

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

The Elmore County Commissioners met in Special Session on the above date in the office of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 1410 North Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho. At the commencement of the meeting, DEQ relocated the meeting to the Regional Office of DEQ, 1445 North Orchard Street, Boise, Idaho. The receptionists in both the DEQ main office and the DEQ regional office were advised of the change and to notify the public accordingly.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioner Wes Wootan, Elmore County Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Marty Jones, Central District Health Department, Jack Gantz, Kevin Ryan, Todd Crutcher, Dean Ehlert, Pete Wagner and Bruce Wicherski, all of the Department of Environmental Quality, Susan Hamlin, Department of Environmental Quality and the Attorney General’s Office and Steve West, Ryan Margum and Emily Sron, all of Centra Consulting Inc.

The purpose of this Special Session was to discuss options available to the county in connection with its Arid Exemption Application for the Bennett Road Transfer Site/Landfill.

The issue at hand was DEQ’s request that the county drill test holes to determine the level of the uppermost aquifer in relation to the proposed depth of the anticipated solid waste disposal. With well testing logs in the area unable to locate water at depths of 500+, 600+ and 1500+ feet, the county was concerned about the cost of such drilling and whether the necessary results could be obtained from wells of a much shallower depth. After much discussion and analysis, following a written proposal by Centra regarding proposed depths and locations of wells as well as anticipated solid waste locations, DEQ agreed to have a DEQ representative on site at the time of drilling to assist Centra in interpreting the removed core samples from the test holes. While DEQ reserves the right to review the proposed drilling proposal, DEQ would consider test holes in the 100 to 150 foot depth range. The proposed test hole locations will be marked on the ground and on maps.

No action was taken by the board as the purpose of the meeting was to obtain information and to express the County’s view regarding the test boring.

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**ALBERT HOFER, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**