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 Essl.

Chairman Hofer swore in Franklin L. Corbus Commissioner District 1, Wesley R. Wootan Commissioner District 2, Barbara Steele County Clerk, Amber Sloan County Treasurer, Ron Fisher County Assessor, and Jerry Rost County Coroner.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to appoint Wesley R. Wootan as Chairman.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for December 15, 2014 and December 22, 2014.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, the Clerk’s Bail Bond Report for the record only.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:
K-12-14-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $200.00 per month and 50% of federal and state tax refunds as payment and a lump sum payment of $10,000.00 due to the county by January 30, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-14-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the Finding of Facts and Conclusion of Law.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda an update on the Hammett Boat Ramp project by Jeff Day, Waterways Board.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Jeff Day, Waterways Board, appeared to give the board an update on the Hammett Park Boat ramp project. Idaho Fish and Game is working on getting the ownership of a strip of land cleared up which will probably take a few months. This means the grant funding window will be missed for this year, but Idaho Fish and Game promised $15,000.00 in funding for next year to go toward the project. He said the boat ramp is operational and the other improvements can wait until next year.

Traci LeFever, E-911 Coordinator, appeared and reviewed the Zuercher Technologies Software License and Service Agreement.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Zuercher Technologies Software License and Service Agreement.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to appoint Eddie Goldsmith as Member at Large Representative to the Elmore County Public Safety Communications Board.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Ms. LeFever discussed the Regional Next Generation 911 Committee.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve Eddie Goldsmith, Traci Lefever and Teresa Mallea to attend the Regional Next Generation 911 Committee meetings.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Tina Venable, appeared to discuss the Idaho Food Bank deliveries to the Pine Senior Center. The senior center was told that the Food Bank will no longer be able to continue the monthly deliveries to the center. The Food Bank cited the distance and time it takes to travel to the senior center, hazardous weather conditions and the secondary roads that are inadequate for their semi trucks. The Food Bank only has two trucks that deliver to eight counties. The monthly delivery to Pine takes one truck out of the delivery rotation for over three hours. Their truck has also gotten stuck several times in bad weather. Discussions with the Food Bank gave them three options, meet the truck at the junction of Highway 20 and Pine/Featherville turnoff at 7:30 a.m. and transport the food to the center by private vehicle, find a facility in Mountain Home that can store the food and transport at a later time to the center by private vehicle, or accept quarterly deliveries, thereby reducing issues for the Food Bank truck. Ms. Venable stated that the first two options are not practical, as the average age of the senior center members is roughly 65, and they cannot be expected to handle pallets of freight. Additionally, reliable transportation, by private vehicle, of perishable foods cannot be made during seasons of extreme temperatures, such as blazing heat or sub zero temperatures. The only reasonable solution is to accept quarterly deliveries. Unfortunately, the center does not have adequate space to store large quantities of food. Ms. Venable is requesting funding from Elmore County to assist the senior center in the purchase of a 12’ x 12’ prefab storage building and a 20kw generator for standby power. Discussion followed. Chairman Wootan will contact the Idaho Food Bank to see if they can come up with another solution to this issue. Ms. Venable will meet with the board again once Chairman Wootan speaks with the Food Bank.

Billing for the Public Defender contract was discussed.

Deliberations of the appeal of CUP-2014-10 Red Baron Estates Pilots and Homeowners Association were held. The board reviewed a draft by Attorney Grant of the proposed findings, according to deliberations held at last week’s meeting, for their review and approval.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law and Order on CUP-2014-10, Red Baron Estates Pilots and Homeowners Association. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusion of law, the information contained in the Staff reports and the record for the Application and the Appeal, the Board upholds and modifies the approval of the CUP and Application by the Commission with the replacement of conditions contained in the CUP approval by the Commission with the Board Conditions attached hereto.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the establishment of the election precincts for 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Amendment to the AT&T Lease Agreement for the cell tower on the Elmore County Fair Grounds.

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 add Ross Mason, Regional Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, to the agenda, as he was visiting the area and stopped to introduce himself to the board.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Increasing indigent costs to counties were discussed. Mr. Mason stated that if the Medicaid program was expanded it should be able to cover most of those costs put onto the counties, but there will still be a handful of individuals that still do not qualify for the Medicaid program and they would become the responsibility of the county. Discussion followed.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.
Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $4,828.52, payable to Pine Resort, LLC-$271.69, Norco-$25.29, Valley Co-ops, Inc.-$404.60 and Elmore County-$4,126.94.

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 $2,518.72, payable to Elmore County.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to review tax cancellation applications.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the tax exemption application for Prince of Peace Ministries Church, A017700100740 for tax year 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the tax exemption application for Calvary Chapel Fellowship of Mtn Home, Inc., parcel # RPA0090004001CA for tax year 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Termination of Agreement #897 with the City of Mountain Home for Animal Shelter Services.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Grant reviewed the Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority Joint Powers Agreement. He feels that there are several items that need to be rewritten before the county enters into the agreement.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the property tax exemption for the Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls/KMHI Radio, 00076000059A/PP1932 for tax year 2015.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
Commissioner Corbus spoke with Cynthia Bridge-Clark at the Idaho Water Resources Board. Ms. Bridge-Clark stated that at their last meeting the water board gave direction to the Corp of Engineers to work on a plan to incorporate Mountain Home into water feasibility study.

Jay Wilson, EAS Supervisor and Debbie Plemmons, representing St. Luke’s Elmore, appeared to discuss ambulance remounts, and cell phone issues. Mr. Wilson stated that he has been working with Attorney Grant on ambulance remount specifications. Attorney Grant feels that the board needs someone qualified in ambulance remount specifications to draft the requirements for the remount. Mr. Wilson has spoken to a few remount companies to get information on who can draft the bid specifications for the county.

Discussion followed. Mr. Wilson spoke with a Verizon representative regarding cell phones and plans that give the EMT’s the ability to access the internet and transmit patient information to the hospital while they are en route. Mr. Wilson also stated that they received grant funding in the amount of $3,000.00 to go towards the purchase of a hydraulic lift to be used for lifting heavier patients into the ambulances.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for December 2014 in the amount of $447,205.56.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $395,015.51.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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