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 and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

Terry Geis, US Ecology, appeared and presented the board with a check in the amount of $1,000.00 to go toward the purchase of the extrication truck.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

K-12-15-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant is not a resident of Elmore County or the State of Idaho. The applicant came to Idaho for a temporary visit and is not a resident of Elmore County.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

NM-01-16-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the payment of $750.00 to Rost Funeral Home with no reimbursement order.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Issues with where campaign signs can be placed was discussed.

Commissioner Hofer has received several phone calls from residents in Pine and Featherville with concerns over starving elk herds in the area. He contacted Jeff Day with Fish and Game. Mr. Day held a meeting at the Pine Senior Center to discuss the issue with the residents. Chairman Corbus was told that someone has started feeding hay to the elk in the area. Chief Deputy Mike Barclay was at the meeting at the senior center and stated that the residents were told feeding the elk may actually kill them. Scaring them off can stress them out and kill them as well. The best thing to do is to let the elk relax and feed off
their own body fat. Residents are concerned about the elk dying close to homes and predators coming to feed off them, causing danger to humans living nearby. The residents were told to call Fish and Game to come and remove the dead elk.

Paula Riggs, Economic Development Director and Mayor Rich Sykes, appeared to continue the discussion on the Buxton proposal from the January 22nd meeting. As was stated in the last discussion, the contract cost is $50,000.00 per year. Ms. Riggs reiterated that the city does not have the funds in the current budget, so they are asking the county to pay the cost for the first year of the contract, the city will pay the second year and split the cost for the third year 50/50. The board asked if the City of Glenns Ferry could be included in the proposal. Ms. Riggs explained that it could be included but at an additional cost. She will contact Buxton regarding the cost and report back to the board this afternoon.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

The Elmore County water study funding was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve moving forward with the Elmore County Water Study to be done by SPF Water Engineers with a county contribution of $44,000.00 and Idaho Department of Water Resources contribution of $65,000.00.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for December 11, 2015, December 18, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $412,323.33.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for 2015 in the amount of $465,958.67.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Corbus , second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $792.77, payable to Verizon Wireless-$206.24, RTI-$139.54, Pine Resort, LLC-$263.99, Brian Chevalier-$159.00 and BLS Rules, LLC-$24.00.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $242.67, payable to Verizon Wireless-$32.80, Centurylink-$36.17, D&B Supply-$33.71 and O’Reilly Auto Parts-$139.99.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Alan Christy, Land Use & Building Department Director, reviewed a request for a reconsideration hearing on CUP-2015-09 Jim Carrie, dba Intermountain Development.

Motion by Wootan second by Hofer, to approve the request by Jim Carrie, dba Intermountain Development and schedule a hearing of reconsideration for April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to review an application for a property tax exemption for the Hammett Community Church. The property is now being used as a parsonage for the church and Assessor Fisher recommended that the tax exemption be approved.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the property tax exemption for Hammett Community Church, parcel # RP00111036001FA, for tax year 2016.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1319 Kenneth Lee or Sharon Elaine Roberson-$438.90, and No. 1320 William T. III and Brenda K. Bamber-$236.62.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the payment of excess proceeds from the tax deed sale on parcel # RP03S06E145010 in the amount of $1,813.08 to the Idaho State Tax Commission.

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Motion carried and so ordered.


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Motion carried and so ordered.

Chairman Corbus stated that a complaint was made by a jail inmate that there was mold growing in the walk in coolers. Chairman Corbus visited the jail on Sunday and found no evidence of mold in any cooler and found that the kitchen was spotless.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go on a walk-through of the Driver’s License Office, Detectives Office and the Forest Service building located at 2189 American Legion Boulevard, then adjourn for lunch.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Maureen Baker-Burton, District Wide Drug Court Coordinator, Larry Reiner, Judge Medema, Judge Epis and Prosecuting Attorney Tina Schindele appeared to discuss the Drug Court Program. Judge Medema stated that they have been in the process of restructuring the program, so the number of participants has been low. Attorney Schindele explained the criteria for someone to be accepted into the program and what is required to graduate. Ms. Baker-Burton explained how the number of slots each program gets is determined. Mr. Reiner reviewed funding for the program.

Jennifer Smith, Human Resources Manager, appeared to review the proposed Xerox photocopier agreements.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the lease agreement with Xerox Corporation.

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Motion carried and so ordered.
Ms. Smith also reviewed the Request for Bid packets for new tools for the Extrication Department.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Request for Bid packet for the purchase of tools for the Extrication Department.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Courtney Lewis, Mayor Rich Sykes and Bonnie Harper reappeared to discuss the Buxton proposal. Ms. Lewis spoke with Buxton about including the City of Glenns Ferry in the program and was given two options. The first was to provide Glenns Ferry, at no extra cost, with an in depth report and marketing package so they can be prepared for any businesses they may be trying to get into the city. For an additional $10,000.00 per year Glenns Ferry would be provided with ten business matches per year. Mayor Sykes stated that he has scheduled a meeting with the Glenns Ferry City Council to show them the proposal, see if they are interested and to see if they could contribute any funds to the three year contract and let the board know what Glenns Ferry decided.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to appoint Commissioner Wootan as acting chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Chairman Corbus left the meeting.

The board received a call from Rusty Faircloth, a member of the Mountain Home ATV Club, wanting to inform the board of a proposed house bill regarding Off Highway Vehicle funds. The proposed bill will take the trail maintenance responsibility from Parks and Rec and put it onto the county, with little funding available to the county from registration fees. He feels that this would not be a benefit to Elmore County due to the cost of purchasing the equipment to maintain the trails and operational costs.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk