COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2013

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 Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

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

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 $137.62, IMVCA - $100.00 and Centurylink -$37.62.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Chairman Hofer discussed the expenses.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Expenses in the amount of $141, 119.32, with the exception of a Jail Department bill.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda the Central District Health Department’s Board of Health ballot request.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to cast the ballot to approve the dismissal of Mr. Ray Moore from the Central District Board of Health.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to cast their ballot to appoint Mr. Frank Eld to the Central District Board of Health for the term ending June 30, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the thank you letter to IWS for the additional $1,000.00 donation to the Scholarship Program for 2013.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the thank you letter to the Mountain Home Highway District for providing 300 yards of road mix and to spread and compact where needed at the Bennett Road Landfill.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Greg Maurer, Elmore County Medical Center Administrator, met with the board and presented a proposal for providing sustainable, quality emergency medical services for the Pine/Featherville Area. Mr. Maurer reviewed what services Elmore Ambulance Service would provide. Attorney Grant questioned the possibility of having some sort of minimal supervision provided to the Atlanta and Prairie Units. Mr. Maurer stated they can visit with those units and find out what their needs would be. The Board will further discuss the proposal.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-01 Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2013.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01**

**MEETING DATES OF THE ELMORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF THE ELMORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 31-710.
WHEREAS, the Elmore County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) has determined that in order to properly conduct the business of Elmore County (the “County”) that the Board needs to meet more frequently than the second Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to provide notice to the public of all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and to otherwise comply with Idaho Code § 31-710.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Elmore County, Idaho, that the following Ordinance be passed and take effect as follows:

Section 1: In January of each year, the County Clerk, at the direction of the Board, shall publish in the Mountain Home News, a list of the dates of all regular meetings of the Board for the calendar year. The meetings shall commence at 9:00 AM Mountain Time unless otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda. The meetings shall be held in the Commissioner’s Room in the basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho, unless the location is otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda. The agendas shall be published and posted as set forth in the Idaho Open Meetings Law, Idaho Code §§ 67-2340 through – 2347 (“Open Meetings Law”).

Section 2: In addition to the regular meetings, the Board may call such special or emergency meetings as it may determine as necessary according to, and as set forth in, the Open Meetings Law.

Section 3: All meetings shall be open to the public pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, except for executive sessions declared by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law.

Section 4: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the parts so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval and publication according to law.

This Ordinance is enacted, approved and adopted by the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners as an ordinance on this 28th day of January, 2013.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner
/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk
The monthly Department Heads Meeting was held.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to update the Board of his monthly progress. They have handled several cases requesting “Aid and Assistance” pensions. Based on medical determinations from physicians, the VA evaluates veterans eligibility based on if they require help with daily hygiene, are legally blind or have dementia issues. His office has assisted twenty four veterans, spouses or family members in the last month.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the Board of his department’s progress. His office has been very busy summarizing field research for training on potato, sugar beet, alfalfa and small-grain growers and irrigation management. Mr. Seyedbagheri reviewed his research data on the cloud telemetry irrigations system.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to update the Board of his monthly progress. His department has ordered a new vehicle. Only one building permit has been issue for the month of January, as building has been slow due to the recent bad weather, but they anticipate more applications in February and March. The department has a series of Land Use pre-application meetings scheduled. There is currently one Planned Community application pending with the Planning and Zoning Commission. That hearing is tabled until some remaining deficiencies are resolved. His department has also been resolving some outstanding issues with the Mayfield Townsite Planned Community.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, updated the Board. He presented the Board with his monthly caseload summary. The caseload has gone down since last month. Community service was discussed.

Bill Wenner, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared to give his monthly update. Currently, there are one hundred seventy five clients on probation. Twelve clients were added to the caseload and seven were released or terminated from probation. There are forty five condition of release cases and nine restitution cases. There are forty clients enrolled in Community Service, which are Unsupervised Probation only.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services, appeared to update the Board. Ms. Killian reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan. The final paperwork for the Trinity Ridge Fire roadblocks was approved and the County should receive a reimbursement within thirty days. Homeland Security grants were discussed.

The monthly Elected Officials Meeting was held.
Assessor Ron Fisher updated the Board. His office began accepting circuit breaker tax reduction applications as of January 1st. New homeowners can also apply for Homeowners Exemptions between January 1st and January 15th. Personal property declaration forms have been sent out to all local businesses. His office is in the process of doing a ratio study to determine 2012 sales compared to appraised values. They have sent out questionnaires regarding homeowners exemptions. Homeowners who do not understand the questionnaires are urged to contact the Assessor’s office for clarification. Homeowners exemptions for separated and divorced couples was discussed.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to update the Board of the department’s efforts during the recent ice storm.

Motion by Hofer, 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.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Local ranchers Steve Damele and Bob Howard, appeared to discuss wildfire threats. They have gotten together with other ranchers and range scientist to do demonstration projects on wildfires. They would like to graze harder to lessen the desert cheat grass to help reduce wildfire threats. Mr. Damele stated they will be meeting with the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Field manager Jim Fincher on February 6th to tour some of the problem areas and invited the Board to meet with them as well. They asked if the Board can send a letter to BLM regarding management of fuel loads and public safety in Elmore County during the upcoming fire season. Discussion followed.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session under 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 decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-12-12-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-01-13-12 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant is not indigent, treatment was not medically necessary and Elmore County is not the last resource. Applicant has current Medicaid coverage.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and sign the letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding fuel loads and public safety in Elmore County.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Myra D. DeLoera, Scott Swenson Gridley, Cadee Lyn Holtgrewe, Theodore S. Caranto, Anthony T. Fullmer, Alicia F. Grose, Steven R. Highes, Brian J. Nelson and Amanda M. Rouse.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The proposal for Elmore Ambulance Service to provide emergency medical services in the Pine/Featherville area was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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BARBARA STEELE, Clerk