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, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared for a second review of the department’s budget.

The public portion of the meeting was held.

Charlie Lyons, of the Rural Fire Protection Association, appeared. Mr. Lyons has been researching to disc along I-84 to help with fire prevention. This fire prevention procedure will need to be done within the I-84 interstate right-of-way. He has been working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Idaho Transportation Department. BLM has a proposal and are willing to take on the discing and spraying, but will need to obtain all of the permits required by the federal government for the project. Mr. Lyons requested a letter of support from the Board to the Idaho transportation Department stating that the county is in support of BLM and the fire prevention project.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda the request for a letter of support to the Idaho Transportation Department for fire barriers along I-84.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter of support to the Idaho Transportation Department for disking within the I-84 interstate right-of-way for fire prevention.

Mountain Home resident Adam Holtz appeared to discuss an employee issue.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.
Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

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

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

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for June 24, 2013 and July 8, 2013.

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

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 decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-06-13-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as applicant failed to cooperate and has discretionary income over four times the amount to self pay over five years.

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

K-11-12-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with reimbursement order of $25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State income tax returns as reimbursement. The case was suspended on 12/17/12 and the applicant is not eligible for SSD/SSI.

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

K-05-13-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve EGD to be added to colonoscopy already approved on June 24, 2013.

HOFER ........................................................ -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $4,994.36, Les Schwab Tire-$1,728.96, North American Dust Control LLC-$3,005.70, Norco $120.81 and RTI-$138.89.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $32.05, D&B Supply-$23.98 and Mountain Home Auto Parts-$8.07

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Clerk’s Bail Bond Report for the record only.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Stephanie C. Farnsworth and Hannah E. Mouritsen.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Nancy Thompson, representing the Desert Mountain Visitor’s Center, appeared to update the Board of the statistics of the visitor’s center and request their annual funding contribution. The center has seen three thousand three hundred ninety six visitors since January. They have had one thousand three hundred and fifty total volunteer hours this year. The volunteers put together welcome bags for newcomers assigned to Mountain Home Air Force Base, comprising of maps, brochures and discount coupons. They refer travelers to local places to eat, sleep and shop. They also answer numerous questions regarding things to see and do, as well as promote the local area as a place to stay and explore for visitors just traveling through. Ms. Thompson feels the visitor’s center is a great asset to the community and requested their annual $5,000.00 contribution from the county.

Commissioner Corbus explained that Elmore Medical Center/Elmore Ambulance Service is applying for a grant to get a back-up generator for the Emergency Services Buildings next to the County Jail. Should there be a power outage, the generator will supply all of the buildings so all of the bay doors will open and the lights will work. The County would be responsible for the maintenance of the generator.
The Request for Bids for County Fuel Services will be published in the Mountain Home News on July 17, 2013 and July 24, 2013. Request for Bid packets will be available in the Clerk’s Office.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Elmore County and the American Legion Post #26 for access to and maintenance of a secure, weatherproof bulletin board.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to continue their budget discussion. The City of Mountain Home Dispatch Services Agreement was also discussed.

Jon Sowers, Horizon Human Resources Consulting, appeared to discuss possible human resource services for Elmore County. Mr. Sowers gave an overview of his services as a human resources manager and how he can build and tailor different systems for consistent fair processes for all employees. He can also help to update job descriptions, job performance evaluations and provide an effective salary and pay scale structure. Mr. Sowers stated that he can consult with the county approximately forty hours per month at a rate of $70.00 per hour for an initial period of four to six months. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Agreement for Fire Protection for the Bennett Road Landfill.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Independent Contractor Agreement with Joe Inama.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to retain Jon Sowers, Horizon Human Resources Consulting, to research and draft a human resources plan. Mr. Sowers will be retained at a rate of $70.00 per hour, at approximately 40 hours per month for an initial time period of five to six months.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Attorney Grant stated he will draft a letter to the City of Mountain Home Mayor Tom Rist regarding proposed changes to the dispatch services contract.

The possibility of the Extrication Department being reimbursed for responding to assist Elmore Ambulance Service with medical/ambulance calls was discussed.

A new vehicle request for the Extension Office was discussed. Attorney Grant reviewed state bid vehicle prices.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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BARBARA STEELE, Clerk