

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 12, 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.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for April 14, 2014, April 21, 2014 and April 28, 2014.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Public Defender Terry Ratliff appeared to discuss the Public Defense Act. According to the Public Defense Act, the county can no longer enter into a flat fee contract with the Public Defender, they must bill for hourly services. Mr. Ratliff will draw up a format of hourly rates for the different services provided by his office and present it to the board for their review.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared. Commissioner Corbus discussed the possibility of hiring a supervisor for the Pine EMS, to be in charge of recruiting and staffing volunteers for the EMS services. Commissioner Corbus feels that once the staffing issue is resolved, there will be a lot of downtime for the employee and suggested that they may be of use to the sheriff’s department, to help with boat and ATV inspections. Sheriff Layher agreed with the idea and would be on board with overseeing the employee. He explained that the sheriff’s department gets \$10 per boat inspection, which goes into the vessel fund. Those funds must be used each year or they lose them, so he could help pay the salary for that portion of the job with those funds.

Terrill Howard, Blue Cross of Idaho Insurance representative, appeared to discuss the county’s health insurance renewal for the year. Mr. Howard will be retiring, so Cindy Trefren will be the new county representative. Mr. Howard and Ms. Trefren reviewed the county’s insurance coverage. Claims are lower, due to the \$3,000.00 deductible. There will be an overall premium increase of 1.66% for the year.

The County Tax Deed Hearing was held. Treasurer Rose Plympton reviewed the Tax Deed properties. There are eleven parcels currently delinquent. All but one parcel are bare land. Treasurer Plympton has followed the appropriate guidelines to contact the owners regarding the delinquent taxes. The eleven parcels are as follows:

Owner: Alliance Financial Inc.

RPA3S06E353140A

Owner: Addam J. Diven RPB0065033019AA
 Owner: First Pioneer Management Inc. RPA3S06E253260A

Owner: Daniel R. Frezza RP03S06E288100A

Owner: Oliver Gregerson RP3S06E252715A

Owner: New Horizons LP RP01S05E350010A RP01S05E357210A
 RP02S05E044810A RP02S05E045610A

Owner: Mary Szostkowski RP01S05E178610A

Owner: Jay A. Taylor RP01N09E160290A

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to take Tax Deed on parcel # RPA3S06E353140A, owned by Alliance Financial Inc.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to take Tax Deed on parcel # RPB0065033019AA, owned by Addam J. Diven.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to take Tax Deed on parcel # RPA3S06E253260A, owned by First Pioneer Management Inc.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to take Tax Deed on parcel # RP03S06E288100A, owned by Daniel R. Frezza.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to take Tax Deed on parcel # RP3S06E252715A, owned by Oliver Gregerson.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll for April 2014 in the amount of \$424,613.90.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$439,283.81.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1246 Dean L. & Dorothy M. Thompson - \$52.04.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Cassandra Lee Wickard, Ricardo Ceballos, Allison Nicole Foy, Cassandra Garza, Nely Martinez, Jovana S. Pedroza, Alicia Michelle Reynolds, Paola Rodriguez, Monica L. Spinazzolo and Matthew David Vallard.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the letter to Mountain Home Rural Fire District to deny the request for a contribution from county PILT funds to purchase firefighting equipment.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn for lunch.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Jeff Morrell, CEO of Intermountain Hospital, County Prosecutor Tina Schindele, Sheriff Rick Layher, Jail Commander Shawna Kellerman and Mountain Home Police Chief Nick Schilz appeared to discuss involuntary mental holds. Chief Schilz explained that there have been several instances when they have an individual who needs to be committed and they were unable to be taken by Intermountain Hospital for

12-18 hours. Mr. Morrell explained the process of admitting an individual into the facility. The facility will not take someone for two hours after chemical or mechanical restraints are used. Intermountain Hospital can evaluate individuals at their facility, but if they don't meet specific criteria, they will not be admitted. Discussion followed.

County Prosecutor Kristina Schindele and Marty Jones, Central District Health Department, appeared to discuss a complaint filed against Idaho Waste Systems, regarding the Simco Road Landfill. The complaint does not involve daily operations of the landfill. Ms. Schindele explained that the complaint has nothing to do with the county at this point and the board is not obligated to discuss the specifics of the complaint with the individual.

Travis and Vicki Cook appeared to discuss a property they are selling in Prairie that they feel may be well suited for county purposes. The property contains 4.09 acres of land and has a large shop that can be used for maintenance purposes, and a large house that can be used to house county employees working in the area. Possible community uses, such as a library, community center or an emergency services building were discussed. The board will discuss the proposal and contact Mr. and Mrs. Cook with their decision.

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-07-13-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny the request for a continuance, the hearing will be held on 6/9/14.

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

K-03-14-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to amend the reimbursement order for payments to begin January 15, 2015.

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

K-06-13-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center withdrew the appeal dated 8/6/13.

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 remaining parcels are as follows: RP02S05E221240A, RP001620010010A, RP001620010080A, RP001620010090A, RP001620010150A, RP001620010160A, RP001620010190A, RP001620020010A, RP001620020020A, RP001620030010A, RP001620040010A, RP001630010020A and RP001630020100A. The total amount owing on these parcels is \$27,980.76.

The first bid was from Preston Lord with an offer of \$10,000.00 for all thirteen remaining tax deed parcels.

The second bid was from Eric Bowen with an offer of \$27,980.76 for all thirteen remaining tax deed parcels.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to accept the bid from Eric Bowen with an offer of \$27,980.76 for the thirteen remaining tax deed parcels.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Quit Claim Deeds for the tax deed parcels sold to Eric Bowen.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The board revisited the earlier proposal from Travis and Vicki Cook regarding their property in Prairie.

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