

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 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.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(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 decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-10-15-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant is not indigent and has discretionary income to pay the medical bills over 5 years.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for October 16, 2015.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the ambulance district expenses in the amount of \$150.00 payable to BLS Rules, LLC.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the pest abatement district expenses in the amount of \$676.57, payable to Adapco \$328.00, James Torbert \$72.00, Office Value \$77.17, Mountain Home Auto Parts \$88.46, Carr’s Home Lumber \$10.94, and Environmental Care Association \$100.00.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificates of Residency applications for Jaime D. Gonzalez and Christine M. Hammond.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$549,151.82.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to vote for Rick Yzaquirre to be a board member for the Catastrophic Health Care Program.

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

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared and reported on the sale of county vehicles that will held be tomorrow. He also reviewed the turnover of jail personnel. The Commissioners suggested including the county’s Human Resources Manager in the discussions. Sheriff Layher informed the board that he was also going to have Rich Wills hold some classes for jail employees on job issues and how to work as a team to get them resolved.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) regarding exempt records. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Regular session resumed. No decisions were made as result of the Executive Session.

Jack Yarbrough, Idaho Waste Systems (IWS), Mayor Tom Rist, City Attorney Jay Friedly, Rodney Remling, Republic Services and Dewey Crane, Snake River Rubbish appeared to discuss trash hauling and landfill operation costs. Mr. Crane stated that he collects approximately twenty tons a day and by a rough estimate it would cost an additional \$5,900.00 per month for him to haul straight to Simco Road as opposed to dumping at Bennett Road. At the last meeting, Mr. Yarbrough had made a proposal to the board that he needs \$18.50 per ton to run Bennett Road and haul the trash to Simco Road and \$20.00 per ton to bury it. Chairman Wootan asked Mayor Rist of he had any comments or input regarding the proposed fees and hauling changes that have been

discussed at the last few meetings. Mayor Rist stated that per Idaho Statute, the county is obligated to supply a place for the trash to be taken and the city would have to follow whatever decision the county made. Mr. Remling stated that it would cost an additional \$7,000.00 per month (\$84,000.00 per year) to direct haul to Simco Road. On a rough estimate, the city would have to raise trash fees \$1.65 per household per month if the waste was hauled directly to Simco Road, which would just cover the transportation fee. Mayor Rist was concerned with who would be responsible to pay the cost if an extra fee per ton was charged to dump the trash once Republic got to Simco Road. Mr. Remling stated that if there would be an additional cost for dumping the trash once they got to Simco Road, it would be more cost efficient for them to continue to dump the trash at Bennett Road. Discussion followed and the board proposed an increase from \$12.50 to \$16.00 per ton for transporting the trash from Bennett Road to Simco Road and to reduce the monthly tipping fee contribution that IWS pays to the county from 3%, which is the current rate to 1.5%, with the terms being renegotiated in two years. Mr. Yarbrough stated that he would go over the numbers and get back to the board.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Ambulance issues and Extrication costs were briefly discussed.

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

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Chief Deputy Barclay and Jail Commander Shauna Kellerman appeared and reported a water pipe broke at the jail and is being repaired. Retention of jail personnel was discussed. Most Jail employees move up the ladder or decide the position is not a good fit for them therefore they have a big turnaround with employees at the jail. When they added the new control room employees that the Commissioners approved in the 2016 budget, those new employees are not being supervised due to the past structure of how the control room was run. Chief Barclay is asking for a pay increase to change a position of receptionist/bookkeeper to add supervisor duties to the position. The increase would be \$1.47 an hour increase. Clerk Steele suggested that Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, review the current and new job description and make a determination if the step and grade should change and if there is a need for this position/promotion and to also determine if the current employee is qualified to be a supervisor. Clerk Steele stated the Jail needs to stay full and generate as much revenue as possible if payroll adjustments need to be made. Chief Barclay stated that they could use the SCAAP money but Clerk Steele pointed out that that is only a one year fix. The increase carries over into the next fiscal year and if there is no

could amount to an extra \$15,000.00 per month for direct hauling the city's trash. The possibility of quickly updating the operations plan so that trash can be dumped into Bennett Road was discussed. Attorney Schindele wanted clarification on what other counties are being charged to dispose of their trash. Dave Fisher from Republic Services phoned and was put on speaker phone and joined the discussion. The board brought Mr. Fisher up to speed regarding their earlier discussion with Mr. Yarbrough and the proposed fees.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d), records exempt from disclosure. Roll call was taken.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. No action was taken as result of the executive session.

Jack Gantz from the Department of Environmental Quality returned a phone call from Chairman Wootan and was put on speaker phone. Commissioner Hofer asked Mr. Gantz about the current status of the Bennett Road Landfill. Mr. Gantz stated he would have to look at our operations plan and get back to us next week.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f). Roll call vote was taken.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. No action was taken as result of the Executive Session.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk