

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 30, 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 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.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department and Amy Schroeder, Kevin Sablan and Carl Vaughn of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) appeared to discuss a dangerous curve on Highway 20 between mile post 100 and 101. This curve has caused ten fatalities over the last several years, and the Commissioners feel that ITD needs to take corrective actions to correct the dangerous condition which exists on this section of Highway 20. Ms. Schroeder stated she is familiar with the curve and agrees that the area is quite tight and the curve does “sneak up” on motorists. Mr. Sablan stated that after the last fatality, which was October 2013, ITD has moved the “curve warning signs” back 500 feet and have added chevron signs along the curve. The board requested that ITD do a review and analysis of this section of Highway 20 to see if the curve can be corrected to reduce the accidents and fatalities. Ms. Schroeder suggested that the board write a letter requesting the analysis and send it to ITD. Discussion followed.

Traci Stewart, David Payne and Ralph Jones, SW Idaho Rural Development appeared and presented the board with a letter of support for the Glens Ferry economic development director. They feel that Bonnie Harper, executive director, is doing an outstanding job and is a great asset to economic development in Glens Ferry and Elmore County. Ms. Stewart stated that economic development is picking up and explained what projects are still continuing and which projects have been completed. She explained that Ms. Harper has meet with a number of local businesses and state agencies to discuss and review development opportunities and grant funding availability.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator and Dale Nalder, Bureau of Homeland Security, Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss the billing process and reimbursement procedures for roadblocks during a disaster situation. Ms. Killian has some issues with timecard balancing for the Pony Complex and Elk Complex fires. She explained the importance of accurate record keeping for reimbursement purposes. Sheriff Layher stated that it is his responsibility to be in charge of roadblocks and has concerns about someone else handling them. Chairman Hofer agreed that Sheriff Layher would be in charge of the roadblocks and manpower, the only thing that needs to be handled by Ms. Killian would be the record keeping and timecards for the people who work the roadblocks, if in fact, the event would be considered a “disaster” and reimbursement would be necessary. Sheriff Layher agreed that during disasters where FMAGs would come into play, Clerk Steele and Ms. Killian can be involved since they are in charge of the financial aspects of the disaster. Mr. Nadler explained what constitutes a “disaster” and how the sheriff’s department can get reimbursed for some of the expenses paid out of his

budget. He stated that Sheriff Layher should always assume every “event” is going to turn into a disaster and start accurate record keeping from day one. This way, if the event turns into an actual “disaster” the accurate record keeping makes it easier to go back to day one and get reimbursed. Sheriff Layher questioned how major does the disaster have to be for his department to get reimbursed. Mr. Nadler stated that he has to prove that the county has incurred costs that it cannot afford or recover from and that his budget will be extraordinarily affected by the disaster. Ms. Killian stated that she is creating a policy regarding roadblock record keeping for everyone’s review. Sheriff Layher agreed.

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department appeared. His department has been quiet, and their run numbers have been low for the past month.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Coordinator, appeared to update the board. They currently have twenty nine participants in the program and six pending entry into the program. Drug Court will be sponsoring the next community dinner at the Good Council Church Hall. The next graduation on will be held on August 5, 2014. The 4th annual golf tournament will be held on August 9, 2014. Ms. Ashby has resigned, and her last day will be July 14, 2014, and she asked if she could post the job opening. Chairman Hofer stated that the board needs to discuss the status of the program, whether it continue as a full time program, or revert back to a part time program due to lack of grant funding. They will inform Ms. Ashby of the decision so she can post the job opening.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared to update the board. She is in the process of putting the furniture in the EOC and it should be up and functional by August. The placement of the repeater on Dog Mountain is scheduled for July 7, 2014. Ms. Killian, Clerk Steele and Commissioner Corbus attended a US Geological Survey (USGS) “Debris Flow” webinar and felt it was very informative. Commissioner Corbus stated that now the USGS will be placing rain gauges in areas involved in last year’s wildfire, at no cost to the county, to gather data to research debris flow. The disaster roadblock policy and command vehicle policy were reviewed. Attorney Grant will draw up a resolution for each.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared. They have a few extra cases this month compared to last month, with those being pending cases. The number of community service hours are down. Mr. Dye applied for a technology grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to purchase a laptop for use by the parole officer on call. Mr. Dye discussed his parole officers being changed to non exempt employees and how their overtime compensation will work.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared to update the board. Seventeen building permits were issued for June 2014. There are currently three pending building permits for

Elmore County. There are thirty six active code enforcement investigations, up from thirty four active the previous month.

Traci LeFever, E-911 Coordinator, appeared to update the board. She is applying for a state grant to fund a new air conditioning unit in the dispatch equipment room, six dispatch monitors, and a “virtual” server to replace four current servers.

Mir Seyedbagheri, County Agent, and Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Service Officer, sent the board a written monthly update.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared and reviewed the structure of the Board of Equalization hearing that will be held on July 7, 2014 to hear property tax assessment appeals.

Treasurer Rose Plympton appeared to update the board. Her office is busy working on the delinquent property taxes.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared. They are having concerns of individuals safely floating the river in the Pine area. There are several log jams and they are working on what steps need to be taken to remove the logs from the river.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote was taken.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

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

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, 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

cycle. Attorney Grant reaffirmed that Mr. Stephenson is still using the state bid to purchase computer equipment. There will be no significant increase in their budget.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to review his budget. He will need a slight increase for training and professional membership dues.

Rena Kerfoot, Elmore County Fair Board, appeared to discuss her budget. Sheriff Layher mentioned that years ago, the fair board had a line item in their budget to help offset the Sheriff’s cost for security at the fair. Ms. Kerfoot stated that since she has been on the fair board, that line item has not been included in her budget, but will research it and see if she has room in her budget to help with those security costs.

Vicki Smith appeared to review the E-911 budget. They will need to increase the Meals/Miles/Lodging line item and the Dispatcher Training line item as they will be sending dispatchers to yearly training and conferences. The equipment line item will decrease this year.

Allen Kiestler appeared and reviewed the Snowmobile budget. The budget will adjust to the income generated. There were no major changes.

Angela Hughes, Treasurer of the Elmore County Domestic Violence Council appeared to request a funding contribution from the county. The council has received a contribution of \$1,000.00 annually from Elmore County, which is used to fund the Crisis Hotline, which is their main source of helping victims of domestic violence. The cost of the hotline has increased to \$1,800.00. They are expanding their services and are working to be more visible in the community by doing lots of community education. Discussion followed on the increase cost of the hotline and any extra funding the county may be able to contribute to help cover the cost of the increase would be greatly appreciated. The board agreed to give an increased contribution of \$1,800.00.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Cary Lynn Anderson, Ryan Jeffrey Goins, Cristal Guadarrama, Kirsten Denise Kish, Cassandra Sue Fahl and Emmanuel Vega.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Elmore County Soil Conservation District Letter of Intent.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter to St. Luke's Elmore regarding staffing changes requested at the monthly Ambulance Service Joint Oversight Committee held on 6/18/14.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Idaho Military Division, Elmore County and the City of Mountain Home for contractual employment of the position currently occupied by Bill Richey.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

The Drug Court Coordinator job description and job posting specifics were discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

HOFER -**AYE**

CORBUS -**AYE**

WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk