

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

**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 caused 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.”

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.

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 Glens 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