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 Corbus, 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:

NM-09-15-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve for cremation cost of $750.00 with daughter signing reimbursement order of $25.00 per month.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-15-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of $75.00 per month and 50% of federal and state tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-15-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant was approved for Medicaid from 3/1/15 through 9/30/15.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-04-15-10 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to rescind the approval and deny as the applicant was approved for Medicaid from 3/1/15 through 9/30/15.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for July 24, 2015, July 29, 2015 and August 7, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $3,054.95, payable to Centurylink-$36.25 and Elmore County-$3,018.70.

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 $4,544.08, payable to Nitz Pine Store-$160.59 and Elmore County-$4,383.49.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to give the board his weekly update. One of his part time deputies is overseeing the SILDS program, and has an inmate working on repairs at the fairgrounds. The repair job is quite extensive and they would like to get it completed as soon as possible, which would cause the part time deputy to go over his part time hours. The board approved the extra hours as long as it does not conflict with the part time benefits. The excessive dumping of refrigerators and construction waste at the Pine dump was discussed. Commissioner Hofer stated that the cost of evacuating the refrigerators is becoming quite costly to the county and suggested putting up a camera to deter the dumping.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared to give his monthly update. The runway construction at the Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) was completed yesterday and the taxiway should be complete by mid-November. The surface water project is moving along, and the Air Force is still working on the sole source application, which is a lengthy process. He spoke with Cynthia Bridge-Clark of the Idaho Water Resource Board, regarding the water feasibility study and keeping the project on track. The Joint Land Use Study implementation group will meet on October 27th regarding the compatibility study. The Department of Defense has been tasked with starting three working groups for the Climate Change Preparedness Pilot, with one being located at the MHAFB. The biggest issue in front of the group was water issues in our area due to climate changes. The first meeting of the Idaho Military Advocacy Commission was held recently. The purpose of the commission is to promote the military in the state and keep the state involved in military issues through a liaison that attends meetings in Washington D.C.

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

WOOTAN ........................................... -AYE
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for September 2015 in the amount of $451,909.94.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1301 Juan or San Juana Sanchez-$75.60, No. 1302 Norberto Anquiano-$54.66 and No. 1304 Robert M. Sr. or Carol Flick-$5.20.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Char’vet J. Long, Trystan A. Malcolm, Abram J. Martin, Reanna P. Martinez, Alanna M. Root and Noah M. Steele.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Stephaney Church and Jeff Alexander, US Forest Service, appeared. Mr. Alexander discussed the Travel Analysis Travel Management Rule which was established in 2005. The Travel Management Rule has three subparts, Subpart A-administration of the forest transportation system, Subpart B-designation of roads, trails and areas for motor vehicle use and Subpart C-over-snow vehicle use, with Subpart A being the most important at this time. The analysis identifies risks and benefits of national forest system roads and recommends roads needed for safe efficient travel, and for the protection, management and use of the Boise National Forest. At the same time, the analysis recommends roads that are not likely needed in the future. They looked at approximately 4,800 miles of road across entire Boise National Forest transportation system, and it was determined that 616 miles were not likely needed for future management and only 121 miles of those roads are currently open for travel. In the Mountain Home Ranger district area, only 18.4 miles are currently open to the public and 50.3 miles are in a state of storage. Ms. Church discussed the protection of Sage Grouse. There will be changes in how National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management administered lands and uses are managed and, as actions are being implemented, they will have impacts on some users. Many users will be contributing to the greater sage-grouse conservation by changing their use or operations on National Forest System lands. She stated that the Forest Service will no implement any changes for at least a year, so that will give them time to get everything site specific on the ground. Discussion followed regarding the conservation measures. Ms. Church also discussed their recovery efforts in wildfire areas. In the Trinity Ridge fire area, they were
able to re-forest about 2,200 acres near the river. They removed hazard trees in the Fall Creek area. They took out 120 trees and re-planted 85 trees that will be watered by the Fall Creek residents.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the polling places for the November 3, 2015 election.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the number of ballots to print for the November 3, 2015 election.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Security Services Agreement between the City of Glenns Ferry and the Elmore County Sheriff’s Department.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Chief Deputy Mike Barclay appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(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.

Jennifer Smith, HR Manager and Linda Murphy, Reliant Behavioral Health to review some proposed revisions to the Employee Assistance Program agreement. County volunteers, such as the extrication department and ambulance services, will be added so they will also be able to use the services under the Employee Assistance program. Attorney Grant has also been working with Ms. Murphy regarding some verbiage changes in the agreement.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and authorize Chairman Wootan to sign the Disaster Services Bureau of Homeland Security grant documents.

WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mike Simmonds and Steve Turney appeared to give the board an update on the courthouse master plan and remodel. A lengthy discussion followed and proposed drawings of a new courthouse being incorporated in with the existing courthouse were reviewed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda the discussion of the updated Drug Court Probation Officer/Coordinator job description and salary increase discuss as the presiding Drug Court judge would like the process finalized as soon as possible.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Steve Dye, Probation Supervisor, and Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, appeared to review a new job description/classification that will combine the duties of the drug court probation officer and drug court coordinator positions. Discussion followed regarding specifics of the new classification and salary increase for the position.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

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 approve and sign the Agreement for Pathology Services between Elmore County and Ada County.

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add Jennifer Medina to the agenda to discuss the drug court program and the proposed new job description/classification.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(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.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the new Drug Court Coordinator/Probation Officer job description at a pay grade 10.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to elevate Jennifer Medina from the Drug Court Probation Officer position to Drug Court Coordinator/Probation position and to authorize Steve Dye to inform Ms. Medina of the same.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The borehole drilling project at the Bennett Road landfill was briefly discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, 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