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.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to update the board of some research they did on state bids for equipment and vehicle requests they had for their FY2015 budget.

Debbie Shoemaker, director of the Mountain Home Museum, appeared to request funding from the county in the amount of $6,000.00. With last year’s funding, they put together a pamphlet to distribute to bring awareness to the community regarding donations to the museum. They have also used the funding for new windows. Ms. Shoemaker discussed the events held at the museum throughout the year. There was a question of whether the museum can become a taxing district. Clerk Steele explained that they cannot be their own taxing district.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for June 9, 2014 and June 16, 2014.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $939.51, payable to Wendy Vanderburgh-$800.00 and RTI-$139.51.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $161.33, payable to Central District Health-$23.91, Les Schwab-$105.00, Mountain Home Auto Parts-$11.44 and Mir Seyedbagheri-$20.98.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter of intent for the Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District for a request for funding.

HOFER ...................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
Tim Fleeger, Army Corp of Engineers, Project Manager of the Walla Walla District discussed the Boise River Feasibility Study, which is focusing on the lower Boise River area to evaluate the watershed’s flood risk and water supply problems. Potential measures from the study may be raising the Arrowrock Dam for water storage, flood risk management and water supply. The potential raise of Arrowrock Dam would be 74 feet, doubling the existing storage. Commissioner Wootan stated that Elmore County is in a critical water situation and needs to find a solution to recharge the water supply. Cynthia Bridge-Clark, Staff Engineer with the Idaho Department of Water Resources, also appeared. She is currently working with the Water Resource Board on securing water supplies from the Snake River for the Mountain Home Air Force Base. Commissioner Corbus asked if there is or can there be a plan to bring the water from the base to feed into the city of Mountain Home as well. Ms. Bridge-Clark will bring that concern to the Water Resource Board. Commissioner Corbus also expressed concern that the water the feasibility study is focused on capturing water that comes from Elmore County and he feels that a portion of that captured water can and should be diverted through the Mountain Home Irrigation District canal system to recharge Elmore County water supplies. Ms. Bridge-Clark will also bring that concern to the Water Resource Board. Chairman Hofer stated the Water Resource Board is very aware of the water supply needs of Elmore County. Commissioner Corbus stated that there is concern that there is nothing secured for the future of the county concerning water supplies. He feels that if there are going to be addition water rights available from water coming from Elmore county, then Elmore County should have first rights to the water. Ms. Bridge-Clark suggested that the board send a letter to the Water Resource Board stating the water supply concerns in Elmore County and that there is a crucial interest in the results of the feasibility study.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda the discussion of a burn ban resolution, as there has been several wildfires this week and the burn ban needs to be implemented.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 548-14 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve Resolution No. 548-14 Implementation of the Burn Ban Ordinance.

HOFER .................. -AYE
CORBUS .................. -AYE
RESOLUTION NO. 548-14
(Implementation Resolution - Burn Ban Ordinance)

On this 23rd day of June, 2014, the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby resolves the following:

WHEREAS, the Board values the lives and safety of Elmore County residents and takes such matters affecting the same very serious;

WHEREAS, the Board hereby declares that conditions and circumstance within the County now or in the future will necessitate the imposition of an Open Fire ban to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented and passed the Open Fire Ban and Burn Permit Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2012-02) (“Fire Ban Ordinance”) and this Implementation Resolution of the Burn Ban Ordinance (“Implementation Resolution”) shall implement the Open Fire ban, as defined and authorized in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

WHEREAS, prior to issuing this Implementation Resolution, the Board may consider established evaluation criteria to predict fire dangers in the County;

WHEREAS, many parts of Elmore County are extremely dry and due to current conditions the threat of wild fires is severe;

WHEREAS, wildfires constitute a real threat to life and property in Elmore County;

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that from time to time there exist an extreme or serious danger and threat of forest fires, grassfires and wildfires due to dry weather and vegetation conditions in Elmore County and that fires have cased property damage and the potential for risk of loss of life;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to prohibit Open Fire, as defined in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-828, boards of county commissioners have the power and authority “[t]o do and perform all other acts and things required by law not in this title enumerated, or which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government.”
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION:

From the date hereto until October 20, 2014, or such earlier date as set forth by the Board, the Board hereby declares a ban on Open Fire, as defined in the Burn Ban Ordinance on all private property located in Unincorporated Areas of the County Outside Fire Protection Districts, excluding those improved campgrounds operated by the Idaho Power Company. This area shall not include public lands belonging to the United States of America or the State of Idaho located within the Unincorporated Areas of the County.

This Implementation Resolution made effective as of this 26th day of June, 2014.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner
/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the FY2015 Weed Control Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department.
HOFER ........................................................ -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1248 Ronald Brady - $385.84.
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 hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-02-14-01. Roll call vote was taken.
HOFER ........................................................ -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-02-14-01. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper, Social Services Director Marianne Bate and Social Services Assistant Candi Hinton. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.
Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-02-14-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to take the case under advisement.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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.

**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-05-14-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% federal and state income tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-05-14-06 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of $100.00 per month, beginning on 1/15/15 and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-10-13-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to sign the stipulation awaiting the approval of SSD and to approve the case if the SSD appeal is denied.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Marianne Bate, Social Services Director, reviewed a request for a partial release of a lean on indigent case K-08-12-13 and K-06-12-07.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the partial release of lien of three lots for case K-08-12-13 and K-06-12-07 with a payment of $4,000.00 made to Elmore County.

**HOFER ........................................................ -AYE**
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

County Treasurer Rose Plympton and Chief Deputy Amber Sloan appeared to review the department budget, which will have no changes.

Vence Parson, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared to discuss his departmental budget. His budget will not increase.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office Supervisor, appeared to review his budget. He will need to increase his fuel line item slightly. He would like to increase his Meals, Miles and Lodging line item by $4,000.00. He stated that last year this line item was decreased by $2,000.00 which has caused him to pay $3,800.00 out of his own pocket for conference expenses. Clerk Steele stated that he also has a 4-H Meals, Miles and Lodging line item for a total of $8,300.00 between the two line items. Mr. Seyedbagheri stated that the University of Idaho requires them to attend regional meetings every year so he still does need the increase in the first line item. Clerk Steele asked if the University can absorb some of the cost, since it’s their requirement and not the county’s requirement. Mr. Seyedbagheri stated that the University will not pay any of the cost. Discussion followed regarding the increase request. Job descriptions, full and part time hours and payroll specifics for the two newly hired employees in his department were also discussed.

Commissioner Corbus updated the board of the Ambulance Oversight Meeting. Elmore Ambulance Service (EAS) is proposing a significant staffing change. They would like to hire an additional five employees, which would include two and a half full time paramedics and two and a half full time basic EMT’s. The increased cost will be approximately $195,000.00. EAS would also like to discontinue the sleep time pay practices, which would increase the current payroll costs $31,000.00. They would also like to implement raises in the near future. Discussion followed regarding the current and future budget for the ambulance district.

County Coroner Jerry Rost appeared to review his budget, which will stay the same.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared and reviewed his budget. He would like to hire an addition employee for the Mountain Home DMV office and make the employee in the Glenns Ferry DMV office a full time
employee, so he will need a salary increase for those positions. The rest of his budget will remain the same.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to review his budget. There will be a slight increase in utilities and interpreter services. Mr. Dye also discussed employee’s salaries and changing his probation officers from exempt employee status to non exempt status.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to change the Juvenile Probation Officers from exempt employee status to non exempt employee status.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to have the Juvenile Probation Officers be paid at an hourly rate, so they will no longer receive a salaried wage. The employees will subtract one day per month from their timecard for five months to get them even with the pay cycle for hourly rate employees.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

County Prosecutor Kristina Schindele appeared to review her budget, which will stay the same.

Public Defender Terry Ratliff appeared to discuss his department’s budget. He has to adjust his entire budget as this will be the first year that he will have to bill the county for hourly rates of service. Effective July 1, 2014 his office may no longer bill a flat rate for its Public Defender services. He presented the board with a projected budget for services billed at an hourly rate. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of $127,753.38.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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