

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4<sup>th</sup> 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 regarding opening the 2014 Elmore County budget to create a fund for the Pine Ambulance Supervisor position in the amount of \$7,200.00 with an offsetting revenue line item in the same amount to be reimbursed by the Ambulance District, and to increase the Indigent/Pension budget by \$65,000 due to increased mental holds and hospital expenses increasing a revenue line item by the same amount.

No public was present and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 556-14 and refer to it in title only.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 556-14 Transfer of funds from PILT to Indigent/Pension and to create a revenue line item to cover hiring a full time EMS supervisor in the Pine/Featherville area to be reimbursed by the Elmore County Ambulance District.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 556-14**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE ELMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING FUNDING AND ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN SPENDING PRIORITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Elmore County have the authority and duty under Article XVIII, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution and Title 31, Chapter 6 of the Idaho Code to provide funding operations of the Government of Elmore County for expenditure of those funds; and



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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Commissioner Corbus also updated the board of a meeting he attended on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, which was held by the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) board to assess the county ambulance services needs. Representatives from St. Luke’s Elmore arrived several hours late for the meeting and did not provide appropriate documentation regarding the ambulance operations, which is key information needed in assessing the needs of the county. Commissioner Corbus then provided the group with paperwork regarding the ambulance services, which was put together by Clerk Steele. Commissioner Corbus stated that he is unsure of the outcome of the assessment due to the lack of cooperation from St. Luke’s Elmore representatives, but will continue to follow up with the EMS board regarding the issue.

County Public Defender Attorney Terry Ratliff and Office Administrator Michelle Meyers appeared and reviewed the proposed public defender contract. Attorney Ratliff came up with a best estimated target cost for the fiscal year. He feels that the cost will increase slightly and will try his best to keep the attorney fee rates in check. Attorney Grant and Attorney Ratliff discussed other areas of the contract that will need to be negotiated to see what will work best for both parties. Discussion followed and it was decided that the board will extend the public defender contract for thirty days until the contract is finalized.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Public Defender Contract Extension letter, extending the Public Defender Contract with Attorney Terry Ratliff for 30 days.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

The monthly department heads meeting was held.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. She has completed the workbooks for the Pony Complex and Little Queens fires and is currently working on the Elk Complex fire workbook. Ms. Killian discussed an issue with the operation of the Command Vehicle at the air show. She also reviewed the Bureau of Homeland Security EMPG grant paperwork.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Bureau of Homeland Security EMPG grant awards in the amount of \$45,168.51 and \$22,545.87.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Service Officer, appeared. Mr. Baumgardner participated in a military rites funeral ceremony for a local retired Air Force veteran. He provided a Veterans Affairs briefing to the VFW post in Glens Ferry on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He has been working with several veterans who've had cases denied as a result of inadequate documentation or evidence to prove the claims. He is presently working on the second "Atomic Veteran" claim for a local resident. He had a visit and inspection from Douglas Jacobsen, an accredited State Service Officer from the Idaho Division of Veterans Services in Boise. Mr. Jacobsen was very pleased with the professional appearance of the office and the quality of service Mr. Baumgardner is providing to veterans in Elmore County. In the last month, he has assisted twenty two veterans, spouses of family members with specific VA issues.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared and updated the board. There were some minor repairs done to the ambulance building, including some repairs to the roof. He has signed on two new EMTs, one of which is waiting for their certification. The board asked Mr. Chevalier to keep an eye on the dump site, as there has been a problem with individuals dumping unapproved items there.

Emma Scott-Landers, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to update the board. They currently have twenty seven participants and three pending entrances. Twenty five of the participants are currently employed. Ms. Scott-Landers reviewed the community service venues, projects and the upcoming events of the program.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared and updated the board. He has been doing farm visits in regards to disease, insect and nutrient management consultations. He reviewed the findings of his research on the influence of humic substances on soil quality, fertilizer and water use efficiency in Elmore County. The status of his new part time pest abatement district employee was discussed. Mr. Seyedbagheri stated that the new employee is working out well, doing an excellent job and he would like the board to allow the employee to be hired on a full time basis.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared. The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), along with Mr. Christy and Tell Riley, will be meeting tomorrow night in Pine to discuss potential ordinance amendments regarding commercial use and private use of RV's. P&Z held a meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Christy will be attending a conference on Source Water Protection, which will be held in Boise. He updated the board of his research on the possibility of constructing a maintenance garage on the jail property.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Fifth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for County Engineer with Aspen Engineers.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for County Biologist with Power Engineers, Inc.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared and reviewed his caseload summary report and community service report. The caseload has increased by three this month, which brings the caseload total to ninety seven. Using the Law Enforcement Building for juvenile detention was discussed. Mr. Dye reviewed the Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement with Ada County.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement with Canyon County.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to update the board. Mr. Roberts stated that since October 2013, extrication members are paid \$10.00 for every call they responds to and to date, he has only used half of the funds he has budgeted for this. Mr. Roberts asked if the reimbursement can be increased to \$15.00 per call as he has enough budgeted to cover the increase. He will be attending a traffic incident management class sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department. He also attended a three day “Train the Trainer” conference to be certified as an extrication instructor. Mr. Roberts stated that they may need to purchase an upgraded extrication truck in the next few years.

