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.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss a proposed project to use inmates for house cleanup, minor repairs and painting in the community. Attorney Grant discussed the proposed project with the county prosecutor, and the Prosecutor’s Association and they all have concerns with liability issues. Discussion followed. Attorney Grant will look further into the specifics and legalities of starting up such a project. Deputy Barclay discussed a few facility repairs. He also discussed employees using accrued holiday time, vacation and comp time.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for January 26, 2015 with one correction made.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The board discussed a request for reconsideration of CUP-2014-10 Red Baron’s Pilot’s and Homeowner’s Association. Attorney Grant stated that the board needs to decide whether the request meets the minimum requirements to constitute reconsideration by the board. The board feels that after several lengthy deliberations regarding the conditions, their decisions were clear and accurate and that the request for reconsideration be denied and the application fee be returned.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to deny the request for reconsideration of CUP-2014-10 Red Baron’s Pilot’s and Homeowner’s Association.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to refund the application fee to the Red Baron’s Pilot’s and Homeowner’s Association.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly expenses were discussed.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $457,258.81.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll for January 2015 in the amount of $449,972.08.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $4,408.76, payable to Elmore County-$3,955.01 and Valley Co-ops, Inc.-$453.75,

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $2,946.84, payable to Centurylink-$35.91, Elmore County-$2,771.62, Mountain Home Auto Ranch-$39.31 and IMVCA-$100.00.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1266 Gladhart Logging-$0.72, No. 1268 Theresa Stephens-$182.98, Marcene Sievers-$1,823.60, No. 1270 Nortberto Anquiano-$54.64, No. 1271 Jennifer Blackburne-$116.00 and No. 1272 Claudia Scott-$13.46.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Ross Mason, Regional Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) appeared to discuss the services provided by the department. Mr. Mason reviewed the Catastrophic “CAT” Fund and Medicaid program costs, which are both tied to the county indigent program. Elmore County had $1.2 million in CAT Fund expenses in FY2014. IDHW does not provide any funding to the CAT program, it is all state funding. They do provide CAT with administrative support and a medical review system to try and help reduce duplication of services which will help to reduce costs. IDHW received a State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) Grant, which is a federal grant of $40 million to change the dynamics of healthcare, which will include Medicaid Redesign and Medicaid Expansion. Currently, 4,500 Elmore
County residents are enrolled in the Medicaid program. The Self Reliance program is generally centered around food stamps and child care. Elmore County has 3,533 members using the Self Reliance program. The program is based on monthly income and is a federally funded assistance program. The trend for food stamps is down slightly. IDHW also enforces child support for the state, with 1,985 cases in Elmore County. IDHW also provides Behavioral Health services, which include mental health and substance abuse issues.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Recorder’s Office Report and the Clerk’s Bail Bond Report for the record only.

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 Jacey Nicole Carr, Madeline Nicole Ewing, Scott S. Gridley, Kira McKennan Anderson, Kylee Sue Brooks, Maya Katharina Carrico, Joshua Diaz, Raegan R. Grigg, Ashten Mae Harrigan, Liana Ysabel Lopez, Kristen Leigh Orban, Noah Matthew Steele, Maria Guadalupe Villavicencio and Janet M. Coles.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly billing for public defender services was discussed. Instead of charging a flat fee each month, the public defender’s office must now submit hourly billing each month, which adds up to approximately four hundred pages worth of monthly billing. Attorney Grant suggested the board request that a summary be included, separately listing each attorney, their hours worked, what they billed for and what their expenses were, to make the monthly bills easier to review.

John Kieffer, Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District appeared to request yearly funding. Elmore County gives the Soil & Water Conservation District a yearly contribution of $8,000.00. Clerk Steele explained that they must submit a letter to the Clerk’s Office each year requesting the funding and she will distribute the funds to them.

The monthly billing for public defender services was revisited.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to deny two expenses submitted by the Public Defender in the amount of $260.00.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Attorney Grant reviewed the Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Chairman Wootan to sign the Third Amendment and Reinstatement of Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Purpose of Creating a Multi/County/City Housing Authority to Foster Housing Development in the Jurisdictions of Participating Public Agencies.

Wootan .................................................... - AYE
Corbus ..................................................... - AYE
Hofert .................................................... - AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Judge David Epis, Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, and Mike Simmonds and Steve Turney, ZGA Architects, appeared to hold a second review of the proposal for a courthouse master plan. Judge Epis presented a draft of the Idaho Courthouse planning and design quick reference guide and the Idaho courthouse facility checklist from the National Center for State Courts. Discussion followed regarding district court requirements, office space needs, timelines and costs for the project phases.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to take a recess for a brief lunch.

Wootan .................................................... - AYE
Corbus ..................................................... - AYE
Hofert .................................................... - AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Wootan, 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.

Wootan .................................................... - AYE
Corbus ..................................................... - AYE
Hofert .................................................... - AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

K-01-15-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant is a resident of Canyon County for medical assistance for the dates of service.

Wootan .................................................... - AYE
Corbus ..................................................... - AYE
Hofert .................................................... - AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

The Human Resource Manager position was discussed.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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