## **COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for November 22, 2013.

WOOTAN...... -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the thank you letter to Senator Bert Brackett.

HOFER ..... -AYE

CORBUS......--AYE

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$345,919.42.

HOFER ..... -AYE

CORBUS......--AYE

WOOTAN ...... -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll for November 2013 in the amount of \$405,578.22.

HOFER ..... -AYE

CORBUS......--AYE

WOOTAN ...... -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$1,363.46, Centurylink - \$37.70 and Central District Health - \$1,325.76.

HOFER ..... -AYE

CORBUS ...... -AYE

WOOTAN......--AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Heather Noelle Baker, Robert P. Bergh, Garrett Moritz Bowman, Heidi Susan Hersey, Blaine Thomas Jewett, Stephen F. Murphy, Marcene Sievers, John D. Crowe, Melissa N. Englund, Kara Lynn Hancock, Thomas D. Jenkins, Grady C. Morrill, Cami J. Smith and Heidi Ann Smith.

HOFER ..... -AYE

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The disposal fees for the Bennett Road Transfer Station were discussed. The weight of loads being dumped at the transfer station needs to be monitored, as the allowable amount dumped per resident is two thousand pounds annually. The fee schedule will also be updated.

The closing of county offices due to emergency circumstances was discussed. Attorney Grant prepared a resolution for review by Clerk Steele and Judge Epis, before approval by the board.

Attorney Grant reviewed an appeal case regarding incomplete indigent applications.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Dan Collins, of NU2U web designed appeared to update the board of the progression of the new county website. The website is currently uploaded to a temporary spot and will be live once new photos of all the elected officials are added.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to sign the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program Board Member 2013 election ballot.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of the Elmore Ambulance Service Ambulance License for Emergency Medical Services.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The Arrow Rock Road maintenance agreement was discussed. An agreement was made as a result of a meeting between the Elmore County Commissioners, the Boise County Commissioners and the Atlanta Highway District held on November 22, 2013. It was agreed that the Atlanta Highway District would provide snow removal on the portion of Arrow Rock Road located within Elmore County, with Elmore County and Boise County sharing the cost for the snow removal. The agreement was signed by the Elmore County Commissioners and the Atlanta Highway District and was sent to the Boise County Commissioners for review and execution at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The agreement was not signed at that meeting and was tabled until their next meeting. The Elmore County Commissioners feel that it is vital to have the agreement in place as soon as possible, as winter weather conditions have already started in Atlanta. Discussion followed regarding the steps to take if the agreement is not executed by the Boise County Commissioners at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Hofer discussed an issue regarding an Ag building permit request from Tye Riley. The request was brought to the board at the November 12, 2013 meeting by Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director. Mr. Christy stated that according to the county ordinance, a parcel must contain five acres of land or more to get a reduction in fees, and Mr. Riley only has 4.9 acres of land. The board agreed that Mr. Christy should not grant the reduction in fees but did not officially vote on the denial of the reduction in fees. Attorney Grant stated that according to the ordinance, the county can only reduce fees on property containing five acres or more and since Mr. Riley's property is less than the required five acres, the board cannot grant a reduction of fees. The November 12, 2013 minutes were amended to reflect the discussion of the fee reduction request.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to enforce building permit fees according to the ordinance as written, to deny the request from Tye Riley for a reduction in fees, and to amend the minutes for November 12, 2013.

HOFER	AYE
CORBUS	AYE
WOOTAN	- <b>AV</b> E

Motion carried and so ordered.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, Carl Pharris, Mountain Home Highway District and Ken Skinner and Dave Evetts of the US Geological Survey (USGS) appeared to discuss precipitation monitors for use in the burned out areas due to this year's fires in the event of flooding. Mr. Skinner explained that they can do modeling and print maps to predict were highly susceptible areas may be and where the monitors should be placed. Mr. Skinner provided the board with examples of maps which were drawn up for Blaine County, describing the modeling that would be provided to Elmore County. Volume estimates can also be done to help determine how big culverts need to be to help with drainage and debris flow. Mr. Skinner stated that the cost is approximately \$20,000 for the modeling and mapping. The precipitation gauges will cost \$4,000.00 per gauge to install and \$3,000.00 per gauge annually to operate. Mr. Evetts stated that the USGS may possibly be able to match a percentage of that cost, but cannot commit to that at this time. Mr. Evetts explained that the soil is most susceptible to landslides for approximately three to five years after a wild fire. The gauges would be installed in the spring and removed for the winter, when the ground will be frozen and more stable, so debris flow is less likely. Mr. Evetts stated that the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is paying for the cost of the precipitation gauges in Blaine County and urged the board to discuss this with Homeland Security to see if they may be able to incorporate the cost of the gauges into the funding as they are fire related. Ms. Killian will contact Homeland Security to see what steps Blaine County took to get the funding for their precipitation gauges.

Motion by Hofer, 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.

HOFER	-AYE
CORBUS	-AYE

WOOTAN	AYE	Motion carried and so ordered.
Regular session resumed. The following of	lecisions were r	nade as a result of the Executive Session:
•		prove the suspended application and approve the nonth and 50% for Federal and State Tax refunds
HOFER	AYE	
CORBUS		
WOOTAN	AYE	Motion carried and so ordered.
K-01-13-08 Motion by Wootan, second by reimbursement order of \$100.00 per month reimbursement order amount in one year.  HOFER  CORBUS  WOOTAN	h and 50% of FoAYEAYE	orove the suspended application with ederal and State tax returns as payment. Review  Motion carried and so ordered.
WOOTAN	AIL	Motion carried and so ordered.
Attorney Grant reviewed indigent case K-0	09-12-07.	
K-09-12-07 Motion by Corbus, second by December 16, 2013 at 11:00 am to conside HOFER	er additional inf AYE	open the record and set a hearing for Monday, formation in this matter.
WOOTAN		Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to ap Vasquez and Heather Vasquez - \$137.38.  HOFER	AYE AYE	
WOOTAN	AYE	Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to su title only and approve Resolution No. 539-HOFER	-13 Title I, Title	ing of Resolution No. 539-13 and refer to it in e II & Title III funds for FY 2013.

**RESOLUTION NO. 539-13** 

Motion carried and so ordered.

CORBUS --AYE WOOTAN --AYE

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ELMORE COUNTY

In the Matter of the FFY 2013) Election for National Forest ) Related Safety-Net Payments)

**WHEREAS**, Congress enacted in 1908 and subsequently amended a law that requires that twenty five percent (25%) of the revenues derived from National Forest lands be paid to the states for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of public schools and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the principal source of revenues from National Forest lands is from the sale and removal of timber, which has been curtailed in recent years with corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress recognized a need to establish education and road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, and to achieve that goal enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which was amended and reauthorized for FFY 2008 - 2011 and again for FFY 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act for FFY 2013 ("SRS2013"); and

**WHEREAS**, Title I of SRS2013 gives each eligible county the right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the National Forest lands pursuant to the Act of May 23, 1908 and Section 13 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (the "25-percent payments"), or instead to receive a guaranteed minimum share of the State payment pursuant to Sections 102(a)(1)(B) (the "full county payment amount"); and

**WHEREAS**, an election to receive the full county payment amount is effective for FFY 2013 for expenditure thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, an election to receive the full county payment amount is effective for all FFY 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, any county electing to receive a full county payment amount that is \$100,000 or more must further elect to expend an amount not less than fifteen percent (15%) nor more than twenty percent (20%) of its full payment amount as project funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Title I, Section 102(d) of SRS2013 requires that counties electing to receive a full county payment amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more must allocate its project

funds between projects in accordance with Title II and Title III, and return the balance of project funds unspent under Titles II and Titles III to the Treasury of the United States, and communicate such allocation to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Title II provide for special projects on federal lands that benefit resources on federal lands, which projects are recommended by local resource advisory committees ("RACs"); and

**WHEREAS**, RACs recommend projects for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture, with project funding supplied in whole or in part out of monies allocated for such purposes by participating counties; and

**WHEREAS**, counties that allocate funding to projects under Title II, and are participants in more than one RAC, may further direct that their Title II project funds be divided between different RACs according to an allocation decided by each participating county, with such funds held in the Treasury of the United States under the name of the county with a designation of the amount to each RAC; and

**WHEREAS**, Title III provides for county projects, some of which are associated with federal lands, with Title III authorizing expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, fire prevention and planning under the Firewise Communities program, and development of community wildfire protection plans; and

**WHEREAS**, a county with a full county payment amount of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) or more may not allocate more than seven percent (7%) of its full county payment amount for Title III projects.

## **NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved as follows:

- 1. Elmore County has elected to receive a full county payment amount that is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, and hereby allocates 15% of its full county payment amount for expenditure on project under Title II and Title III. Elmore County will return zero percent (0%) of its full county payment amount to the Treasury of the United States.
- 2. Of the percent allocated to Title II and Title III projects above in paragraph one (2), Elmore County further allocates between such Titles for FFY 2013 (for expenditure after FFY 2013) on the following basis: 15% of the full county payment amount for expenditure on Title II projects and 0% of the full county payment amount for expenditure on Title III projects.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Seth Grigg of the Idaho Association of Counties ("IAC") at <a href="mailto:sgrigg@idcounties.org">sgrigg@idcounties.org</a> by December 20, 2013.

S/FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner			
S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner			
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk			
Γhe arid exemption issue at the Bennett Road Transfer S	Station was discussed.		
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.			
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CORBUSAYE			
WOOTANAYE	Motion carried and so ordered		
	ALBERT HOFER, Chairman		
ATTEST:			

**ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk