COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 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, 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-08-17-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to sign the order of dismissal as the applicant was approved for Medicaid for dates of service and Meddata withdrew the appeal.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-11-17-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant failed to return calls and the letter for interview came back undeliverable at the address provided. A subpoena could not be served as unable to locate and no longer lives at the address provided.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-10-17-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant has filed for SSI and has not received a decision yet. She meets all other qualifications, but SSI/Medicaid may be a resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-11-17-10 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant has discretionary income over twice the estimated amount for surgery and therefore is not indigent per Idaho Code.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared and briefly discussed an issue with ordinance verbiage regarding a hobby kennel. Ms. Bresnahan received a call from a resident for clarification of the way the ordinance read. Ms. Bresnahan informed the resident that her office is currently working on adopting a new ordinance and the verbiage for the hobby kennel will be addressed in the new ordinance.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add the hobby kennel issue to the agenda as it was inadvertently removed.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly department head meeting was held.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared. Their department has been busy. They responded to two fatality accidents on Simco Road. They are preparing for the upcoming winter weather. They are going to bring the rescue truck down from Pine to upgrade some of their older equipment.

Ms. Bresnahan appeared. They issued seven building permits for the month and have one pending building permit. They had two new code enforcement cases. The office has been slow, but during the winter that is to be expected. The building official attended floodplain managers training in Maryland last week. She is also planning to send herself, the administrative assistant and new planner to the training as well.

Brad Stokes, Extension Educator, appeared. He gave presentations on Urban Arthropod Pest Identification & Management and Potato Psyllid Management in Potato & K-Pam, Vapam & Telone II applications. He held a pesticide recertification that was attended by seventy one pesticide applicators who gained seven pesticide credits.

Dave Humphreys, Noxious Weed Department, appeared. Some counties have large infestations of noxious weeds, but they are not here in Elmore County. They are working hard to make sure the infestations do not get out of control. He reviewed a map of the infested areas they are working on.

Deb Ireland, Landfill Supervisor, appeared. Snake River Rubbish dumped four refrigerators from Pine and three refrigerators from Atlanta. She gave the board a breakdown of the total tonnage and commercial tonnage from both Snake River Rubbish and Republic Services.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared. The Air Force and BLM have finalized the Environmental Assessment for the proposed water line. The Findings of No Significant Impact was signed by both parties as will and will be released for public review. The National Defense Authorization Act was
passed by both the House and Senate and signed by President Trump so the 366th Fighter Wing Commander can begin the process of conveying of a portion of the Air Force Base railway to the City of Mountain Home. The Air Force announced that the US Air Force Thunderbirds will perform at the Mountain Home Air Force base air show on June 2nd & 3rd 2018. They will complete the day with A-10 and F-22 demonstrations and a team jump.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. She is working with FEMA on flood expenses. She will meet with the Glenns Ferry Highway District to get their expenses together and they have already received some reimbursement from FEMA. They are planning a full scale exercise for May 2018.

Steve Dye, Probation Services, appeared. The juvenile probation caseload is slowly increasing but still much lower than at this time last year. Community service numbers have double and the program is back on track since the new supervisor was hired. The adult misdemeanor probation case load increased by fifty. He filled the probation officer position in the department. Drug Court has also been busy. There is twenty one active cases, with eleven of those being new referrals.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared. The new ambulance is scheduled to be delivered to the courthouse on December 22nd. He has a few EMS conferences coming up over the next few months. They have been slow, with one run this past month.

Traci Colton, Veterans Services Officer, appeared. She did several outreach visits to the assisted living facilities in Mountain Home to work compensation and pension benefits for veterans. She is working with the veterans and their families as well as management to get support documents needed to file the claim. She has a total of thirty eight compensation claims and eleven pension claims currently being processed. She also assisted two families with VA burials and three grant eligibility claims. She has signed up for a grant writing workshop in Nampa. The workshop will provide access to forums, helpful discussions and more than two hundred samples of grant proposals. Since the last meeting she has assisted ninety four veterans, spouses and/or family members on specific VA issues.

Christy Accord, Glenns Ferry Economic Development Director, appeared. She has been working on the railroad overpass issue in Glenns Ferry and how to reroute industrial traffic. She has been marketing Glenns Ferry as a “sportsman’s paradise” to boost tourism. She has been researching RV shows and outdoor recreation shows to hold at the fairgrounds.

Julie Lisle, Fair Manager, appeared. The fair board has been working on updating and upgrading the facilities. The sheep, swine and beef barns, the expo building and the restrooms have gone through upgrades in the past few years. They will next work on the showers, the arena and the green house and will be upgrading the power and sewer in the RV and vendor areas. They also received quotes for fencing repairs and replacement. She has not gotten a carnival contract yet for next year’s fair. She met with Mr.
Stokes, the county Extension Agent regarding planting trees. He will give her suggestions on what trees would be best to plant and the best locations for them.

Assessor Ron Fisher and Paul Riggs, City of Mountain Home Economic Development, appeared and gave the board a brief review of a draft of the application for property tax exemption for large businesses.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the application for cancellation of taxes for Kathryn Walker for tax year 2014.

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Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1376 Ruth Eliza Hickenlooper-$54.66, No. 1377 Ruth Eliza Hickenlooper-$54.66, No. 1378 Lennal Waterson-$660.32 and No. 1379 Donald L. & Diana L. Anderson-$46.10.

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Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $47,017.94, payable to Elmore County-$5,599.86, Cammack Medical Billing, Inc-$376.51, Terry’s Truck & RV-$30.00, Pine Resort, LLC-$285.52, Bastida Towing, Inc-$841.05 and Braun NW, Inc-$39,885.00.

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Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $5,897.72, payable to Elmore County-$5,192.65, Xerox Financial Services-$114.00, Office Value-$464.79, Mountain Home Auto Parts-$14.12, Environmental Care Association of Idaho (ECA)-$100.00 and BOE-$12.16

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Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the liquor license for La Cocina Del Pueblo Mexican Restaurant.

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Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Nicholas B. Hopkins and Rachael A. Fouts.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Joint Powers Agreement for the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Fund.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the agreement with the Desert Sage Health Center for the use of four parking spaces at the County Public Service building.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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