

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 26, 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.

Vivian Garcia, Elections Deputy, appeared to canvass the May 19, 2015 Taxing District Elections.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the canvass of the May 19, 2015 Taxing District Elections.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department and Attorney Susan Buxton, representing Idaho Country Concerts, LLC, appeared to give a status report on the upcoming Mountain Home Country Music Festival.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Elmore County Sheriff’s Department and Idaho Country Concerts, LLC.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Emergency Medical Standby Services Agreement between St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center dba St. Luke’s Elmore and Idaho Country Concerts, LLC.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly Department Heads meeting was held.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department, gave the board his monthly update. Mr. Christy is meeting with the Mountain Home Rural Fire District this week to streamline some procedural items. Department income has increased due to residential and commercial construction. There are twenty seven active code enforcement investigations, down from twenty eight last month. Mr. Christy stated that he did have to turn a few investigations into the prosecutor’s office.

Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, appeared to update the board. She is continuing employee interviews. She has been involved in a few hiring processes. There is a generic employment application available on the Elmore County website. Ms. Smith is able to receive the applications via email through a link on the website and she can forward those to the hiring managers. She has been meeting with employees and addressing concerns they have on a one to one basis.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. Ms. Killian is working on adding Wi-Fi to the Command Vehicle for the Country Music Festival. She has also been working on the Incident Action Plan with Lieutenant Bobby Wade. Ms. Killian will be holding an exercise on June 2nd, regarding possible emergency scenarios at the music festival. Ms. Killian discussed First Net, First Responder Network Authority. First Net will begin a program nationwide which will implement a network where first responders will be able to communicate through cell phones instead of using hand held radios.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Service Officer, appeared to give his monthly update. He has been assisting the newly appointed County Service Officer from Rexburg on how the position works and put together an informational "Get Smart" package for him. He conducted his Outreach Visit to the Pine Senior Center on May 19th, which was very successful and resulted in several prospective clients. He has been working on cases for several female veterans, both retirees and recent mid-eastern returnees who have had exposure issues with environmental hazards. He participated in a military rites funeral on May 21st at the Mountain View Cemetery. He also gave a briefing at the Glenns Ferry VFW on May 21st regarding the VA's new "Care Card" program. Since the last meeting he has assisted twenty one veterans, spouses and/or family members with their specific VA issues.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the board. Barley yellow dwarf disease in grains has been his major problem so far this season. Their office has received several calls regarding potato crops, as farmers are seeing greening at the second stem level. He is not sure exactly what it could be, so he has been in contact with the University of Arizona, where they specialize in this time of problem. He will also send samples to specialists in Colorado and Arizona. He has also been doing drought evaluations across the county. Mr. Seyedbagheri has also been doing research regarding the reports of the plague in ground squirrels.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared to give the board his monthly update. Mr. Chevalier has been working with the state EMS department to get grant funding for an ambulance box remount. He would like a letter of support from the board to submit with the grant funding application. Attorney Grant reviewed the bid process for the possible remount. He has also started teaching ATV certification classes.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. The department responded to four incidents this month, with one being a double fatality. One of their truck has been having increased mechanical issues. They are carrying more equipment and more responders and feel that they need to purchase a larger truck to accommodate the increased weight. Mr. Roberts has been working diligently on trying to find funding

sources for the purchase. He is still working on the Orchard Training Center boundary lines for the mutual aid agreement with Extrication. Budget lines items were discussed.

Emma Scott-Landers appeared to give her monthly update. Ms. Scott-Landers stated that the program did not qualify for the grant that she had been working on, but has found two more grant opportunities that she will start to work on. She recently attended an Ignition Interlock training course. The next graduation will be held on June 2nd.

Alan Lawler, RC&D, appeared to update the board. Mr. Lawler attended the February RC&D meeting. They approved a project for Celebration Park to install a well, irrigation system and a fire wise garden. A representative from the BLM would like to come to Mountain Home to review the fire breaks, so Mr. Lawler will set that up. There is a new website available that will contain information on current Idaho wildfires and fire activity updates. A link to this website will be put on the Elmore County website so residents can get current updates on any fires in the area. He has found that the Department of Homeland Security has grant funding available to fund portions of the county’s wildfire plan. The Juniper Utilization Project was discussed.

The monthly Elected Officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Amber Sloan, appeared. She has hired a new employee, who started this morning. Effective this Friday, May 29th, her office will be able to accept online payments for taxes. The Federal Reserve has begun clamping down on check issues, which include no signature on the check or the “number” amount of the check filled in but the “written” amount of the check is blank. Local banks have accepted checks from the Treasurer’s office with these issues in the past, but will now start to reject them. Wells Fargo is going to provide Ms. Sloan with a check scanner so she can scan all of her checks in her office instead of depositing them into the bank in person.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. His office has completed updating values for 2015, which comes out to a total valuation increase of 9.95% from last year.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. 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.

Deputy Nancy Jo Hawley discussed the waterways improvement fund. They would like to purchase a mud buddy boat. The cost would be approximately \$20,000.00. There is a portion of the Snake River that is full of moss and cat tails. This area causes issues for the regular boats, and a mud buddy boat is made specifically for this type of area. She requested approval from the board to purchase the boat out of the waterways improvement fund. The board would like an accurate cost for the boat before they approve the purchase.

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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 Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch.

WOOTAN..... **-AYE**

CORBUS..... **-AYE**

HOFER..... **-AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

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CORBUS..... **-AYE**

HOFER..... **-AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

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Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to pay overtime hours to Tammy Brandenburg and Tim Howley as settlement for hours worked during a specific time frame when they were classified as exempt employees.

HOFER -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-04-15-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as Elmore County is not the last resource.

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

K-04-15-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant failed to provide documentation to determine indigency, residency or last resource. The applicant has discretionary income to self-pay over five years.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Thank You Letters to the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Courtney A. Aguilera, Cameron Z. Lansing-Fabianski and Sidney N. Szafranski.

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

Clerk Steele discussed the requirements for the Financial Assurance Demonstrations for the Glenns Ferry and Bennett Road landfills.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$115,848.25.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-01 Meeting Dates of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

MEETING DATES OF THE ELMORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF THE ELMORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 31-710.

WHEREAS, the Elmore County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) has determined that in order to properly conduct the business of Elmore County (the “County”) that the Board needs to meet more frequently than the second Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to provide notice to the public of all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and to otherwise comply with Idaho Code § 31-710.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Elmore County, Idaho, that the following Ordinance be passed and take effect as follows:

Section 1: Beginning on July 1, 2015 through the publication of a new schedule, the following shall be the dates of all regular meetings of the Board:

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| Thursday, July 2, 2015 | Friday, October 16, 2015 |
| Friday, July 10, 2015 | Friday, October 23, 2015 |
| Friday, July 17, 2015 | Friday, November 6, 2015 |
| Friday, July 24, 2015 | Friday, November 13, 2015 |
| Friday, August 7, 2015 | Friday, November 20, 2015 |
| Friday, August 14, 2015 | Friday, December 4, 2015 |
| Friday, August 21, 2015 | Friday, December 11, 2015 |
| Friday, September 4, 2015 | Friday, December 18, 2015 |
| Friday, September 11, 2015 | Thursday, December 31, 2015 |
| Friday, September 18, 2015 | Friday, January 8, 2016 |
| Friday, October 2, 2015 | Friday, January 15, 2016 |
| Friday, October 9, 2015 | Friday, January 22, 2016 |

The meeting shall commence at 9:00 AM Mountain Time unless otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda. The meetings shall be held in the Commissioner’s Room in the basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho, unless the location is otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda.

Section 2: In January of each year, the County Clerk, at the direction of the Board, shall publish in the Mountain Home News, a list of the dates of all regular meetings of the Board for the calendar year. The meetings shall commence at 9:00 AM Mountain Time unless otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda. The meetings shall be held in the Commissioner’s Room in the basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho, unless the location is otherwise set forth in the published notice or in the published or posted agenda. The agendas shall be published and posted as set forth in the Idaho Open Meetings Law, Idaho Code §§ 7-201 through – 208 (“Open Meetings Law”).

Section 3: In addition to the regular meetings, the Board may call such special or emergency meetings as it may determine as necessary according to, and as set forth in, the Open Meetings Law.

Section 4: All meetings shall be open to the public pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, except for executive sessions declared by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law.

Section 5: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the parts so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval and publication according to law.

This Ordinance is enacted, approved and adopted by the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners as an ordinance on this 26th day of May, 2015.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

Centra Consulting, Inc. and the Bennett Road Landfill Arid Exemption was discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve re-retaining Centra Consulting Inc. for submission of the drilling plan at the Bennett Road Landfill under the Arid Exemption application.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk