

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 17, 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.

Jon Kieffer, Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District, appeared. Currently, the district gets \$6,500.00 in annual funding from the county and he would like to request an increase to \$8,000.00. Mr. Kieffer reviewed the projects that are accomplished each year with the county funding and what more they can accomplish with an increase in funding. The possibility of incorporating mosquito abatement and weed control through the district was also discussed. Mr. Kieffer will do some more research regarding part time hiring and funding for that.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared and presented the board with the annual agreement with Idaho Parks and Recreation, regarding the administration of Recreation Boating and Safety grant monies. This year they will receive \$34,000.00 with a match from the Waterways funds.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and sign the agreement between Elmore County and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for the administration of Recreation Boating and Safety grant monies.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Layher also discussed the Badger Medical contract at the jail. Sheriff Layher suggested the board meet with Dr. Keller, of Badger Medical, to discuss any concerns they may have with the mental health requirement of the jail contract. Sheriff Layher met with the county auditor regarding the jail audit and stated that the auditor gave them some book keeping suggestions to reconcile some accounting issues. Personal use of county vehicles by the Sheriff’s Department Civil Process server and Jail Commander was discussed. Chairman Hofer spoke with Bob Stephenson, the county’s IT provider, regarding the possibility of having a separate IT person for the jail only. Mr. Stephenson will contact and meet with Chief Deputy Barclay to discuss their needs and how they can rectify the situation.

Clerk Steele reviewed the results of the March 11, 2014 School District Levy election.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the canvass of the March 11, 2014 School District Levy Election.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -**AYE**
WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Agreement with Boise County for the Control of Noxious Weeds on Public Lands.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency application for Devin Thomas Cooper.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to review an application for cancellation of taxes from Joe Bradley. The taxes are behind for tax years 2010, 2011 and 2012. This is a ten acre parcel with no easy access. It is a bare parcel that is being used for grazing and there is no home on the property, so Mr. Fisher feels the county should take tax deed on the property and include it in the tax deed sale to recover the back taxes.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to deny the request from Joe Bradley for cancellation of taxes on parcel # RP04S06E098700A, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 and have the county take tax deed on the property.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to sign the Financial Assurance Plan for the Bennett Road Landfill and the Glenns Ferry Landfill.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department appeared to give the board and update of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Christy has received one application and is anticipating that there will be an opening on the Commission as of April 7, 2014.

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

HOFER -**AYE**

K-02-14-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with reimbursement order of \$60.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Scott Hunsaker, county auditor, appeared to review the 2013 Elmore County Audit. Mr. Hunsaker also reviewed the jail audit. He met with Sheriff Layher and went over all of their accounts and gave them some book keeping suggestions for reconciling these accounts they can be audited. Discussion followed regarding the reconciliation of these accounts. Attorney Grant suggested training the jail office staff on book keeping software to keep the accounts updated, or hire a part time book keeper to update the accounts. Mr. Hunsaker will follow up with the jail office staff and see where they are with reconciling the accounts and make a follow up recommendation on how to handle the situation. Personal use of county vehicles was reviewed. Each employee that uses a county vehicle was asked to keep a log of their daily mileage. Mr. Hunsaker will review those logs and make a recommendation to the county of whether the vehicle use is for legitimate county business.

The Pine Senior Center discussion was revisited.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Hiring a Human Resources Officer was discussed. The board also discussed changes to the personnel policy.

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