

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 2, 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, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

The public portion of the meeting was held. A Mountain Home resident appeared to discuss an issue with the Bennett Road landfill. He tried to take hot ashes from his burn barrel there to dump and was turned away. The board stated that the landfill was supposed to have a pit dug to accommodate hot ash from burn barrels. Now the resident is concerned about what to do with his hot ashes. Commissioner Wootan will look into the issue.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to discuss his department's budget. The Extension Office budget was discussed first. His extra help line item was removed from the budget last year and he is requesting that it be put back into the budget this year, as he uses extra help during the summer months to coordinate the influx of samples and phone calls. The Noxious Weed budget was discussed next. He is requesting an increase in a part time employee hours as the field work and spraying contracts have increased. The Pest Abatement budget was discussed next, which will stay the same.

Jeff Day, Waterways Board, appeared to introduce Joseph Graham. Mr. Graham is an Elmore County resident and would like to join the Waterways Commission. Attorney Grant needs to research the specifics of adding a member to the commission and the board will approve the appointment at the next meeting.

Sheriff Layher and Chief Deputy Barclay also appeared.

Mr. Day discussed a request from Sheriff Layher for a Mud Buddie Boat to be paid out of the Waterways budget. The boat will cost \$20,251.00. Mr. Day feels that the boat will be an asset in successfully patrolling certain parts of the river and stated that the Waterways budget does have the funds available for the purchase of the boat.

Judge David Epis appeared to speak on behalf of the Sheriff's Department regarding a request for an additional transport officer for the jail. Judge Epis stated that there are daily transports from the county jail to the courthouse, sometimes several times a day, and also transports from facilities out of town. He stated that currently there is only one transport officer, who is getting the job done, but from his observation, he feels another transport officer is needed. Deputy Barclay stated that they are requesting the position be a non-certified transport officer, since they will only be responsible for the transports.

Sheriff Layher stated that they also looked at making it a certified position, so if the person is not doing transports, they can be utilized in the jail. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Layher and Deputy Barclay reviewed their budget. The first request was for an increase in the overtime for patrol and detention budgets and also to add an overtime budget for court security as there currently is no overtime budgeted for that department. There was a request for an increase in equipment and installation line items, for the purchase and install of radios and lights in patrol vehicles. They requested an increase in the patrol equipment line item for the purchase of twelve in-car cameras for patrol cars, a server to store the video downloads and replacement of tasers. An increase in repairs to equipment was also requested as repairs to equipment such as radars, cameras, tasers and evidence processing equipment is very expensive. There was a request to purchase five vehicles, which would include three vehicles for patrol, one vehicle for detectives and one transport vehicle. There was a request for the purchase of four in car cameras for the detention transport vehicles and body cameras for detention deputies, court security and bailiffs. There was a request to hire two full time patrol deputies, one full time detective, three full time detention deputies and two full time non-certified positions for the detention center. Deputy Barclay pointed out that if the patrol positions were approved, there would be an additional expense to purchase vehicles and the equipment to outfit them properly. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the budget requests and justifications for the requested increases.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, 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 decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-02-15-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$150.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State income tax refunds to begin on August 15, 2015.

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

K-05-15-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to suspend the application as the applicant has a pending SSI/SSD application and it may be a resource.

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

K-03-13-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with no reimbursement order.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-13-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with no reimbursement order.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Emma Scott-Landers, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to review her budget. She has been in contact with the Supreme Court to verify that the amount of funding they will receive for drug testing, the coordinator’s salary and the participants slots has not changed, but she has not received confirmation of that funding as of today. She applied for grant funding from the Idaho Department of Transportation and expects to receive the notice of award status in the next few weeks. She expects the reset of her budget to stay the same.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Forrest Service Letters of Support for RAC Projects.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Grant reviewed the scope of work proposal from Parametrix, Inc for the Arid Exemption for the Bennett Road Landfill and other landfill issues.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for 2015 in the amount of \$448,278.39.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$271,102.55.

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

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Mutual Assistance Agreement and the Supplement to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Orchard Training Center.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Extrication Letter of Support for the Purchase of a New Extrication Vehicle.

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

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Mike Simmonds, ZGA Architects, appeared to give the board an update on the courthouse master plan. Mr. Simmonds stated that he has been meeting with and gathering information from department heads and elected officials regarding their needs. They have also been assessing all of the buildings owned by the county and that are housing county offices. His goal is to have a draft report of Phase 1 and Phase 2 prepared for the board by the end of July.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to appoint Commissioner Corbus as acting Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Chairman Wootan left the meeting.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to give the board his notice of intent to retire effective August 31, 2015 due to medical reasons. The possibility of Mr. Dye working part time was discussed.

Public Defender Terry Ratliff appeared to review his budget, which will stay the same as last year. He stated that he will need to hire another attorney in the future due to an increased case load.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to add the discussion of an urgent personnel issue to the agenda.

WOOTAN -ABSENT

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk