COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  MARCH 9, 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, Commissioner Al Hofer, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl. Commissioner Bud Corbus will join the meeting after lunch.

Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared to review a tax cancellation request from Kathleen Figueredo that the board received and reviewed at the February 23rd meeting. Ms. Figueredo was present at the February 23rd meeting and discussed her tax cancellation request for past due taxes for tax year 2011. She stated that she could put her tax refund toward the 2011 taxes, but was not sure if it would be enough to cover the entire past due owed plus the accumulated interest and late fees. After discussion the board voted to deny the request, but agreed to work with Ms. Figueredo once she completed her tax returns. Ms. Figueredo contacted Treasurer Sloan last week to let her know that the refund would be enough to cover the past due 2011 taxes, but not the interest and late fees. After discussion today, the board agreed to cancel the interest and late fees for tax year 2011.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to cancel the interest and late fees for tax year 2011 for Kathleen Figueredo, parcel #RP01S05E234310A.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to discuss the Sheriff Inmate Labor Detail (SILD) program with the board. The judge gives an individual the choice of two days in jail or the SILD program. The individual is charged $15.00 per day to participate in the SILD program. Those fees are sheriff department revenue. The deputies supervising the SILD program are currently getting paid out of Sheriff Layher’s extra help line item, but those costs will be changed to a separate budgeted line item next year.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for February 17, 2015 and February 23, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $355,983.80.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -ABSENT
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for February 2015 in the amount of $424,729.68.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $5,279.96, payable to Verizon Wireless-$711.35, Valley Co-ops, Inc.-$453.95, Elmore County-$4,051.25 and Norco-$63.41.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $3,401.08, payable to Verizon Wireless-$32.70, Centurylink-$35.98, Elmore County-$2,759.70, Bastida Auto Repair and Salvage-$357.40, James Torbert-$1.81 and Stephenson Computer Consulting-$213.49.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Cheri Nicole Minor, Kimberly Sanchez, Elisabeth Anne Brennan, Jacob R. Allies and Zai S. Lowe.

**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-01-15-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as incomplete, the applicant failed to cooperate and Elmore County is not the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-02-15-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny the 10 day prior application as incomplete, the applicant failed to cooperate and Elmore County is not the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-02-15-07 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny the 10 day prior application. Surgery is not medically necessary or emergent per medical review. The applicant failed to appear at the interview to provide income and expenses.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

NM-03-15-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $25.00 per month.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law for CUP-2014-10, Red Baron Estates Pilots and Homeowners Association in regard to their request for reconsideration.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 564-15 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve Resolution No. 564-15 Personnel Policy regarding employee time off.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 564-15

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, Elmore County has established a written personnel policy dated effective March 1, 1999, which policy has been amended from time to time (the "Personnel Policy"); and

WHEREAS, on the Board of Elmore County Commissioners (the “Board”) desires to clarify the position of Elmore County as it pertains to how Elmore County will charge an employee for time off based upon compensating time, holiday time and vacation time

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends the Personnel Policy as follows by the addition of the following:
1. In the event an employee requests time off and such time off is granted by its supervisor, the employee shall be charged time in the following order: 1) holiday time; 2) compensatory time; and 3) vacation time.
2. In the event of a conflict between the Personnel Policy and this Resolution, this Resolution shall control.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 9th day of March 2015.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman
/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner
/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the liquor license for Key Mart Inc. dba Key Mart Shell.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -ABSENT
The Human Resources Manager Hiring Committee met to discuss Human Resource Manager applications.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss employment applications. Roll call vote was taken.

**WOOTAN** .................................................... -AYE
**CORBUS** ...................................................... -ABSENT
**HOFER** ........................................................ -AYE  
Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Paula Riggs, Economic Development Director for the City of Mountain Home, appeared to discuss funding for the Community Assessment Project. Ms. Riggs met with the board on February 23rd regarding the project and the board agreed that the county would split the cost of the project with the city of Mountain Home. She is ready to schedule the assessment project and requested the county’s portion of the funding. Ms. Riggs also updated the board of her meeting with the members of the Boise Valley Economic Partnership regarding getting investment properties in Mountain Home shovel ready for industrial businesses.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Board Director, appeared to discuss Fair Board member appointments. Ms. Kerfoot received two resignations from current board members. The vacancy notices had been advertised and two applications were received.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to appoint Taylor Owens to the Elmore County Fair and Rodeo Board for a four year term.

**WOOTAN** .................................................... -AYE
**CORBUS** ...................................................... -ABSENT
**HOFER** ........................................................ -AYE  
Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to appoint Scott Nichols to the Elmore County Fair and Rodeo Board to replace and fill the rest of the term for Cliff Lisle. The term will expire January, 2018.

**WOOTAN** .................................................... -AYE
**CORBUS** ...................................................... -ABSENT
**HOFER** ........................................................ -AYE  
Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to accept the offers from James Steelsmith on county owned tax deed parcels as follows: RPA3S06E252715A - $2,461.00, RP03S06E288100A - $4,101.00 and RPA3S06E353140A - $7,350.00.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn for lunch.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Commissioner Corbus joined the meeting.

Mike Simmonds and Steve Turney, ZGA Architects, Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, Vence Parsons, Plant Facilities Manager and Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to discuss the courthouse master plan. Phase One of the master plan will included meeting with departments to discuss office space and storage needs. Examining structures and spaces will also be done. Initially, they will meet with Mr. Parsons to lay the ground work for Phase One, followed by meeting with department heads. As they accumulate the information, they will share their findings with all county employees so everyone is up to date on the needs of all of the departments as a whole.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) to discuss records exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Attorney Scott Campbell, appeared to discuss the proposed raising of Arrow Rock Dam and the possible acquisition of water rights. Attorney Campbell explained that the Bureau of Reclamation holds the water right to all reservoirs. Most of the water held in reservoirs is allocated to irrigation. The rest can be used for recharging aquifers or municipal use. For Elmore County to acquire rights to the water they would have to enter into a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for a specific amount of acre feet of water from the reservoir. The Bureau will then file for a permit with the Department of Water Resources for that quantity of water. Commissioner Corbus discussed the Department of Water Resources including Elmore County into the water feasibility study due to the critical ground water situation in Mountain Home. Attorney Campbell suggested that the county and the City of Mountain Home work together to compile an assessment of what their needs are in regards to the actual water deficits. He feels this will be beneficial to the acquisition of the water rights. Discussion followed.
A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison to Elmore County, appeared to update the board. Air Combat Command technicians will meet with the Idaho Department of Water Resources at the end of the month to discuss the surface water acquisition project for the Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB). The MHAFB main runway construction project will be started in May and continue through August. One end of the runway will be closed, leaving 8,000 feet for take offs and landings, then the other end will be done. Then there will be a forty five day period where the runway will be shut down to do the construction on the center of the runway, at which time planes will be deployed to other bases. Idaho Senator Dean Mortimer, Vice Chair of the Senate Education Committee, met with officials from the Mountain Home School District to discuss school building conditions. They are working together on a bond or levy that will take place in August for improvements to the schools. Governor Otter created the Idaho Military Advocacy Commission, which will be comprised of legislative members, military representatives and six seats for members of the general public. The Commission will be responsible for promoting military facilities and military issues in Idaho at the state and federal levels.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Jay Wilson, Elmore Ambulance Service Manager, appeared to review the ambulance remount specs and Request for Bid package.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the Request for Bid package for the ambulance remount.  
WOOTAN................................................. -AYE
CORBUS................................................. -AYE
HOFER .................................................. -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(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 Hofer, to adjourn.  
WOOTAN............................................... -AYE
CORBUS............................................... -AYE
HOFER ................................................ -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.