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 Corbus, 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-12-16-02 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant has failed to cooperate and Elmore County may not be the last resource.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Tom Hoegg and Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to discuss an assessment for an aircraft owned by Mr. Hoegg. Assessor Fisher explained that Mr. Hoegg was assessed for personal property tax on a small aircraft. Mr. Hoegg stated that he never received the assessment notice from the assessor’s office and did not realize that the plane was assessed until he received a tax bill. He stated that the plane is not air-worthy and contacted the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to let them know that so the plane would not be assessed as personal property. Assessor Fisher stated that since the plane has already been assessed and a tax bill has been generated, the board would need to approve a tax cancellation for Mr. Hoegg.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the tax cancellation for Tom Hoegg for an assessment made on a small aircraft. The board in no way intents to set a precedent that failure for an individual to receive an assessment notice is an error on the part of Elmore County and this decision is based on the facts specific to this matter.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
Deb Ireland, Bennett Road Landfill Supervisor, appeared and gave a brief update on the operations at the Bennett Road Landfill.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator to the agenda to declare a local disaster due to recent flooding.

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

Ms. Killian stated that several county roads have been severely damaged from flooding due to recent rains and snow melting. The board will need to declare a local disaster emergency so she can take the next steps with the Bureau of Homeland Security and FEMA to apply for funding.

Mike Blauer, Administrator and Cassie Wenner, appeared and presented the board with grant funding for the Adult Misdemeanor Probation Department in the amount of $3,584.00.

Alan Roberts appeared to discuss the specs for a new ambulance for Pine EMS. Attorney Grant stated that he needs some further clarification from the board on a specific model. The board decided on a Chevy chassis. Chairman Hofer wants to make sure that the box will be able to be remounted in the future. Mr. Roberts will finish the specs and get them to back to the board for review.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the application for the permit to place the King Hill repeater on Bureau of Land Management land.

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HOFER ........................................................ -AYE
WOOTAN .................................................... -AYE
CORBUS ...................................................... -AYE
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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-09-16-01. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-09-16-01. 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. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session. The hearing was continued until March 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
Sheriff Mike Hollinshead and members of the Search and Rescue Department appeared and reviewed a memorandum of understanding regarding the transfer of search and rescue equipment to the county.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Search and Rescue Department.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Corbus met with Connie Cruser from the Mountain Home Senior Center and was told that they are looking to raise $265,303.00 to upgrade the kitchen at the senior center. The Department of Commerce has grant funding available in the amount of $150,000.00 that they have applied for. The senior center has raised $46,500.00. They also have an opportunity to get a contribution of an additional $40,000.00. This would leave them with a short fall of approximately $20,000.00. Ms. Cruser would like to meet with the county and the city to see if each entity will contribute $10,000.00 toward the upgrade to help them with the short fall.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 614-17 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. 614-17 Elmore County Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-17

ELMORE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY (the “County”) COMMISSIONERS (the “Board”), STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, has the authority to declare a state of local disaster emergency regarding the County; and
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that melting snow and rain storms has currently and in the future may create flooding, mudslides and/or avalanches and a large amount of infrastructure damage in the following areas: Oasis and Tipanuk areas, Alkali, Rosevear, Hot Creek, Sailor Creek, Slick Ranch, Sugar Bowl, Murphy Springs and Black Mesa areas, the Pine Featherville Road area, Blacks Creek and South Fork of the Boise River areas, Prairie, Pine to Featherville area, Beaman Road and the Mountain Home area, the Atlanta area and other areas of the County, are a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency exists in the County and the County requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life and property and to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with the other appropriate state officials, along with other appropriate federal officials, to make such declarations, and provide such assistance within County as required and allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Elmore County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, that a local disaster emergency exits in Elmore County, Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of Idaho be advised of this local disaster emergency and is requested to take all action available for the amelioration of the above described local disaster emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elmore County Recorder be directed to properly file this Resolution pursuant to Idaho Code Section 46-1011 and that the Elmore County Clerk provide prompt and general publicity of this declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect for seven days, unless it is extended by the Elmore County Board of Commissioners.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 10th day of February 2017.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner
/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk
Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Brittany E. Craig, Brandon T. Hultenius, Sarah M. Miller and Lizzett Orozco.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of $715,282.89.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Tim Bondy appeared to discuss a proposal for a digital communications assistant. Mr. Bondy feels that Elmore County needs this position because the county is not currently active on any social media channels and in the “digital age” citizens expect their local government to keep them informed and give them the ability to provide feedback through the use of social media. He feels that a mobile-ready website combined with an active social media community will pave the way to an engaged and educated county population. The board reviewed the proposal and stated that the county already has a website coordinator and they would like to meet with him to see if he can provide some of the services as well.

Motion by Hofer, 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.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Sheriff Hollinshead gave the board a brief update on the flooding situations throughout the county. A road washed away in Oasis leaving residents with no access so a flatbed trailer will be put over the culvert to provide temporary access.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to adjourn for lunch and a jail inspection.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.
A continuation of deliberations were held regarding an appeal of the denial of a request for five conditional use permits for Cat Creek Energy, LLC. The board reviewed a proposed draft of findings and conditions.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, based on the Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law and Order and information contained in the record regarding the applications from Cat Creek Energy, LLC for five conditional use permits, the board hereby reverses the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the applications and hereby approves the applications subject to the conditions contained in Finding of Facts.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the sales order with Total Scale Service, Inc.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the contracts for Xerox copier upgrades for the Commissioners’ office and the Clerk’s office.

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.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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