findings to DEQ. He is hopeful that DEQ will then grant the arid exemption. Centra will not bill the county for engineering fees or to resubmit the application and findings. The county will only be billed for the rental of an excavator and an operator to dig the pits. Mr. West has spoken to a construction firm and got an approximate cost of \$1,500.00 to dig four pits. Since they now need to dig seven pits, Mr. West assumed that the cost may be somewhere between \$2000.00 - \$3000.00. The Board approved the digging project and agreed that the county will pay the cost for the excavation, to include the county renting the excavator and hiring an operator to dig the pits. Commissioner Corbus asked Mr. West for a timeframe of completion of the project and approval of the arid exemption from DEQ. Mr. West expects finalization by year's end, with digging of the test pits sometime in October and having the report published in November. Commissioner Corbus asked if those steps can be put in writing. Mr. Eldridge stated that he will provide the Board with a written schedule outlining the step that will be taken to finalize the arid exemption process. The Glenns Ferry right-of-way issue was also discussed. There was a question of how the maximum allowable tonnage per resident is tracked at the Bennett Road landfill. Discussion followed with Mr. Jones reviewing the procedures for tracking the tonnage at the Bennett Road Landfill. Issues at the King Hill Transfer site 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.

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-08-13-07 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve treatment from 7/18/13 to the follow up visit on 9/27/13 with reimbursement order of \$35.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-06 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as applicant must file for SSI/SSD. Elmore County is not the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-13-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as applicant has an active appeal filed with SSI/SSD and Elmore County may not be the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-13-10 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with reimbursement order of an initial payment of \$1,000.00, \$100.00 per month and 50% for Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-13-11 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with 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.

Wages for jail employees were discussed. The jail audit was also discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Katelyn Ackley, Jared Kent Baldrige, Mattie Ramsey Bennett, Charity Ann Dodge, Samantha Jane Feekes, Angel Mae Holladay, Colt Justice Lohmeier, Cody Alexander Luster, Nolan Ryan Pasqualetti, Kylie Mary Powell, Whitney Joann Sandberg, Aaron N. Spencer, McKenzie Lauren Thomason, Charles William VanMeer and Oscar Gomez Rangel.

HOFER -**AYE**

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$88,033.23.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Compliance requirements for employee meal reimbursements and personal use of county vehicles was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the number of ballots for the November 5, 2013 Taxing District Election.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk