

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 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.

A Public Hearing was held to adopt an amendment to a Zoning and Development Ordinance. Alan Christy and Tell Riley, Land Use and Building Department, appeared and reviewed the ordinance amendment. No public was present. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign Ordinance No. 2014-01 Amendment to Zoning and Development Ordinance.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Traci LeFever, E911 Coordinator and Eddie Goldsmith, former Idaho State 911 Administrator appeared to review the FY2015 Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant application. Mr. Goldsmith has been helping Ms. LeFever write a grant application for new equipment for the dispatch center. Ms. LeFever is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$136, 978.56, which will not require any matching funds from Elmore County. The grant funds will be used to purchase thirty six new monitors, a new larger server with an internal redundant system, which will keep the server running in case of a power outage. The funding will also pay for the new air conditioning unit for the dispatch center. They will also be purchasing a new upgraded GIS mapping system. Mr. Goldsmith explained all of the advantages the upgraded mapping system will provide to the dispatch center. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the FY2015 Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee Application.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Judi Watkins, Treasure Valley Transit (TVT), appeared to discuss the Mountain Home Transit budget and request funding. TVT is a private non-profit organization located in Nampa. The company runs a public transit bus route throughout the City of Mountain Home and a route to the air force base. The FY2015 budget is \$346,965.00. \$215,042.00 of this budget comes from grant funding and \$43,500.00 comes from estimated fares. This leaves a local match requirement of \$88,441.00. TVT can no longer continue to subsidize this service as it has in the past. Ms. Watkins explained that Idaho is one of only two states that

do not provide state funding for transportation. They do receive Medicaid funding to help subsidize the program, but that does not cover all of the funding needed. Ms. Watkins is requesting \$25,000.00 from Elmore County to assist the City of Mountain Home in meeting the local match requirements. Currently, the City contributes \$20,000.00 toward the match. The amount of local match dollars will determine the level of service provided, which means run times may need to be decreased if the local match requirement cannot be met. The board will discuss the request further before making a decision.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared and updated the board of their events of the week. Sheriff Layher discussed his budget requests and asked if the board has finished reviewing his budget. He would like to stress that they will need the new vehicles they requested. Deputy Barclay stated that if they order the Chargers before July 25th they would be getting 2014 models, which would be \$1,500 to \$2,500 cheaper.

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.

Sheriff Layher and Chief Deputy Barclay discussed the rising costs for vehicle maintenance and equipment installs. Also discussed was a property in Pine that is currently being rented by one of the deputies working there. The property is available for sale for \$150,000.00. Sheriff Layher suggested the county research purchasing the property since it is currently used to house deputies in the area. The board will discuss the proposal. Commissioner Corbus discussed the EMS services in the county. He will be attending a meeting in late August or early September to discuss the State EMS department doing a complete analysis of ambulance operations in Elmore County. He would like Sheriff Layher to be involved in the meeting so he can give input regarding the coverage in the outlying areas of the county.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to review an application for cancellation of taxes for Pamela Briggs for the tax years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Ms. Briggs also appeared. Currently, she is behind on her taxes. She has several medical issues that prohibit her from working and she only receives a minimal monthly income. Assessor Fisher suggested cancelling the taxes for 2011 due to hardship and keeping 2012 and 2013 as is, in the event Ms. Briggs can reconcile the taxes if her current financial state improves.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the request for cancellation of taxes for Pamela J. Briggs, parcel #RP03S06E354010, for the year 2011 only.

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

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

The fees charged for household waste at the Bennett Road landfill were discussed. There is still an issue of what constitutes household waste and when a resident should be charged.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter to the Boise County Board of Commissioners regarding winter maintenance on Arrowrock Road.

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

July 14, 2014

Re: Boise County portion of the Boise River Middle Fork Road (FS Road 268)

Boise County Commissioners:

We are writing you in response to your letter dated July 1, 2014. We again would like to express our disappointment with your decision not to support the annexation of a portion of FS Road 268 by the Atlanta Highway District (AHD).

While we obviously have no objection to you putting the winter maintenance for FS Road 268 out to bid, we are concerned with what you intend when you say that you are seeking a contractor to “provide limited winter maintenance for FS Road 268 during the 2014-2015 winter season.” What are your bid specifications for “limited winter maintenance?” If “limited winter maintenance” means that you will provide sufficient winter road maintenance such that residents and visitors to Atlanta, Idaho will have the same level of access to Atlanta that has been provided in previous years, then we are pleased with your decision. If you intend for “limited winter maintenance” to be something less, such that residents and visitors of Atlanta are unable to access the town of Atlanta following snow storms, then we are very concerned and intend to protect our residents to the fullest extent of the law.

While Elmore County assisted financially with the winter road maintenance last winter, Elmore County is not planning on participating with financial support to Boise County this year, as Boise County receives significant funding for such purpose.

Please let us know what you intend by “limited winter maintenance” and keep us apprised of your efforts in bidding the winter maintenance.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner
/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the catering permit for Stew’s Place for July 16, 18 and 19, 2014 at the Elmore County Fair.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the polling location for the August 26, 2014 Election.

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 \$3,364.53, payable to Elmore County-\$352.55, Les Schwab-\$1,510.00, Paul’s Market-\$1.98 and Adapco-\$1,500.00.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1249 Brian Wallace Noe-\$1.77.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Skyler Maxine Abrahamson, Chelsea M. Junger, Travis L. VanMeer, Melissa N. Englund, Violeta J. Garcia-Sedano and Ana K. Mendez.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Vehicle maintenance fees were discussed. The yearly cost of county vehicle maintenance has risen dramatically, especially for sheriff department vehicles. The board discussed the possibility of hiring a mechanic as a county employee to handle the vehicle maintenance, or putting the vehicle maintenance out for bid to help reduce the yearly costs.

The board opened and reviewed the Request for Bid Packets for County Fuel, Jail Vending Services and Jail Food Provider. A single bid was received from Hiler Brothers Company for the County Fuel contract. A single bid was received from Keefe Group for the County Jail Vending Services contract. A single bid was received from ABL Management Inc. for the County Jail Food Service Provider contract. The board reviewed the three bids. The board agreed to accept the bid from Hiler Brothers Company for the County Fuel Contract. The bids for the Jail Vending Services Contract and the Jail Food Service

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

K-06-14-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant refuses to cooperate with the county to determine eligibility. The applicant wrote a statement withdrawing the application.

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 \$372,740.70.

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

The request by Treasure Valley Transit for a \$25,000.00 contribution was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the county could not approve the funding request at this time.

Clerk Steele reviewed the budget requests. A lengthy discussion followed.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss the possibility of adding a driver’s licensing employee to the DMV department in Glenns Ferry. Discussion followed regarding whether the positions will be part time, full time, or if the current employee can work both positions. Deputy Barclay explained the duties of the driver’s license position. Comments and revision to the Command Vehicle policy were also discussed.

Clerk Steele continued the budget reviews. The board decided that as of October 1, 2014, both positions in the Drug Court program will revert back to part time, which will be 30 hours per week, due to the lack of grant funding. It was also decided that if the staff can secure future grant funding, the program can be changed back to a full time status.

Clerk Steele also reviewed several minimal increases to other departmental budgets.

The Sheriff’s budget requests were reviewed. For the Sheriff’s Department budget, there were some minor line item increases. The major increases discussed were vehicle purchases, equipment and camera installs. The Jail budget requests will require significant increases for several line items. Clerk Steele reviewed the projected revenue for the jail. The projected revenue was down significantly.

Chief Deputy Barclay phoned in regarding the vehicle purchases. He spoke with Edmark Chevrolet and was told that the 2014 Tahoe models that they have are not pursuit rated so they will have to order 2015 models, at a projected cost of approximately \$35,000.00 per vehicle. He also stated that if he orders the

two 2014 Chargers before July 25th, they will cost \$25,471.00 per vehicle. The board authorized Deputy Barclay to order the two Chargers before July 25th at the reduced pricing.

Clerk Steele continued reviewing the budget requests. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN..... -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk