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 Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl. Chairman Wes Wootan was absent.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to have Commissioner Hofer act as temporary Chairman.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, add to the agenda Human Resources Manager Jennifer Smith to discuss an urgent personnel matter and to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel matter. Roll call vote was taken.

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

The public portion of the meeting was held to hear public comment regarding the Mountain Home Country Music Festival. Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, appeared to give an update. His office has been receiving positive feedback regarding the festival. The concerns from his office are minor and he has been working with Attorney Susan Buxton, legal counsel for the applicant, to get these minor issues worked out for next year’s festival. Commissioner Corbus suggested that since the commissioners are the ones who approve the conditions for the concert, they should be shown around the venue once it is set up for the festival. Attorney Grant stated that he met with Mr. Christy and Attorney Buxton last week and discussed that issue and discussed the possibility of having a commissioner meeting at the venue site just prior to the festival next year so that the commissioners can tour the venue. Commissioner Hofer went to the venue site on the Friday of the festival and was given a tour by Chief Deputy Barclay. He stated that he was very impressed at how organized the venue and traffic control was. Public comment was heard. Bill Richey stated that he camped there for five days and stated that everything was very organized and the services to campers was very well planned and thought out. The only down side was that the dust was an issue. Clare Olson is a landowner in the vicinity of the festival venue. His only issue was with the road closures. He feels the residents should know about road closures and be allowed to go around the detours to get to their properties. Jack Faulkner stated that there are a few minor things that can be improved for next year, but all in all, the landowners feel that it was well organized. Chief Deputy Barclay stated that things went well and they only had a few incidences for the
amount of people at the venue. Sheriff Layher stated that the concert folks did an excellent job organizing the venue, and made it especially easy for emergency vehicles to get in and out. Need to work with land owners who need to get around over closed roads to get to their land. Bonnie Harper, Glenns Ferry Economic Development, has spoken with several small business owners and has found that the festival had a positive economic impact in Pine/Featherville area. Landowner John Faulkner stated that they will work in trying to level the land a bit more for next year’s festival. Attorney Buxton discussed the two water rights that were put in place specifically for the festival and will need to make additional arrangements for water for better dust abatement. Ann Hankins, Idaho Country Concerts, stated that they have several things they can do for dust abatement for next year’s festival, now that they know it is an issue.

The monthly department head meeting was held.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department appeared to update the board. Applications and building permits are staying consistent. He has a court date scheduled in two weeks regarding a code enforcement issue.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared to give the board his monthly update. The Military Affairs Committee (MAC) will be holding the MAC Steak Burn for the base commanders at Carl Miller Park on August 27th at 6:00 pm. MAC will also be sponsoring a picnic for the airman in the dorms on the base on August 28th. Afterward there will be an outdoor movie shown in the area between the dorms. The runway construction project is on schedule and the aircraft should start returning this coming Monday. The surface water acquisition project will be going forward with the two year approval process. There is a new Vice Commander at the base.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services, appeared to update the board. She had the Command Vehicle in for service after the country music festival. The air conditioning needed to be flushed due to the amount of dust in the air at the festival. She finalized and submitted the Fuel Reduction grant paperwork. She will be attending the Idaho Public Safety Communications Summit next week.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS, appeared to give his monthly update. Mr. Chevalier stated that they had two ambulances staffed and available the weekend of the country music festival and everything went well, with now increased call volume. He is still working to increase volunteer numbers and asked if it may be possible to compensate volunteers on a per call basis. They had 12 calls in the last month, with two being flown out by life flight.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. Mr. Roberts reviewed the proposed specs package for a new rescue truck. Commissioner Corbus stated that he is working together with Mr. Roberts to find additional funding sources and possible donations to help with the cost of the rescue truck. Attorney
Grant will draft a request for bid packet and publication notice for the board’s review at their next meeting.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to update the board. Mr. Baumgardner participated in a military rites funeral for a Navy veteran on August 7th at the Mountain View Cemetery. The American Legion Post 26 will host a US Citizenship & Immigration Services presentation on August 24th at 10:00 am, which will focus on the requirements for citizenship and test components for naturalization. It will be presented by the US Citizenship & Immigration Services in Boise. He is presently working three claims that are under appeal or notice of disagreement. He is also working on one specific claim for a surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service connected disability, in which he is asking for consideration for Dependency Indemnity for the spouse. Since the last meeting he has assisted twenty one veterans, spouses and family members.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared. Mr. Dye stated that it has been a busier month and they have an increased pending caseload, which means increased reports and paperwork for the probation officers. Mr. Dye reviewed the Community Service report.

Jennifer Crogg, Misdemeanor Probation, appeared to update the board. The total number of clients on probation is one hundred thirty five. As of today, two clients were added to the caseload and nine clients were released or terminated from probation. The number of conditional release clients is forty seven and there is one restitution case. There are forty six clients enrolled in community service which are clients on unsupervised probation only.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, appeared and updated the board. Ms. Smith has been recruiting and hiring for open positions within the county. She has been working on a “conditional offer of employment” letter for potential hires. She has been getting the Sheriff’s office training room in order so she can hold webinars for employees.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared to give her monthly update. Her office is working on collecting 2012 delinquent taxes. Treasurer Sloan stated that she attended the annual Treasurer’s conference and an Idaho Central Credit Union representative came forward with an offer of a 2% CD for four years. She would like to invest $250,000.00 and asked for approval from the board to do so. The board gave Treasurer Sloan the approval for the investment. She discussed I.C. 63-1304, which states the county commissioners, by resolution, can authorize the treasurer to make adjustments of late charges, interest and fees, but not to exceed a designated amount set by the commissioners. She asked if the board can adopt a
resolution allowing her to make the adjustments. Per the board, Attorney Grant will draft the resolution with a limit designated at $500.00.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to update the board. Sheriff Layher discussed the possibility of moving the detective division from their current location to the marine building. Commissioner Hofer suggested moving them into the basement of the LEB building. Sheriff Layher stated that some construction would have to be done to create separate offices and will look into the cost of renovations. Sheriff Layher also discussed a personnel issue.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel matter. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to sign the letter to Emma Scott-Landers regard her request for a hearing.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Dustin Fink, ICRMP Insurance Representative, appeared to review the county’s insurance policy renewal. Mr. Fink reviewed a new insurance coverage that was added by ICRMP called Cyber and Technology Liability coverage. The premium cost increased by 5% from last year’s premium.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for July 7, 2015 and July 10, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 571-15 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 571-15 Transfer of Funds from PILT to District Court and Justice Fund.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 571-15

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE ELMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING FUNDING AND ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN SPENDING PRIORITIES.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Elmore County have the authority and duty under Article XVIII, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution and Title 31, Chapter 6 of the Idaho Code to provide funding operations of the Government of Elmore County for expenditure of those funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board considered this adjustment to the 2015 County budget during a regular session on August 21, 2015, and the need to amend the County budget has been satisfactorily demonstrated to the Board of Commissioners.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That $160,000.00 from line item 138.338.00.099.00 PILT, be transferred to line item 126.326.00.098.00 District Court to cover the expenses.

2. That $800,000.00 from line item 138.338.00.099.00 PILT, be transferred to line item 190.390.00.098.00 Justice Fund to cover the expenses.

3. That this resolution shall be effective August 21, 2015.

PASSED, at a regular meeting of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners in the County of Elmore, State of Idaho, held on the 21st day of August, 2015, upon which roll call vote was duly taken and said Resolution duly passed by a unanimous vote.
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Agreement for Drug Testing Services with Avertest, LLC.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of $102,839.78.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Heather E. Castillo, Cheyenne Y. Cereceres, Tori R. Crowley-McWilliams, Jeremy Dan Gillies, Beatriz Guevara, Jose M. Gutierrez, Tyler L. Oyler, Trixi Sanchez, Shannan M. Bate, Ryan T. Cash, Amanda K. Dewey, Erin Brooke Russell, Perla J. Valdez and Serena J. Ford.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda the bids from James Steelsmith for tax deed parcels that were not sold at the tax deed auction as the county would like to respond timely to the bids.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to accept the bids from James Steelsmith for tax deeds, parcels RP04S05E153550, RP02S04E010710, RP001220010120 and RP001220010130 for a total of $8,000.00.

WOOTAN .................................................... -ABSENT
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk