COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2015

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 Wes Wootan, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-03-13-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Alphonsus Region Medical Center withdrew the application on 11/25/15.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-01-13-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Alphonsus Region Medical Center withdrew the application on 11/25/15.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-10-15-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $200.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment beginning on 2/15/16.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-10-15-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $50.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment beginning on 1/15/16.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
K-11-15-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $25.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment beginning on 1/15/16.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

NM-11-15-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the cremation for $750.00 with no reimbursement.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-11-15-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $200.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment beginning on 3/15/16.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

NM-12-15-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the cremation for $750.00 with no reimbursement.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1314 James M. Tagg-$267.36, No. 1315 Leana B. Spidell-$591.74, No. 1317 Larry B. & Lillian J. Gambrel-$49.58 and No. 1318 Larry B. & Lillian J. Gambrel-$49.58.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, appeared to give the board an update of the county office supply vendors. She reviewed state bid pricing from Staples, Office Depot and Office Value, who most county offices currently utilize. She used a listing of commonly ordered supplies and found that Staples could give the cheapest prices. Clerk Steele stated that most offices have certain supply items that can only be ordered from specific vendors. Ms. Smith stated that if a chosen vendor does not carry a specific supply item, the office can order the supply item from another vendor. Discussion followed regarding how ordering, billing and shipments would work for separate county offices.
Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Barclay appeared. They will be holding a vehicle auction on December 12th. They have twenty two vehicles set to be auctioned off. Deputy Barclay discussed the courthouse security analysis they conducted in April 2014. In light of a recent event at a local government office in California, he feels that they need to begin to take steps towards putting security barriers in place for employees of the courthouse. Discussion followed.

Jack Yarbrough, Idaho Waste Systems (IWS), Dave Fisher, Republic Services, Marty Jones, Central District Health Department (CDH) and Mayor Tom Rist appeared to discuss landfill issues. Mr. Yarbrough will be getting a new tipper delivered on December 9th and it will be operational on the 10th. Commissioner Corbus wanted the record to reflect that Mr. Yarbrough hired his crane company to place the tipper at Simco Road. Chairman Wootan stated that Mr. Yarbrough sent in the payments for the tipping fees and fuel usage, bringing those current. Attorney Grant asked if Mr. Yarbrough had the financial information the county requested. He did not. Hauling fees were discussed. Commissioner Corbus questioned whether it would be more economical for Republic Services to haul the trash they collect directly to Simco Road instead of going to Bennett Road which is eight miles in the opposite direction. Mr. Fisher will look into what the cost would be for the direct haul. Mr. Yarbrough did some calculations and stated that it costs IWS $18.50 per ton to operate Bennett Road and haul the trash to Simco Road, then another $20.00 per ton to bury the trash, so the direct haul would take the $18.50 fee away for the county. Mayor Rist had a concern regarding the increased cost of direct hauling to Simco Road and if the city would be solely responsible for paying the entire cost of the direct haul. Commissioner Hofer stated that if direct hauling is decided upon, the county would also pay part of the costs. Discussion resumed regarding Mr. Yarbrough’s proposed fee increase. He stated that fee increase is necessary because, as the “lender”, he cannot continue to put his money into IWS without making a profit or at least breaking even. Cost per ton fees charged at other landfills were discussed. Mr. Yarbrough gave a lengthy discussion regarding his operational costs at IWS and why he feels the fee increase is necessary. Commissioner Corbus wanted to clarify that Mr. Yarbrough is proposing $18.50 per ton to operate and haul trash from Bennett Road and $20.00 per ton to bury it at Simco Road. Mr. Fisher pointed out that that is an increase of $25.00 per ton from what the county is currently paying according to the contract. The board would like to discuss the proposed fee increase further and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

The board spoke with Dwight Miller, Parametrix, via speaker phone regarding the arid exemption for the Bennett Road Landfill. Chairman Wootan asked for clarification on a document from Parametrix, which
shows an amount of $16.81 per ton to operate the Bennett Road Landfill. The board would like to know if that price includes equipment to run the landfill or is that just the cost for burying the trash. Mr. Miller stated that the price does include the equipment and the labor to operate the equipment. Discussion followed regarding the cost per ton to continue to haul county trash to Simco Road as opposed to utilizing Bennett Road to dump and bury the trash. The board asked how long it would take to get the arid exemption approved and get Bennett Road up and running as a landfill. Mr. Miller stated that it may take approximately nine months to a year. Commissioner Hofer stated that the county could use Bennett Road as a landfill once the Operations Plan is amended. Mr. Miller stated that it shouldn’t take too long to amend the plan. Clerk Steele will get the current operations plan to Mr. Miller.

Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to update the board of the status of the sole source purchasing of cameras for the patrol cars. The notice for the sole source purchase was published and two weeks has passed with no responses. The board will need to approve the purchase of the cameras.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the purchase of the sole source purchase of cameras for patrol cars.

Wootan............................................. -AYE  
Corbus............................................. -AYE  
Hofer.............................................. -AYE  

Motion carried and so ordered.

Deputy Barclay will order the cameras from Watch Guard Video. The deputies will be able to retrieve video for evidentiary purposes, which will be stored on a server at the jail. The videos can be backed up on a CD to hold for two years evidence record retention.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for October 2, 2015 and October 9, 2015.

Wootan............................................. -AYE  
Corbus............................................. -AYE  
Hofer.............................................. -AYE  

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Alissa M. Lindsay, Olivia M. Ostberg and Kathryn R. Fennel.

Wootan............................................. -AYE  
Corbus............................................. -AYE  
Hofer.............................................. -AYE  

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared and reviewed an application for property tax exemption for CVF Legacy LLC. The property and the buildings are used as a school in Hammett. The property has come under new ownership and Assessor Fisher recommended that the exemption be approved, as the new owner is using the property and buildings for the same use.
Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the application for property tax exemption for CVF Legacy LLC for tax year 2016.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $5,150.68, payable to Verizon Wireless-$205.84, RTI-$139.45, Brian Chevalier-$242.10, Nitz Pine Store-$47.96, Pine Resort LLC-$257.04 and Elmore County-$4,258.29.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.


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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for November 2015 in the amount of $457,978.09.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Recorder’s Office Report for the record only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Landfill costs and fees were discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) to discuss records exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote was taken.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
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 Wootan, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

ATTEST:

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BARBARA STEELE, Clerk