Traci LeFever, E911 Coordinator, appeared and reviewed the IECC Grant Award documents.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the E911 IECC Grant Award in the amount of \$122,953.56.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Sheriff Rick Layher, Chief Deputy Mike Barclay and Jail Commander Shawna Kellerman appeared to update the board. Lieutenant Kellerman stated that there are one hundred inmates in the county jail to date. The accounting for the commissary funds was discussed. Sheriff Layher stated that his office staff won’t have the time to take on reconciling the account every month and he may need to hire a full time employee to handle that, but does not have a line item in his budget for a new hire. Lieutenant Kellerman

thinks that the commissary computer program already reconciles the account each month and will check into that. Chief Deputy Barclay discussed an issue with crew sheets submitted to the Forest Service for road blocks during the Trinity Ridge fire.

Treasurer Rose Plympton appeared and updated the board of a county owned tax deed property. The county took tax deed on the property due to non-payment of the property taxes. There is also a trailer situated on the property, which will be going up for auction on October 9<sup>th</sup> by the sheriff’s department, as the owner has not paid the personal property tax on the trailer. The owner owes less than one hundred dollars in personal property tax. According to Idaho Code, the county treasurer can appear at the auction and bid on the property. Treasurer Plympton feels that the county should buy the trailer since the county now owns the property the trailer sits on and can sell the property and trailer together. Attorney Grant feels that it would be in the county’s best interest to buy the trailer and have common ownership of the property and trailer.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to authorize Treasurer Plympton to make a bid on a trailer owned by Addam Diven, parcel # MHTR0000188700, that sits on a county owned tax deed property.

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

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. His office is still signing taxpayers up for homeowners exemptions. They have been reviewing properties in the Atlanta, Pine and Prairie areas. He has hired someone for a position in the DMV office as he is moving one of those current employees to the Glenns Ferry office full time.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Computer Arts Inc. Master Agreement for Software and Support License.

**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.

Rayola Jacobsen appeared to discuss a proposed strategy for integrated weed management, mosquito abatement and pest control in Elmore County. Ms. Jacobsen reviewed the proposed plan for a landscape approach to the weed, mosquito and pest problems within the Elmore County Cooperative Weed

Management Area (CWMA). The Elmore County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to work with the current Extension agent to see more weed spraying and control done in the county. Dave Humphreys and Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, also appeared and reviewed the CWMA's that are already established in Elmore County and what they are doing. Mr. Seyedbagheri explained that they have documented weed and pest control programs already in place, and several advisory committees that they work with. Mr. Humphreys feels that there is no issue and that the proposed strategy is already in place.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director and Kristina Schindele, County Prosecutor, appeared to discuss an issue of overtime hours that are being accumulated by the juvenile probation officers. The overtime hours in Mr. Dye's department have recently increased. Currently, the probation officers are working forty plus hours per week and Mr. Dye stated that it will be impossible for him to keep the overtime hours low and run his office efficiently. Commissioner Corbus asked if another probation officer needs to be hired to offset the overtime. Mr. Dye stated that it would cost more to hire another officer than it would to pay the overtime hours. The main reason for the overtime hours is the reports the probation officers need write for each juvenile offender. Attorney Schindele suggested hiring a part time court investigator to write the reports. Mr. Dye would like to keep track of the overtime over the next year, see if he can streamline the report process and keep the overtime hours low. If the issue escalates then he will find a different solution to the issue.

Attorney Terry Ratliff reappeared and continued earlier the discussion regarding the proposed public defender contract and reviewed a projected annual budget.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Fifth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for County Surveyor with Gilbert C. Walker.

**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 Hannah Michelle Bideganeta, Danika Jewel Counts, Kade Russell Karren, Andrew Bryce Kubat, Porter James Nelson, Matthew Ryan Nicora, David Joseph Parrett, Collin Rotho Tan, Riley Fisher Urquidi, Jennifer Lynn Walsh and McKenzie Preston Wilson.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$864.33, payable to Verizon Wireless-\$141.52, Terry's Truck & RV Acc. Inc.-\$585.76 and Brian Chevalier-\$137.05.

**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 \$68.75, payable to Centurylink-\$36.12 and Verizon Wireless-\$32.63.

**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-08-14-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant meets all of the criteria for Elmore County assistance but has a pending SSI/SSD application. Elmore County will follow up with the applicant monthly for social security status updates.

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

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

K-08-14-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate to determine eligibility for residency and indigency. The applicant could not be served a subpoena as he is in custody in Elko, NV. The Intermountain Hospital charges are denied as applicant was an involuntary admission.

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

K-08-14-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month for six months and increasing to \$100.00 per month on April 15, 2015. The applicant shall seek full time employment.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-08-14-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant is not indigent per Idaho code and has discretionary income over ten times the amount to pay the bills over five years.

**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Attorney Grant reviewed the revised agreement for fire services on Interstate 84 with the Orchard Training Center and the Idaho Transportation Department.

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**