

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 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.

Bill Kelly, Oasis Fire Protection District Commissioner, appeared to update the board on an annexation of property into their fire district. A request for annexation was submitted to the Oasis Fire Protection District by property owners Judith O’Dell, Richard A. Taylor and LaRue Pettibone. The properties are contiguous and contain 66.129 acres. The properties are approximately four miles from the Tilli Fire Station and well within the response criteria of the Oasis Fire Department. On November 11, 2014, a public hearing was held by the Oasis Fire Protection District Commissioners to receive all comments to the annexation. After hearing all input, the District Commissioners unanimously voted “yes” to the annexation. Mr. Kelly submitted the Order of Annexation to the board so the annexed properties can be added to the tax rolls for the Oasis Fire Protection District. Attorney Grant will prepare a resolution and order of annexation for the board approval and execution. Mr. Kelly also discussed the mutual aid agreement that the Oasis Fire Protection District has with the Orchard Training Facility for fire protection services in the Oasis area. Commissioner Corbus stated that two weeks ago the Orchard Training Center made it clear that the agreement with the Oasis Fire protection District was cancelled and that Oasis will no longer be called out to any fire emergencies. Mr. Kelly will follow up with that, as Oasis was not informed of the agreement being cancelled.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for January 12, 2015 and January 20, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 563-15 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve Resolution No. 563-15 Destruction of Certain Elmore County Records Auditor/Recorder/Indigent.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 563-15

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO WIT:

WHEREAS, the Board of Elmore County Commissioners is permitted, pursuant to Idaho Code §31-871(2), Idaho Code, to authorize the destruction of certain Elmore County Records; and

WHEREAS, the County of Elmore, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, has possession of numerous paper records which prove to be of no further purpose. These records consist of the following documents:

“Semi-permanent Records” under Idaho Code §31-871(a):

Auditor/Recorder

Warrant Copies – FY2004 through FY2009

Indigent

Denial Records - FY2009

WHEREAS, approval for the destruction of the below listed records has been obtained from the Idaho State Historical Society, when required, and the Prosecuting Attorney, as provide by Idaho Code § 31-871.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmore County Board of Commissioners in lawful meeting assembled hereby authorizes the destruction of the following paper records:

Warrant Copies – FY2004 – FY2009

Denial Records – FY2009

DATED this 26th day of January, 2015.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared and reviewed his department’s case load report. They currently have one hundred juveniles on probation. The community services have remained the same. Jason Stone of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections also appeared and reviewed the Elmore County 2014 Annual Juvenile Justice Report.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared. Mr. Chevalier has completed the snow mobile training class, and is now certified to be an instructor. He is currently waiting on equipment he will need to teach the classes. He visits the Pine Senior Center each Tuesday and does free blood pressure checks and blood sugar checks. He has also been assisting them in unloading and stocking the deliveries from the Idaho Food Bank.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Service Officer, appeared to update the board. He has had a very successful month, as several veterans notified him of success in receiving an increase in their disability ratings. Mr. Baumgardner has been able to register several discharged veterans into the VA Hospital healthcare system. He provided a VA publications briefing at the VF W meeting in Glens Ferry. Mr. Baumgardner assisted several veterans’ spouses with Veterans Affairs Pension Management Center requirements. Since the last meeting he has assisted twenty three veterans, spouses or family members with their specific VA issues.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. Mr. Roberts discussed the ambulance remount specs package he has been working on for the county for the remounts of two county ambulances.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve payment to Alan Roberts in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Ambulance Remount Specification package.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Alan Lawler, RC&D, appeared. Mr. Lawler will be attending a meeting regarding the fire breaks project that was discussed last spring. Idaho Power is promoting a Shade Tree Project to help lower energy costs in homes during hot weathers. The Horses for Clean Water project is seeking more events to promote their Fire Wise Presentation. The Water Trail has many projects in the works. Fire Danger signs will be distributed to areas of the county. The Bureau of Land Management will pay for the cost of the signs.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared to give the board his monthly update. Mr. Christy has been working with the Idaho Department of Lands regarding the Hammett Park boat ramp project to get a survey of the high water mark. Stephenson Computer Consulting will be

installing the new building permit/tracking program in Mr. Christy's office this week. There will be a training session this Wednesday regarding the 2012 building codes that were adopted on January 1st. Six building permits were issued for the month of January with three building permits currently pending. Mr. Christy stated that code enforcement numbers are down, which is normal for this time of year. Code enforcement services for the City of Glenns Ferry were also discussed.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Board, appeared to update the board. Ms. Kerfoot discussed the Friends of the Fair holding flea markets in the exhibition hall the fair grounds. She has been working with Attorney Grant regarding the how much rent the county should charge for the group to rent out the exhibit hall for the flea markets. It was suggested that the group will pay 80% of their proceeds after expenses as rent. Ms. Kerfoot will also confirm that the group will have liability insurance in place.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. At the end of February, Ms. Killian will be attending a two day exercise on mass fatalities. She will also be attending "Mass Gathering" training in the end of March in preparation for the country music festival this summer.

Emma Scott-Landers, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to update the board. Currently, there are twenty four participants in the program with two pending entries into the program. Graduation dates for 2015 have been scheduled for February 10th, May 19th, August 18th and November 17th. The Idaho Office of Highway Safety has opened up a grant opportunity which will require a 25% county match. The grant paperwork needs to be submitted by February 27th. Once Ms. Scott-Landers has the paperwork finalized, she will bring it to the board for their review before submission.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared. Currently, she has one hundred nine properties that have outstanding 2011 property taxes. As of now, thirteen of those properties will be taken for tax deed in May, as the property owners won't be paying the taxes. Ms. Sloan has given a distraint warrant to the sheriff's department for a trailer in Glenns Ferry. There are unpaid taxes due on the trailer and the trailer is sitting on county owned property.

Assessor Ron Fisher updated the board. His office has been signing residents up for homeowner's exemptions and they have had a few people sign up for the active duty military exemption. They have completed the occupancy rolls, which netted approximately 2.4 million dollars. He is still waiting for some equipment from the Idaho Transportation Department, which will be installed in the Glenns Ferry DMV office. The office will then be able to issue driver's license renewals. His office is sending out reminder letters regarding renewals of expiring dry grazing leases needed for Ag exemptions.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. An expense that was submitted by the Sheriff's Department was discussed.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the expense from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$24.67 that was denied in an earlier motion. Total amount of expenses approved is \$184,003.26.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Layher discussed the Sheriff Inmate Labor Detail (SILD). Sheriff Layher stated years ago it was a full time position, but then reduced to only two days per week. He thought the position was being paid out of the Solid Waste budget, but it is actually being paid out of his Extra Help line item. Sheriff Layher feels that the Extra Help line item was not intended to be used to pay that salary. Discussion followed. Chief Deputy Barclay reviewed the request for a pay increase of \$1.20 per hour for Detective Moore, which would increase his pay from \$20.17 to \$21.37 per hour. Attorney Grant reviewed the 2015 Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Elmore County Sheriff's Department and the USDA, Forest Service, Boise National Forest.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Wootan to sign the 2015 Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Elmore County Sheriff's Department and the USDA, Forest Service, Boise National Forest.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Judge Epis and Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director appeared. Two proposal packets the board received regarding the courthouse master plan were reviewed.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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-09-14-07. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

instead of Mountain Home. Mayor Rist stated that schools and education are a major reason for the personnel choosing to live in Boise. Mayor Rist met with school board members to discuss school building conditions. He stated that three schools are in need of major renovations and the school board may need a school bond to do so. Military personnel stationed at the Mountain Home AFB used to be required to live on base or in Mountain Home. That rule has changed and now only certain personnel are required to live on base, with others being allowed to live elsewhere if they choose. Chairman Hofer stated that this rule change has hurt the city of Mountain Home economically. Mr. Richey has spoken to Senator Bert Brackett regarding the possibility of increasing state funding to rural schools for more improvements so they can compete with the larger districts. Mr. Richey stated that education is an important factor to parents when they are transferred to a new base and are choosing where to live. The smaller the school, the less programs and opportunities that school has to offer, so the personnel tend to choose the school with more opportunities. There will be a meeting held where stakeholders can voice their concerns with the school district regarding what kind of school improvements they expect from the district. Discussion followed. The water issues at the base and the water rights that were purchased by the Air Force were also discussed.

A short recess was taken. Commissioner Hofer left the meeting.

Tina Venable appeared to discuss the issue with the Idaho Food Bank delivery to the Pine Senior Center. Ms. Venable has been speaking several different individuals and organizations in the Pine area to see if anyone would be available to help transport the deliveries from the Highway 20 meeting point once a month. She stated that no one has the availability or equipment to facilitate that. Chairman Wootan spoke with a representative from the Idaho Food Bank and was told that the food bank is still working on keeping the regular delivery to Pine on their schedule. Ms. Venable brought up the possibility of putting a storage shed next to the center, as a last resort, if the county could pay for the shed. She will continue working with the food bank to try and resolve the issue.

The human resource manager position was discussed. A hiring committee will be put together to review applications for the position.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

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

HOFER..... -**ABSENT**

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk