

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, 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.

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

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

K-03-17-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as the applicant was approved for Medicaid effective 3/1/17 which will cover the dates of service on the application.

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

K-04-17-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve six physical therapy visits per medical review.

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

K-07-17-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as Elmore County is not the obligated county for the dates of service. Gem County is the obligated county.

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

K-02-17-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Finding of Facts Conclusion of Law and Order.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Leah M. DePrimo, Ryan A. Floyd, Juana J Romero, Kimberly Sanchez, Abigail C. Sheridan, Laura G. West, Marantha Agape Floyd, Antonio J. Varela and Tauna M. Eckenrod.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for May 19, 2017 and July 7, 2017.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the payroll for July 2017 in the amount of \$484,535.84.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$715,675.34.

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

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

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve letter of support for the Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District.

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

Sheriff Mike Hollinshead, Undersheriff Greg Berry and Lieutenant Shawn Gavin appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-03-17-05. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-03-17-05. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, 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-03-17-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center withdrew the appeal.

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

Sheriff Hollinshead and Lieutenant Gavin also discussed the jail budget. Staffing at the jail and how shifts are covered was reviewed. Lieutenant Gavin stated that the jail staff are currently working twelve hour shifts and have just enough staff to cover each position per shift but the employees are accruing large amounts of overtime to cover shifts when someone is on vacation or calls in sick. She feels that they need extra staff, so they are requesting four new positions to help cover shifts. They are also requesting two new jail vehicles, one to replace the transport van and the other is a four wheel drive vehicle to transport prisoners during bad weather. She is also requesting a large increase for inmate service programs such as life skills, anger management and parenting skills.

Rich Sykes and Paula Szafranski, Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce appeared to request funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the annual Light the Forest. They are also planning to hold fund raising events such as a “zombie walk” and a beer festival to raise funds as well.

Brianne McCoy, Public Defense Commission, appeared to discuss funding options for public defender services. Ms. McCoy explained several different types of grant funding available to counties. There are “extraordinary litigation funds”, in the event the county has a case with unusual expenses, such as several investigators, mental health evaluations or even extra attorney time. They offer free continuing legal

education for the attorneys. She will be meeting with Judge Epis, the prosecutor and the public defender in regards to the process of initial appearances. Discussion followed regarding indigent defense standards, such as confidential space for defense attorneys to meet with clients and vertical representation, which means that the defending attorney assigned to a particular case should, to the extent that is reasonable, continuously oversee the representation of that case throughout the entire process.

Elliot Traher, BLM Area Field Manager of the Jarbidge Field Office appeared and gave the board a brief update on the activities his office has been working on. His field office has been divided into four different sub-groups to work on livestock grazing permit renewals. The permit renewal process will include data collection, land health assessments/evaluations, environmental assessments or environmental impact statements and the grazing decision process. The first phase of the Bruneau Canyon overlook improvement was completed and BLM had a grand opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are working on the second phase and are now looking for funding. He also updated the board on the current status of the 18,660 acre Centennial Fire, the 7,844 acre Sandpoint Fire and the 38,645 acre Loveridge Fire, which were all started by lightning. Commissioner Corbus discussed the current heavy fuel loads in Elmore County and explained that if cattle ranchers could simply graze these lands longer, it would reduce the fuel loads and help to eliminate the threat of major wild fires. He asked if Mr. Traher could possibly help getting that process started. Mr. Traher stated that his highest priority right now is the grazing permit renewals. Once he can get through the renewals process, he may be able to get that request started. Discussion followed.

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed.

Alexis Pickering, Central District Health Department, appeared and reviewed the results of the community assessment tool and gave the board some suggestions on how to improve community health in Elmore County.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve Tax Cancellation No.1353 James B. Warburton III-\$127.72, No.1354 Alice Vollnogel c/o Stephen Parke-\$2.00, No. Stephen H. or Sherry L. Parke-\$15.32, No. 1356 Wandalee or Enrique Antimo-\$62.28, No. 1357 William Michael Lamb-\$88.16, No. 1360 Norberto Anguiano-\$53.66, No. 1361 Eva Chanty-\$56.08, No. 1362 Angelina Ramirez-\$69.72 and No. 1363 Jim or Evelyn Miller c/o Paul Schmidt-\$72.84.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$4,652.92, payable to Elmore County.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$8,868.77, payable to Centurylink-\$107.82, Elmore County-\$4,845.11, Adapco-\$2,122.80, Carr’s Home Lumber-\$48.59, DDS Signs & Graphics-\$48.56, Walmart Community-\$234.50, Express Services, Inc.-\$1,470.85, Mountain Home Auto Parts-\$42.63 and Mountain Home Auto Ranch-\$47.91.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Sheriff Hollinshead reappeared to discuss a personnel issue.

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

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 631-17 and refer to it in title only.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve Resolution No. 631-17 Destruction of Certain Elmore County Records Treasurer’s Office.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 631-17**

**AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2017, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO WIT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Elmore County Commissioners is permitted, pursuant to Idaho Code §31-871(2), Idaho Code, to authorize the destruction of certain Elmore County Records; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Elmore, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, has possession of numerous paper records which prove to be of no further purpose. These records consist of the following documents:

“Semi-permanent Records” under Idaho Code §31-871(1)(b):

**Treasurer/Tax Collector**

Auditor Certificates – Fiscal Years 2009-2012  
Tax Collector Reports – Fiscal Years 2009-2010  
Treasurer Reports – Fiscal Years 2009-2010  
Tax Cancellations – Fiscal Years 2008-2009

“Temporary Records” under Idaho Code §31-871(1)(c):

**Treasurer/Tax Collector**

Warrants of Distrain – Fiscal Years 2014-2015  
Mortgage Requests – Fiscal Years 2014-2015

**WHEREAS**, approval for the destruction of the below listed records has been obtained from the Idaho State historical Society, when required, and the Prosecuting Attorney, as provide by Idaho Code §31-871.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Elmore County Board of Commissioners in lawful meeting assembled hereby authorizes the destruction of the following paper records:

Auditor Certificates – Fiscal Years 2009-2012  
Tax Collector Reports – Fiscal Years 2009-2010  
Treasurer Reports – Fiscal Years 2009-2010  
Tax Cancellations – Fiscal Years 2008-2009  
Warrants of Distrain – Fiscal Years 2014-2015  
Mortgage Requests – Fiscal Years 2014-2015

**DATED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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

Attorney Scott Campbell appeared to give the board an update on his research regarding the Ballantyne Subdivision in Executive Session.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) to discuss records exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Water recharge projects were discussed.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve Terry Scanlan of SPF Water Engineers to proceed with the memorandum in regards to water recharge improvement projects with an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.

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

Budgets were reviewed and finalized.

Sheriff Hollinshead reappeared to discuss another personnel issue.

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

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan to adjourn.

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

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