

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 21, 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.

Laura Thomas, Gina Westcott, Greg Dickerson and Darren Richman, representing Region IV Health and Welfare, appeared to update the board of the Regional Behavioral Health (BH) Board. Ms. Thomas explained that the Idaho Legislature has created Regional Behavior Health Boards to replace the regional substance abuse committee and mental health board, both were advisory in nature. The new Regional BH Boards have the potential to be more than advisory. The legislation allows for each regional board to become a government entity (with no tax levy authority) with the ability to contract, write grants, and develop local resources based on regional needs. Ms. Thomas also discussed the preliminary plans for the process of appointing the new board and reviewed the timelines of the process. They are looking for a broad range of members. The commissioners would be involved in the initial appointment process.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. Deputy Barclay reviewed a list of quotes for new appliances will be needed in the jail kitchen that they will be including in their 2015 budget. A new warming cabinet will cost approximately \$5,400.00 and a new convection oven will cost approximately \$13,671.00. Deputy Barclay will check the state bid pricing again before they order the new appliances. They will be purchasing new shelving for the jail storage building and the cost will come out of the SCAAP budget. Sheriff Layher stated that the Waterways Board has approved a new boat motor at a cost of \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00, which will come out of the waterways fund. New bullet proof vests were purchased at a cost of \$14,200.00, but they received a federal grant of \$10,000.00 to help offset the cost of the vests. Lieutenant Kellerman is still working with the auditor regarding the reconciliation of the jail accounts.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Ashley Jacarra Harmon, Justin Dennis Connolly and Matthew David Vallard.

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

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 Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$139.01, payable to RTI.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mountain Home resident Dave Kellerman appeared to discuss the annual budget of the Western Elmore County Recreational District. Mr. Kellerman, who is not a member of the district, explained that the district spends approximately \$20,000.00 per year in rent, utilities and building maintenance. He was told that the county has office space available and would like the commissioners to research a suitable area to house the district office, so they can use the \$20,000.00 for other purposes throughout the county. They would need space for two office workers. Chairman Hofer stated that the county currently does not have any extra office space available. He also stated that there are several other districts in the county and the county is not in a position to house one district rent free without offering to house all of the districts. Clerk Steele suggested that maybe the district can look into sharing office space and expenses with another district in the county.

Steve Millington appeared to introduce himself to the board and let them know that he is running for State Representative in Legislative District 23B. He asked the board if the county has any pressing issues they need help with. The Arrowrock Road issue was discussed. The need to fix irrigation canals to stop water seepage and the water levels of the aquifers supplying Mountain Home were also discussed.

Vence Parsons, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared to discuss the repair and replacement of air conditioning units on the roof of the jail due to a hail storm.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared and reviewed the applications for property tax exemption for St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, for parcels RPA3S06E253450A, RPA3S06E253430A, RPA3S06E253420A, RPA3S06E253377A, RPA3S06E253355A, RPA3S06E253395A and RPA00300010080A.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the property tax exemptions for St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, for parcels RPA3S06E253450A, RPA3S06E253430A, RPA3S06E253420A, RPA3S06E253377A, RPA3S06E253355A, RPA3S06E253395A and RPA00300010080A.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Bonnie Harper, Southwest Idaho Rural Development, appeared to update the board. The City of Glenns Ferry has received an Idaho Transportation Department Technical Assistance Grant for a truck routing

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to deny the bids made by Aaron Witt on the following parcels:
RP001620010010A containing 3.48 acres – offered \$825.00 Amount owed is \$1,633.00
RP001620010120A containing 5.15 acres – offered \$1,475.00 Amount owed is \$2,027.70

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

Attorney Grant reviewed the county’s shredding contract.

Attorney Grant also reviewed contracts for new Xerox copiers for the Sheriff’s Department and District Court.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the copier contracts with Boise Office Equipment for Xerox copiers for the Sheriff’s Department and District Court and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the contracts.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, 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-03-14-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$20.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment with re-evaluation of monthly payment in one year.

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

K-03-14-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve for dates of service 2/19/14 through 2/21/14 with a reimbursement order of \$20.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment with re-evaluation of monthly payment in one year.

HOFER -AYE

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, 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 Wootan, second by Corbus, to recess and reconvene at 6:00 pm at Mountain Home City Hall to discuss economic development opportunities within the City of Mountain Home and the surrounding areas of Elmore County.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The meeting reconvened at Mountain Home City Hall. Present at the meeting were Elmore County Commissioners Al Hofer, Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, County Clerk Barbara Steele, County Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Mayor Tom Rist, City Clerk Nina Patterson, Economic Development Director Paula Riggs. Southwest Idaho RC&D representative Bonnie Harper was present via speaker phone. Also present were Mountain Home City Council members Jimmy Schipani, Russ Anderson, Geoff Schroeder and Rich Urquidi, as well as other audience members. Ms. Riggs reviewed the economic development opportunities that she is currently working on and discussion followed regarding future opportunities for the City of Mountain Home. The pros and cons of economic development within the city and Elmore County were discussed, including infrastructure availability, utility demands, water availability and funding to put such things in place if and when the need arose. Ms. Riggs would like to see the city and the county work together for the future development of the City of Mountain Home and Elmore County as well. The county commissioners agreed and will support the city as much as possible. Water issues in Elmore County were also discussed. The meeting adjourned.

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