

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2014

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, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Sally Crusier, Executive Director of the Mountain Home Arts Council, appeared to request funding. Ms. Crusier reviewed the services the Mountain Home Arts Council provides throughout Elmore County. She provided a packet to the board listing sponsors, donators and the council’s expenses for the year. The summer concerts series is one of their most popular events. They have held several live performances at area schools, which provide the only opportunities for some students to ever see a live performance. Ms. Crusier discussed their annual budget costs. This is the first year the council is requesting a donation from Elmore County and is requesting \$1,500.00. The board will address the request during the upcoming budget hearings.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for March 31, 2014 and April 9, 2014.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Deirdre and Josh Lamanna appeared. Ms. Lamanna is an employee of ABL Management, who has the jail food service contract. After working her regular shift this past Friday, Ms. Lamanna received a phone call from her supervisor at ABL Management, stating that her access to enter the jail had been revoked by the jail commander, Lieutenant Kellerman. Ms. Lamanna was given no explanation as to why she was no longer allowed access to the jail and is unsure of whether or not she still has a job. Several calls to Lieutenant Kellerman and Chief Deputy Barclay went unanswered. Ms. Lamanna and her husband spoke to County Prosecutor Kristina Schindele and were advised by Ms. Schindele to discuss the issue with the board at today’s meeting. Ms. Lamanna stated that she has no idea what may have happened at the jail to prompt the issue. Mr. Lamanna stated that all they want is an explanation and to not be kept in the dark. They would also like a chance to discuss whatever the issue is and resolve it. The board had no prior knowledge of this event at this point. Chairman Hofer assured Ms. Lamanna that the board will meet with Sheriff Layher and Chief Deputy Barclay later today to discuss the issue and will have someone contact her.

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.

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 cases K-01-13-03, K-02-13-02 and K-03-13-07. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Continuation was held on cases K-01-13-03, K-02-13-02 and K-03-13-07. 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. Attorney Michael Hague, representing St. Luke’s Elmore, was present via speaker phone. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. As a result of the Executive Session the board will take the cases under advisement.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. The board informed Sheriff Layher of the earlier meeting with Ms. Lamanna. Deputy Barclay explained that there were complaints filed against Ms. Lamanna by two female inmates. He had contacted Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) and also conducted an internal investigation regarding the complaints. As a result, it was found that Ms. Lamanna violated terms set forth in the contract with ABL Management, so her security clearance needed to access the jail was revoked. The supervisor at ABL Management was then notified of the violations and the revocation of the security clearance. Sheriff Layher stated that since Ms. Lamanna is not employed by the jail, they cannot terminate her employment with ABL Management, they can only revoke her access to work at the jail. ABL Management is her employer and it is their decision as to whether they will continue to employ Ms. Lamanna.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) and (b) to discuss records exempt from disclosure and 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.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to move the E-911 Coordinator from the supervision of the Sheriff's Department to the supervision of the Commissioners with Commissioner Corbus being assigned that department.

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(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.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch and a jail inspection.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Rick Ferguson, Executive Director of the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) appeared. The county's ICRMP representative has retired, leaving the county with no agent, so Mr. Ferguson discussed several replacement options with the board. The board stated that they would like to use a local agent. Mr. Ferguson understands the county's stand on using local agents, but feels it would be in the county's best interest to work with an agent that is familiar with ICRMP. Mr. Ferguson can provide the board with a list of agents in the region that are familiar with ICRMP procedures. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$2,432.63, payable to Nitz Pine Store-\$66.95, Valley Co-Ops-\$705.74 and Bastida Auto Salvage & Repair-\$1,659.94.

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 \$8,718.30, payable to Centurylink-\$37.62, Elmore County-\$680.68 and Animal Damage Control District 2 - \$8,000.00.

HOFER -**AYE**

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared to discuss the timecard reconciliation for the Pony and Elk Complex fires. She has completed the process and will be submitting the information to the Forest Service. Ms. Killian stated that she would like to hold classes to update everyone on the specifics of accurate record keeping in the event of another wildfire in the county.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approved Amendment No. 1 to the Monitoring Service Agreement between Elmore County and BI Incorporated.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The board received and reviewed bids on tax deed parcels that were not sold at last year’s tax deed sale.

The first bid contained the following offers:

RP001620010170A containing 7.67 acres – offered \$2,000.00	Amount owed is \$2,610.85
RP00162001080A containing 4.69 acres – offered \$1,000.00	Amount owed is \$2,003.52
RP001620010050A containing 4.55 acres – offered \$1,000.00	Amount owed is \$1,940.30
RP001620010070A containing 4.55 acres – offered \$1,000.00	Amount owed is \$1,980.88
RP02S05E221240A containing 28.63 acres – offered \$800.00	Amount owed is \$4,082.89

The second bid contained the following offers:

RP001620010120A containing 5.15 acres – offered \$1,100.00	Amount owed is \$2,027.70
RP001620010010A containing 3.48 acres – offered \$600.00	Amount owed is \$1,633.00

The offers were discussed and the board feels the offers need to be closer to the amounts owed on each parcel.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to deny the offers submitted on seven tax deed parcels.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Corbus updated the board of his meeting with the Idaho Department of Water Resources regarding a project to pump water from the Snake River to the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Greg Maurer, St. Luke’s Elmore Administrator, appeared to discuss temporary coverage for the Pine Ambulance Service. Commissioner Corbus attended the Ambulance Advisory Committee and possible scenarios for coverage were discussed. Mr. Maurer suggested educating the residents of the area on basic first aid. There are challenges of getting volunteers in the area, so the possibility of hiring a supervisor to

organize volunteers and oversee scheduling and other operations was discussed. Mr. Maurer will work on a proposal for various solutions to the issues.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to discuss the hiring of a full time employee to work in the pest department and a part time office employee. The duties that each position would be responsible for was discussed, as were wages and hours per week.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to add to the agenda, approve and sign the South Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Disbursement Agreement for State Cost Share Funds, with an allocation amount of \$14,191.00.

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-02-14-07 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve as per medical review and negotiation with a reimbursement order of \$20.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds beginning 5/5/14 with a review in six months as to income and expenses.

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

K-03-14-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as unable to determine indigency as applicant failed to appear. Elmore County is not the last resource, as applicant may be eligible for Medicare part B to cover those costs.

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

NM-03-14-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month beginning 5/15/14.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE

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

K-03-14-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$75.00 per month beginning 5/15/14 and 50% of Federal and State income tax refunds as payment.

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

K-03-14-10 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant was approved for Medicaid to cover all charges and St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center withdrew the application on 4/9/14.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

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