

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 29, 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, Commissioner Bud Corbus, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl. Commissioner Hofer was absent.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$206.08, payable to Verizon Wireless.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$491.92, payable to Centurylink-\$36.20, Verizon Wireless-\$32.69, James Torbert-\$6.00, Paul’s Market-\$22.20, D&B Supply-\$94.99, Carr’s Home Lumber-\$49.48, Office Value-\$219.61 and Mountain Home Auto Parts-\$30.75.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Idaho City Ranger District Letter of Support for RAC Projects.

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

Attorney Grant reviewed the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Service Agreement for the Glens Ferry Landfill and the First Amendment to the Elmore County Trash Hauling Agreement, both with Snake River Rubbish, LLC.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Service Agreement for the Glens Ferry Landfill with Snake River Rubbish, LLC.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the First Amendment to the Elmore County Trash Hauling Agreement with Snake River Rubbish, LLC.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 569-15 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 569-15

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

RESOLUTION NO. 569-15
(Implementation Resolution - Burn Ban Ordinance)

On this 29th day of June, 2015, the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby resolves the following:

WHEREAS, the Board values the lives and safety of Elmore County residents and takes such matters affecting the same very serious;

WHEREAS, the Board hereby declares that conditions and circumstance within the County now or in the future will necessitate the imposition of an Open Fire ban to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented and passed the Open Fire Ban and Burn Permit Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2012-02) (“Fire Ban Ordinance”) and this Implementation Resolution of the Burn Ban Ordinance (“Implementation Resolution”) shall implement the Open Fire ban, as defined and authorized in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

WHEREAS, prior to issuing this Implementation Resolution, the Board may consider established evaluation criteria to predict fire dangers in the County;

WHEREAS, many parts of Elmore County are extremely dry and due to current conditions the threat of wild fires is severe;

WHEREAS, wildfires constitute a real threat to life and property in Elmore County;

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that from time to time there exist an extreme or serious danger and threat of forest fires, grassfires and wildfires due to dry weather and vegetation conditions in Elmore County and that fires have caused property damage and the potential for risk of loss of life;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to prohibit Open Fire, as defined in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

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

Commissioner Corbus discussed a cell phone issue for the new Elmore Ambulance Services (EAS) manager. The prior manager used his personal cell phone and the new manager would like to request an ambulance issued phone for use during working hours.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve an additional cell phone for the new ambulance manager.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

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

The monthly department heads meeting was held.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to give the board his monthly update. He has assisted a daughter of a retired Air Force veteran who was having difficulty accessing VA services in Gillette, Wyoming. The retiree lives over one hundred miles from the nearest VA facility and needed information on how to acquire VA assistance for his medical issues outside of the VA system. He briefed them on the VA’s new “Choice Card” which they were unaware of, as no in Wyoming brought the program to their attention. He participated in a military rites funeral for an Army veteran at the Mountain View Cemetery on June 12th. Since the last meeting he has assisted twenty five veterans, spouses and/or family members with their specific VA issues.

Jack Schofhauser, American Legion Post #26 Adjutant, appeared along with Mr. Baumgardner, to present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Plant Facilities Department for their assistance in mowing the lawn in the summer and shoveling the sidewalks in the winter at the American Legion Post #26.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the board. He has seen increased infestation of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets in several areas this year. They have used organic-based insecticides for the control of grasshoppers in the Mayfield and Simco areas. He has hired temporary employees for mosquito surveillance. They will be going for training next week.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Board Director, appeared to give her monthly update. Things are starting to get set up for the upcoming fair. The 4-H and Optimist parents have gotten together and painted the sheep pens. Idaho Power is no longer renting an area on the fairgrounds, so that area cleaned up and ready for use. The Idaho Reigning Horse show was held last Saturday. She has received several applications to reserve the exhibit building throughout the winter. She has received grant funding in the amount of \$2,500.00, which will go toward work on the grandstand. The flea market has been doing well.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to update the board. They had Truck 1 repaired, due to a blown head gasket, but it is now back in service. They have been working with local law enforcement regarding the upcoming country music festival. They had multiple calls over the weened due to increased summertime travel traffic. Mr. Roberts has been researching new and used rescue trucks. He put together multiple vendor prices for a 2016 two ton rescue truck with the specifications they will need and reviewed those with the board. Possible financing for the purchase was discussed.

Emma Scott-Landers, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared. Ms. Scott-Landers stated that Judge Jonathan Medema has been appointed to the Drug Court program. She applied for a grant opportunity through the Idaho Office of Highway Safety. The notice of award status will be released in July. She stated that there have been a number of changes being made to the program and she is working with the judge regarding the changes.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to give his monthly update. The caseload has been down for the past two months, which has given his probation officers time to catch up on reports. Mr. Dye stated that there seemed to be a trend that summer months, when kids are out of school, tend to be slower months. The community service program hours were reviewed.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to update the board. Mr. Christy reviewed the Community Rating System Flood Recertification, a program through FEMA where Mr. Christy implements flood ordinances and various building codes in relation to flood zones. Since the county participates in this program, individuals who are mandated to get federal flood insurance receive a 5-10% discount on the insurance.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to sign the Community Rating System Flood Recertification.

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

Mr. Christy reviewed a preliminary map of the proposed helicopter pad at the Pine EMS building and the surrounding properties. He will visit the site to get more detailed dimensions and get the final map to the board. He has been working with Idaho Country Concerts regarding building permits, inspections and certifications that are needed for the stage and the temporary buildings at the country music festival site.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared. Patriot Thunder, which consisted of seven hundred motorcycles, rode from Meridian to the Mountain Home Air Force base as a fundraiser for Operation Warm Heart. The squadron commanders rotation is about to begin, which is a two year cycle in which the squadron commanders will be sent to another base. The Military Affairs Committee hosted a barbeque for the 428th Singapore squadron. The runway construction is still on the original time schedule. The runway will be totally closed in mid-July and all aircraft will be deployed to Red Flag with them coming back to Gowen

Field for the last few weeks of the closure. There are no new developments regarding the surface water acquisition issue. Mr. Richey discussed the Idaho Joint Land Use Study, which has a goal of protecting the future viability of the military in the region, while encouraging growth and sustaining the economic health of the region, protecting public health and safety and private property rights.

Bonnie Harper, Glens Ferry Economic Development, appeared to update the board. She has been working with Paula Riggs, Economic Director for the City of Mountain Home, regarding development possibilities on Simco Road. After viewing the sites several times and meeting with the Mountain Home Highway District, she has found that possible development on Simco Road has limitations. Water and power infrastructures are big issues for the areas. She has been working with Idaho Power to find a way to become more site ready. She has also been working with the Land Use and Building Department to try and get an area of land off of exit 99 rezoned to light industrial. She feels that this may be a better area for industrial development. She stated that existing infrastructure issues and funding issues also make development of these areas difficult.

Emma Scott-Landers, Drug Court Coordinator, reappeared to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher and Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared.

Assessor Fisher reviewed a property tax exemption application from the Roman Catholic Diocese Boise for a new building. The building is being used for church purposes so they are entitled to an exemption pursuant to I.C. 63-602(b).

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the tax exemption for parcel #RPA0137008012CA, Roman Catholic Diocese Boise.

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

Assessor Fisher’s office is continuing to sign up taxpayers for homeowner’s exemptions. They have been working with taxpayers regarding assessment appeals, especially agricultural appeals. New equipment has been installed in the Glenns Ferry office to renew driver’s licenses and his employees will be training with the driver’s license department to learn the renewal procedures.

Treasurer Sloan stated that they finished the June collection, which was approximately \$8.2 million. They will be sending out letters regarding delinquent personal property taxes.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. Deputy Barclay reviewed the law enforcement agreements with the City of Mountain Home and the Camas County Sheriff’s Office for the upcoming country music festival.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement between the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Mountain Home.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and approve the Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement between the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office and the Camas County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to accept the bid and award the contract to ABL Management, Inc. for Jail Food Provider Services.

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

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

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

Regular session resumed.

Bob Stephenson and Jon Hunt, Stephenson’s Computer Consulting, appeared to review their budget. Mr. Stephenson stated that the maintenance agreement line item will need to be increased due to the increased cost for maintenance of the new email system. The AS400 system was discussed. The AS400 server was

installed in 2007, and is the main operating system for several county departments. IBM will be dropping the operating system software support in the near future. He is suggesting that the AS400 be replaced in early October. The cost to replace the system will be approximately \$23,643.00. If the system was replaced, there will be a savings in his budget for maintenance over the next three years, so those budgeted amounts will cover all but \$4,600.00 of the new system cost. He feels that the system is the most reliable system for the county's needs and recommends the replacement.

Vicki Smith and Eddie Goldsmith, E911 Department, appeared to review the departmental budget. The training line item will decrease slightly, but otherwise the budget will stay the same. They will be getting a 911 training simulator for new hires that is already included in this year's budget.

Vence Parson, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared. Mr. Parsons would like to increase the hours of a part time jail maintenance employee from 19 ½ hours to 30 hours per week, as the workload has increased. He budget basically stay the same.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to review his budget. He is requesting an increase for the purchase of a large format scanner which will provide a digital back-up of building plans, plats, election maps and any large scale documents that they may receive for conditional use permits. The department will also need an additional vehicle in the near future to replace a 2002 vehicle with high mileage. The rest of his budget will stay the same.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Board Director, appeared to review her departmental budget. She requested an increase in her two extra help line items. She feels that once the fairgrounds become a year round facility, the extra help will be needed. She also requested a slight increase in her travel line item as she will now be attending yearly conventions.

Allen Kiester, Snowmobile and Groomer Department, appeared to review the budgets. He reviewed the funds that will be coming in from snowmobile registrations. His budget will basically stay the same. The issue regarding abandoned vehicles stuck on snow covered trails was also discussed. There have been several occasions when the groomer comes across abandoned vehicles stuck on snow covered roads, which are posted closed roads. The groomer has pulled these vehicles out and discussion followed on how a fee can be charged to the vehicle owner for the groomer towing services.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to discuss his budget. A proposal for a new rescue truck was reviewed. Mr. Roberts reviewed the specifics of the new vehicle and the equipment that would need to be added. Grant funding sources were also discussed.

Coroner Jerry Rost, appeared to review his budget which will stay the same as last year.

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 **-ABSENT** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

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

K-05-15-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant has made payment arrangements with St. Luke’s Elmore and they withdrew the application.

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

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