

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2015

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 Wes Wootan, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared to review county invested funds. In the county’s portfolio, investments are diversified between liquidity, bonds, money market accounts and security investments. The security investments mature sporadically throughout the years. Ms. Sloan has been working with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc., a broker who helps members manage their fixed income investments needs. Ms. Sloan reviewed the funds that are currently invested and the interest earned fiscally.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. Sheriff Layher discussed a request from the Atlanta Fire Chief for financial assistance from the county to finalize some construction of their fire department building. The construction would consist of building a few petition walls on the second floor and finishing a bathroom and kitchen area on the first floor. In return, the building would be available to house deputies who are on duty in the Atlanta area for extended periods of time. He will visit the building to see if the finalized construction would fit their needs. Clerk Steele stated that there is a county owned property in the area. The possibility of putting a trailer on the lot or constructing a small cabin to house the deputies was discussed. Deputy Barclay reviewed an estimate for installing electric eyes on four garage doors at the jail. Individuals in the Sheriff Inmate Labor Detail (SILDS) program will be utilized to clean up trash which has been dumped in several areas of the desert. Deputy Barclay stated that the control panel and inverter in the Command Vehicle will need to be replaced and the Sheriff and the Mountain Home Police Department have agree to cover the cost of replacement instead of the cost coming out of the Disaster Services budget. Security personnel for the upcoming country music festival and the timeline in which contracts need to be in place were discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the South Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area 2015 Award.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for March 2015 in the amount of \$404,804.59.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Lease Agreement between Elmore County and the Idaho Power Company for a portion of land at the Glens Ferry Fairgrounds.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$4,177.21, payable to Elmore County-\$4,051.25 and Mountain Home News-\$125.96.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$4,601.67, payable to Centurylink-\$35.98, Adapco-\$1,351.00, James Torbert-\$552.68 and Elmore County-\$2,662.01.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Sky Mae Gennette, JaDene L. Palmer, Breanna C. Tindall and Ashley M. Poole.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1274 Robert S. and Renee L. Fahey-\$1,458.72 and No. 1275 Glens Ferry Veterans Memorial Council Inc.-\$2.13.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Recorder's Office Report and the Clerk's Bail Bond Report for the record only.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The board opened and reviewed two Request for Bid packets for an ambulance remount. The first bid was received from Braun NW, Inc. in the amount of \$107,525.00 with a \$500.00 trade-in credit for the

existing 2009 Ford E540 chassis van. The second bid was received from Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$81,531.00 with a \$1,500.00 trade-in credit for the existing 2009 Ford E540 chassis van. Further review of the bids will be done and discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$605,750.74.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The possible review of the Public Defender billing was discussed.

Bonnie Harper, Southwest Idaho Rural Development, appeared. She has been working with Paula Riggs, Economic Development Director for the City of Mountain Home, on a request from the Department of Commerce to submit five properties located in Elmore County for “Project Darkness”. The company will be coming out to do a site tour of the five submitted properties on April 21st. Ms. Harper requested a letter of support for the project from the board. She feels the properties are in great locations and hopes that once the company completes the site tour they will agree. Ms. Harper discussed the rail infrastructure project. She had an assessment done in Glens Ferry, which showed some issues with load standards and some of the rail being undersized, but the assessment will provide a starting point to move forward with improvements. She also had a meeting in Glens Ferry with the State Director of Parks and Recreation and ITD Aeronautics regarding moving the road along the east end of the Glens Ferry airport to get it out of the flight path, which could increase the potential for expansion and the ability for larger aircrafts to utilize the airport. Recreational venues in the area could also benefit from the project.

Attorney Terry Ratliff, Public Defender, appeared to review his billing invoices and clarify some issues the board had with the invoices.

Attorney Grant discussed a foreclosure issue involving Idaho Waste Systems.

The Arid Exemption application for the Bennett Road landfill was discussed.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Chairman Wootan had a telephone conversation with Steve West, Centra Consulting Inc., regarding the progress for the Arid Exemption for the Bennett Road Landfill. Mr. West stated that he is closing his

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda the discussion with Assessor Ron Fisher regarding a possible increase to agricultural property valuations.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to discussed the revaluation increases that may be in the future for agricultural properties. Mr. Fisher stated that agricultural properties have not been valued recently and are substantially lower than surrounding counties. He explained the process and different factors that need to be taken into consideration when valuating the agricultural properties.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Glens Ferry Economic Development Letter of Support regarding Project Darkness.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-04-14-02. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-04-14-02. Present at the hearing were Chairman Wes Wootan, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl, Social Services Director Marianne Bate and Social Services Assistant Candi Hinton. Also present were Attorney Mark Peterson, representing St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Attorney Joe Kozlowski, representing the estate of the applicant, the applicant’s father and the applicant’s spouse. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to continue the hearing on case K-04-14-02 until April 27, 2015 at 10:00 am.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-11-14-01. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-11-14-01. Present at the hearing were Chairman Wes Wootan, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl, Social Services Director Marianne Bate, Social Services Assistant Candi Hinton, Attorney Mark Peterson, representing St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center and the applicant. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to continue the hearing on case K-11-14-01 until April 27, 2015 at 9:00 am.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to change to time of the continuation of the hearing on case K-04-14-02 to April 27, 2015 at 9:15 am.

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

Motion by Wootan, 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.

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

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-03-15-04 Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to suspend the application as the applicant has an administrative hearing scheduled with SSI/SSD in July 2015.

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

K-12-14-02 Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to accept the Finding of Facts Conclusion of Law.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk