COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2017

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 and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

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

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Motion carried and so ordered.

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

K-07-17-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve for a right knee replacement with a reimbursement order for a one time payment of $1,500.00 and monthly payments of $350.00 per month and 50% of federal and state tax refunds as payment to begin on 1/15/18. The applicant and spouse to sign the reimbursement order prior to surgery.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-17-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate and Elmore County is not the last resource. St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center filed the application but withdrew on 8/17/17 after they found that the applicant had Medicare for the dates of service.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-17-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve chemotherapy and radiation per the treatment plan with the reimbursement order to continue at $200.00 per month after previous approval is paid off.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Terry Manducca, Amy Davison, Assessor Ron Fisher and Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared to discuss an on demand tax situation. Ms. Davison purchased a
property on May 2017. In April 2017, the prior owner entered into an agreement with the City of Mountain Home to donate a portion of the property to them. This agreement was not filed with the Recorder’s Office until June 1st. Once the agreement was filed, it generated an on demand payment of the taxes to Ms. Davison, as Elmore County has a resolution that states taxes must be paid in full before any lot splits are granted. After discussions with the city, it was decided that the city would rescind the agreement and do an easement instead so Ms. Manducca requested that the on demand payment of the taxes be cancelled. Ms. Manducca also met with the assessor’s office to discuss the issue. Assessor Fisher recommended that the on demand payment of taxes be cancelled. Treasurer Sloan also agreed to the cancellation of the on demand tax payment. Chairman Hofer recused himself from the discussion as he is related to the previous owner.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to cancel the on demand payment of taxes for Amy Davison as a split of the property will not take place.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly department head meeting was held.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Board Manager, appeared. She gave the board an overview of the proceeds from the fair. They were up overall $1,200.00 from last year, but carnival sales were lower than last year. She spoke with the carnival organizer and was told that Elmore County was not the only fair that had low carnival sales this year. The rodeo was a huge success and she was told that it will be even better next year, so they are looking forward to that. Ms. Kerfoot also gave her resignation as fair manager. The fair board is working toward making the fairgrounds a year round facility, so they would like to have the position become a “county paid employee” full time position with benefits instead of a contracted position. Commissioner Wootan stated that the 2018 county budget is already finalized so the county would not be able to fund the position at this time. The fair board will start advertising for the position.

Christy Accord, Glenns Ferry Economic Development, appeared. She has been in contact with local businesses in the Pine area who have told her that there businesses are beginning to suffer do the lengthy construction that is being done on the Pine bridge, which makes them not easily accessible to potential customers. She will be visiting business owners in Hammett this week to see how she can help market their businesses. She will be attending a Small Business Administration Class at the Glenns ferry Chamber of Commerce.

Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared. They have issued twenty residential and two agricultural permits in the last two months which brings them to eighty three permits issued for this fiscal year. They have seven pending building permits. There are forty four active code enforcement investigations since the code enforcement officer started on July 5th. The application for the
Mayfield Springs Planned Community has been withdrawn, so they will be issuing a refund check to them in the next few days. She will be attending GIS training in October. They are still on a waiting list for flood plain training at the National Emergency Training Center in Maryland. She is also working on sending her administrative assistant to permit technician training in January 2018, unless another training comes open before then.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS, appeared. EC Power has delivered the generator and the electrician expected to be there next week to hook it up. The Pine bridge was closed on the evening of Sunday, July 16th. He has been working with the construction crews on some issues with the detour, and dust seemed to be the biggest issue. The new automated external defibrillator (AED) is now in service. Scheduling still remains a challenge. He removed several people from the roster that have not volunteered in over six months. He brought on two new EMTs. They had ATV training on June 24th. They have a skills training day scheduled with EAS on August 26th and the St. Luke’s simulation team will hold training in Pine on September 9th. They had twenty seven total runs from June 22nd through August 17th.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Services Officer, appeared. He participated in presenting the colors representing all veterans at the opening of the District Championship American Legion baseball game at the College of Southern Idaho on July 26th. He has been processing pending withstanding claims. Most of the waiting time is due to clients trying to obtain older medical records or service records forms from the archives in St. Louis. On August 15th he conducted his last outreach visit to the Pine Senior Center to assist any veterans who reside or work there. Several personnel came by seeking information on how to use the pharmacy at the VA Hospital and a few others wanting to know how to seek an increase in their disability rating. Mr. Baumgardner will be retiring and Traci Colton will be taking over as the Veterans Service Officer as of September 1st. She is scheduled to attend the annual Service Officer training conference in Boise.

The board present Mr. Baumgardner with a clock in appreciation for his years of service to Elmore County.

Deb Ireland, Landfill Supervisor, appeared. They had to get repairs done to the backhoe due to a branch going through the front grill. They also had to get a replacement tire for it. They have been taking the metal received at the landfill to United Metal.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. They have had an extremely busy month. They are preparing for the possibility of large amounts of traffic coming through the county during the upcoming solar eclipse.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. She is also preparing for the upcoming solar eclipse. They are trying to plan the best they can in the event cell phone service goes out. She has also been working on a contingency plan with the Idaho Transportation Department.
A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

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

-AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Treasurer Amber Sloan appeared. Her office is currently collecting 2014 taxes and they issued fifteen distraint warrants. She is working on three public administrator cases. She is having the maintenance department adjust the front counter in her office to have a lower counter area for wheelchair accessibility.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. His office is continuing to sign residents up for homeowners exemptions. Occupancies for new constructions and manufactured homes remain a top priority. The appraisers are working on reviews for 2018.

Sheriff Mike Hollinshead,

Dustin Fink, ICRMP Insurance Representative, appeared and reviewed the ICRMP insurance renewal.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act Rejection of Full Coverage.

-AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.


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Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the letter of support to the Mountain Home Highway District Letter of Support for improvements on Simco Road.

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Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the certificate of residency for Ryan A. Floyd for the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Canyon County Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Agreement for Drug Testing Services with Avertest, LLC.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Agreement for Public Defender Services with Ratliff Law Offices, Chtd.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Attorney Mark Peterson, representing St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, and Social Services Director Marianne Bate appeared to discuss the interim rate used for payments on three approved indigent cases. The interim rate for St. Luke’s Elmore was changed effective December 2016. Typically, the counties are notified of the rate changes and the State Catastrophic Fund (CAT) sends out a new interim rate list, but this did not happen in December. Ms. Bate was notified by St. Luke’s in April that the three cases were paid using the incorrect rate. Ms. Bate sent this information to CAT and was told by CAT to use the new rates as of April 1, 2017 and they did not have to adjust any bills for cases that were already processed, which are the three cases in question today. Attorney Peterson feels that the county needs to adjust the bills for the three cases with the interim rate that was effective in December. Discussion followed. The board decided that the cases will be adjusted using the interim rate that was effective December 2016.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjust the interim rate for payments on indigent cases K-01-17-07, K-04-17-01 and K-04-17-03.

**Motion carried and so ordered.**
Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-02-17-10. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-02-17-10. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl, Social Services Director Marianne Bate and Social Services Assistant Deb Marceau. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-02-17-10 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center withdrew the application.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f) to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk