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, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter to Boise County regarding road maintenance for Arrowrock Road.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and discuss the AT&T Lease Agreement at the Elmore County Fairgrounds, as the information was given to the board after the agenda was posted.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for May 12, 2014, May 19, 2014 and May 27, 2014.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency application for Stephen F. Murphy.
Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $1,269.21, payable to Elmore County.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Clerk Steele updated the board of the Drug Court budget. She had received a phone call last week from Larry Reiner, Trial Court Administrator, stating that the allocation for the drug court coordinator position for FY2015 will be $35,500.00. She also reviewed the budget shortfalls that will need to be made up by the county due to the lack of grant funding for the project. Clerk Steele recommended that the program be reduced back to part time, as the $35,500.00 would almost cover the coordinators salary at the part time level and then the county would only have to fund the probation officer part time salary. Commissioner Corbus stated that he would like to discuss the funding issues with Judge Hicks.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Coordinator and Emma Scott-Landers appeared to discuss the Drug Court Program budget. The program will be receiving a significantly lower amount of funding for next year. For the program to continue, the county would have to make up the differences. Ms. Ashby stated the allocated amount of grant funding they will receive for FY2015 to cover the coordinator position will be $25,000.00. Chairman Hofer stated that Clerk Steele was quoted a $35,500.00 allocation from Larry Reiner just this past week. Ms. Ashby stated that she is quite certain that the amount will only be $25,000.00. She stated that Judge Hicks will be speaking with Mr. Reiner this morning and will get the correct figure. That funding will cover the coordinator’s salary, not including benefits. The county would have to add that cost to the budget along with the salary and benefits for the parole officer position. Ms. Ashby hopes that the program can recuperate between $20,000.00 and $30,000.00 if all of the participants pay their fees. This money can be used to help with the additional costs of the budget. Ms. Ashby stated that she still has approximately $6,200.00 left from grant money received in 2013, to be spent within eight quarters of receiving the grant. They didn’t start using the grant money until the following January, instead of that October, so they technically have one more quarter to use the money. She is going to submit a request for an extension of one year to be able to use those grant funds instead of losing them. Discussion was held regarding keeping the program staffed full time or revert back to part time, depending on how much of a budget increase will be needed due to the lack of the grant funding. The board wanted some clarification on the grant funding amount for the coordinator position. Ms. Ashby will contact Judge Hick to get the exact figure and report back to the board.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Services Officer, appeared to review his department’s budget, which will stay the same for FY2015.
Ms. Ashby reappeared and Judge George Hicks called via speaker phone, to discuss the Drug Court Program budget. Judge Hicks confirmed that the FY2015 allocation for the coordinator position will be $35,500.00. Commissioner Corbus asked Judge Hicks if the program can be sustained with a part-time parole officer. Judge Hicks feels that although it wouldn’t be impossible, having a part-time parole officer would diminish the effectiveness of the program. Ms. Ashby feels they just “get by” with two full-time positions. Right now, as coordinator, she feels she just keeps her head above water in 40 hours per week. Much of her time is spent pursuing grant funding and the administration that goes along with it. Without grant funding, time in the coordinator’s weekly schedule can be freed up. Ms. Ashby stated that it’s her recommendation that both full-time positions are needed and both positions are used to the full potential. Judge Hicks stated that participants are charged certain weekly fees to be in the program, and are not allowed to graduate until all of their fees are paid. The revenue generated from these fees is used to supplement the budget from supplies for the program. For the program to be sustained at a full-time capacity, it would need a budget increase of approximately $65,000.00 more or less.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Drug Court letter requesting an extension of grant funding.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to discuss his budget. His department’s vehicles were discussed. Eventually he would like to get a newer, heavier duty truck, to accommodate all of the extra equipment on the current truck. He is always researching grants to purchase new equipment, and has recently received a grant for two pediatric jump kits.

John Bucy, Liberty National Life Insurance Company, appeared to discuss the services provided by Liberty National Life and how they may be of benefit to Elmore County employees. Mr. Bucy reviewed the benefit packages they offer, including a unique life insurance package called Group Term Life. Once an employee enrolls, they will pay the premium until age 65, then they will have life insurance until the age of 100. Linda Pickett, Payroll Department, appeared to discuss the current employee life insurance options. Discussion followed. The board decided to research comparable benefits from local agents.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:
K-12-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to sign Order of Dismissal as St. Alphonsus RMC withdrew the appeal.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-05-14-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as applicant is not indigent per Idaho Code. Applicant has discretionary income of $1,555.00 per month which is twice the amount necessary to pay the medical bills over five years.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-05-14-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as unable to determine residency, indigency or last resource. Applicant failed to cooperate. Co-applicant is a hospital employee and has failed to provide any documentation.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-05-14-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend until SSD determination is made.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-09-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the suspended case as the applicant was denied SSD/SSI. Elmore County is the last resource and the applicant now meets the criteria for county assistance. Approval will include a reimbursement order of $25.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.
