

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 25, 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, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for March 18, 2013.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement Expenses in the amount of \$182.81, Gemplers - \$129.36 and K&H Quick Lube - \$53.45.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expense in the amount of \$147.20, payable to AJ's Restaurant.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Polling Locations for the May 21, 2013 Taxing District Elections.

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

Chairman Hofer discussed the possibility of starting an Employee Wellness Incentive Program.

The public portion of the meeting was held. George Mansfeld, of Kuna, appeared to discuss his Ag Exemption. Mr. Mansfeld owns property in Elmore County. His Ag Exemption was pulled because he failed to update his grazing lease for the property before the deadline. County Appraiser Terry Hughes appeared and stated that he has been working with Mr. Mansfeld and the Ag Exemption is reinstated for this year, but the tax increase for last year cannot be adjusted since Mr. Mansfeld missed the deadline to file the correct paperwork for the exemption.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the Expenses in the amount of \$181,769.28.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the Board. His office has been very busy with Master Gardener training courses and crop and soil analysis. They are in the process of pre-planning for weed and pest control strategies and implementation.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Services Officer, appeared and gave his monthly update. Mr. Baumgardner discussed the potential loss of Tricare Prime healthcare program for retired military. This month he has assisted forty veterans, spouses or family members with veterans' affairs issues.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to update the Board. The staff is now working a forty hour work week. Ms. Ashby explained the schedules since each day is not a typical eight hour day. Some days they work longer hours conducting participant check-ins. Other days they are out of the office doing home checks, curfew checks and employment checks.

Alan Christy, Land and Building Use Department Director, appeared. They are currently working with the Mountain Home Rural Fire District and the Mountain Home Fire Department to get some consistency in inspections, namely daycares and new fireplaces. Mr. Christy is requesting the re-appointment of Commission Members Sue Fish and Betty Van Gheluwe to the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission. He has received emails from both members stating their desire to stay on as commission members. The Department advertised the openings and no applications were received.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to re-appoint Sue Fish and Betty Van Gheluwe to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Christy stated they issued five building permits for the month of March. They also issued two Owyhee County building permits in March. There are currently five pending building permits for Owyhee County and two pending for Elmore County. His department has initiated a new procedure for management and tracking of code enforcement investigations. There are currently seventy eight active code enforcement investigations.

Attorney Grant advised the Board not to take any calls or visit sites related to new businesses coming to the area as they will be making decisions at the end of the process. Please refer the callers to the Land and Building Use Department.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to give his monthly update. There has been a slight decrease in the number of active cases and a slight increase in pending cases. Community Service clients will now be going to Glenns Ferry two Saturdays per month to do upkeep on the walking path and the fair grounds. The community garden project is underway behind the Juvenile Probation building. Mr. Dye discussed exempt employees filling out time cards.

Vence Parsons, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared. They will be installing a new water fountain on the main floor in the Courthouse following complaints of the water being undrinkable out of the old fountain. Mr. Parson's is still waiting on department's new truck. Closing Malcolmson's Snow Park for the summer was discussed.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services, appeared to update the Board. She has applied for a \$20,000.00 grant for equipment for the new dispatch room. She is in the process of planning another tabletop exercise. Ms. Killian stated there will be a temporary opening on the E-911 Board and stated that she would be interested in filling the position. Discussion followed.

Jennifer Crogg, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared. The total number on probation is one hundred eighty one. As of this date, seven were added to the case load and nine were released or terminated from probation. They have thirty seven condition of release clients and five restitution cases. There are twenty seven people enrolled in Community Service, which are people on unsupervised probation only.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher updated the Board. His office is continuing to process Circuit Breaker applications for homeowner exemptions. They are also receiving Ag Exemption forms with lease agreement renewals. They are continuing their ratio studies to determine property values. Assessor Fisher discussed a committee formed by the county judges to formulate some plans to remodel the courthouse or build a new courthouse. There may be funding available for "shovel ready" projects. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Rose Plympton appeared and updated the Board of her monthly progress. They currently have thirty eight properties in the Tax Deed Sale process. Twenty two of the properties are owned by one entity. The legal regarding the Tax Deeds will run in the Mountain Home News for four weeks.

Clerk Steele discussed the Personal Property Tax issue. The upcoming FY2014 budget was discussed.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. Sheriff Layher discussed operations of the Search and Rescue Department and the Extrication Department, how each department is activated into service during an emergency situation and who oversees the departments.

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.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Agreement between the Department of Health and Welfare and the Elmore County Sheriff’s Department for Process Service for the Child Support Program.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Financial Assurance Plans for the Bennett Road Landfill and the Glens Ferry Landfill.

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

Clerk Steele reviewed a letter she received regarding Title I, Title II and Title III funds. Due to Federally mandated budget cuts, know as a sequester, there will be an impact on a number of Federal programs including the Secure Rural Schools and Grassland payments to the State of Idaho, so the county will see a reduction in funds. Title I funds have already been dispersed to the Elmore County school districts and highway districts, so the Title II funds, used for conservation projects, can be reduced if the Board so chooses.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to take the reduction in the Title II funds.

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

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 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-02-12-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as crime victims paid \$25,000.00 and a restitution order has been signed which pays 100% of bills submitted on application. Elmore County is not the last resource and applicant is not indigent per Idaho Code.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-02-13-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with reimbursement order of \$200.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-02-13-07 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as Elmore County is unable to determine indigency as applicant refused to cooperate.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-03-13-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as applicant is not indigent per Idaho Code and has discretionary income over five times the amount to self pay the bills over five years.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-03-13-06 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as application is not timely per Idaho Code. Applicant has Medicaid so Elmore County is not the last resource.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Grant gave the Board a brief update on the Idaho Waste Systems tire shredder project.

Attorney Grant also updated the Board on “Project Tender”. Mountain Home City Mayor Tom Rist and Economic Development Director Pauls Griggs met with the Board on March 11th and indicated they had a project and asked if the County would be interested in considering a five year tax exemption for an investment in the County. Attorney Grant felt that it may pose a “due process” problem if the Board were to agree in advance to grant a tax exemption to a matter that subsequently will go before the Board for a Planning and Zoning decision. He will research the matter further and update the Board.

The Ambulance Medical Director invoice was discussed.

Clerk Steele discussed some issues with the upcoming May 21, 2013 Taxing District Election.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk