

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**JULY 21, 2014**

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.

Mayor Tom Rist, Councilman Rick Urquidi and Economic Development Director Paula Riggs appeared to discuss the Treasure Valley Transit (TVT) public transportation services in the City of Mountain Home. Several members of the community were in the audience. TVT requested a \$25,000.00 contribution from Elmore County and a \$20,000.00 contribution from the City of Mountain Home. TVT is no longer able to fund the transit service without the contributions from the city and the county and will have to modify the route and decrease the services if the contributions cannot be secured. Mayor Rist realizes that budgets are tight, but he and his staff have researched the need for the service and feel that it is a very important asset to the community. Chairman Hofer questioned whether a taxing district can be formed to offset the extra costs. The possibility of grant funding and donations from businesses in the community were discussed. Several audience members spoke of the importance of the transit service. Many depend on the service for getting to work, doctors appointments and the grocery store and losing the transit service will have a huge impact on their daily lives. The commissioners thanked the members of the audience for their comments and stated they will discuss the issue further.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for June 30, 2014.

**HOFER ..... -AYE**

**CORBUS ..... -AYE**

**WOOTAN..... -AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to discuss some final budget items. He is still waiting for confirmation as to whether the state will provide the computer equipment to add a driver’s license position in the DMV office in Glens Ferry. Assessor Ron Fisher also appeared to discuss adding the driver’s license position. Assessor Fisher and Sheriff Layher have discussed the current DMV employee being trained to provide the driver’s license services. Structuring the office to include the new equipment was also discussed. Sheriff Layher also discussed raises for adding corporal positions at the jail. The board stated that the SCAPP funds will need to be used each year to compensate the jail budget for those raises.

Greg Maurer, St. Luke’s Elmore Administrator and Jay Wilson, Elmore Ambulance Service (EAS) Manager, appeared to discuss a staffing change proposal. The board is concerned about the request to add an additional five employees to EAS. Mr. Wilson explained that they are currently paying a high amount of overtime to employees to cover shifts. Salaries for five new employees will balance out to what they are currently paying in overtime. Billing reimbursements for transports were also discussed. Mr. Maurer



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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Genavieve Rose Walters, Nathan A. Elledge and Valerie Rawlins.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1250 Pamela J. Briggs-\$431.42.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Qualified Economist Contract with PNW Economics, LLC.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to accept the bid from ABL Management Inc. for Jail Food Provider Services and the bid from Keefe Group for Jail Vending Services.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Attorney Grant reviewed the revised lease agreement for the Pine Senior Center. He has been working on revisions with a representative for the Pine Senior Center and they have been trying to get appropriate verbiage in the lease agreement that both parties will agree to.

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed.

Greg Maurer, St. Luke’s Elmore Administrator, Jay Wilson, EAS Manager and Trisha Senger, St. Luke’s Elmore, appeared to review the Ambulance District budget. Ms. Senger reviewed the FY2015 budget and

their requests. There is a request for an ambulance remount for FY2015 and they feel that there will need to be a remount request every year for the next three years to get all of the ambulances upgraded. The hospital's ability to bill for extrication services was discussed. The staffing changes proposal, which was reviewed earlier in the meeting, was not included in Ms. Senger's FY2015 budget figures. The board will need to discuss the proposal further before making a decision to include those increases into the budget.

Sheriff Rick Layher reappeared to discuss another budget item. He has requested to change an employee from part time to full time. The employee will be responsible for logging evidence and transporting evidence to the labs and typing reports for officers. Sheriff Layher feels that with this employee taking over these duties, it will help get the officers back out on patrol where they need to be and decrease the overtime officers spend completing these tasks.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Contract for County Fuel Services with Hiler Brothers Company.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

The contribution request from Treasure Valley Transit to fund the public transportation services was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman**

**ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**