Sheriff Rick Layher, Chief Deputy Mike Barclay and Jail Commander Shauna Kellerman appeared to discuss the budgets for the sheriff’s office and the jail. The jail budget was discussed. Several large pieces of kitchen equipment in the jail will need to be purchased. Chairman Hofer gave Lieutenant Kellerman a contact number for state bid pricing and also suggested that Deputy Barclay research weapons and ammunition on state bids as well. Deputy Barclay has been researching equipment and installation included in the purchase of new vehicles. This may be cheaper than purchasing and installing equipment separately. Deputy Barclay provided a list of vehicles and current mileage for the patrol vehicles they will need to replace. They are requesting raises for two employees. Chairman Hofer stated that the board is currently working on employee raises and will come back to that issue once they make a decision. Auto maintenance will increase, due to increased cost for oil changes. The Computer Maintenance line can be eliminated, as Stephenson’s is doing all of the computer maintenance. They feel the Contractual Services line item needs to be significantly increased due to the high monthly cost for Xerox usage and shredding services. They are also requesting an increase on the Medical, Hospital, Doctor line item. The monthly cost of prescription medication for inmates has increased significantly. They would like to add a line item for polygraphs and psychological exams for new hires. The Sheriff’s department budget was discussed next. The auto maintenance line item will need to be increase, due to the increased cost of oil changes. They are requesting an increase on the auto repairs line item as well. They are requesting a significant increase to the radio install line item, from $18,000.00 to $65,000.00 as they are requesting five new vehicles which will need installs and they would also like to install cameras into the vehicles. Chairman Hofer asked Deputy Barclay to research any grant funding that may be available for the cameras and installs. They would like an increase in the meals line item, which is used by staff when they are out of town at training or school or when they are working long hours during an emergency situation. They are also requesting an increase in the Tuition/Dues line item, as the costs for the required training and refresher courses that officers need to take has increased. Deputy Barclay discussed the purchase of new vehicles. They are in need of three new SUV’s and two new Chargers, at a cost of approximately $30,000.00 per vehicle. Deputy Barclay stated that most law enforcement agencies that he has spoken to are replacing vehicles at 110,000 miles due to increased mechanical issues at that point. There were a few years where the department didn’t get new vehicles due to budget concerns, so they have fallen behind on new vehicles. They now need to order these new vehicles to catch up for those years missed. Two of the new SUV’s will be going to Deputy Moore and Deputy Ramsey. The third SUV will be used by the deputies in Pine. The two new Chargers will be going to Deputy Pickering and Deputy Landers. The approximate $30,000.00 cost per vehicle will not include the installation of lights, radios or cameras. They requested a slight increase on the Drug Dog line item to accommodate veterinary bills. Deputy Barclay discussed a part time administrative assistant position. Currently, the person is the evidence custodian for the Sheriff’s Office, but is now doing various extra duties to assist the detectives, in addition to filling in during the absence of the other administrative assistant, to ensure continuing office work flow. He is requesting that this position become full time, which would mean a budget increase of $12,770.00. Deputy Barclay would also like to request the addition of another part time position in the Driver’s License Department and to possibly work in Glenns
Ferry one day a week providing driver’s license services. Sheriff Layher will contact the state to see if they will supply the equipment for the services in Glenns Ferry. Sheriff Layher also requested a raise for Chief Deputy Barclay, increasing his salary from $55,620.00 per year to $63,000.00 per year and presented the board with his justifications for the increase. As earlier stated, the board is still discussing employee raises and will revisit the request when they make a decision. The Dispatch budget was discussed next. They would like to increase the uniforms line item by $1,000.00. The dispatch school line item was discussed. E-911 will now be budgeting to pay for some of the dispatchers schooling. The ILETS line item will increase due to an increase for usage fees by the ILETS Board. The Court Security budget was discussed next. There will be a few slight increases to the school/training, uniform and equipment line items. They Waterways/Vessel budgets were discussed. They are looking into getting a new boat. They will also apply for grant funding for that, with a probable match coming out of the budget.

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