COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

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-06-17-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate to determine indigency, residency or last resource. The application was a third party application with no release of information or signed application and the third party applicant was not able to provide any documents to determine indigency.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-06-17-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate to determine indigency, residency or last resource. The application was a third party application with no release of information or signed application and the third party applicant was not able to provide any documents to determine indigency.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-07-17-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve cancer radiation treatment with a reimbursement order of $15.00 per month to begin on 11/15/17

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by, second by, to approve the minutes for May 12, 2017.

HOFER ........................................................ -AYE
Nathan Cook appeared. There is a double wide trailer in Prairie that was previously used as a church. Mr. Cook stated that they would like to now use it as a library. If used as a library, it would have to be moved of the property where it currently sits and it was suggested that they move it to a county owned property nearby. Mr. Cook asked the board if they would allow them to move the trailer onto the county property and what would be required to move the trailer if the county agreed to let it be placed on the county property. He stated that the library board has the funding to move the trailer and set it up. They are still working on getting water and sewer hookups once it is moved. The board agreed to the trailer move and told Mr. Cook to make sure all of the necessary permits and requirements are in place regarding the move.

Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Page appeared regarding the fireworks ordinance. He was reviewing the fireworks ordinance and would like to make some revision regarding permits and licensing requirements for vendors and aerial fireworks. The commissioners will review the current ordinance and give their comments to Attorney Page.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-02-17-10. Marianne Bate, Social Services Director, stated that St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center requested a continuance on the case. Ms. Bate will set the new hearing for August 18, 2017 if the board approves. The board agreed to the continuance and the hearing was closed.

K-02-17-10 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the request for a continuance and set a new hearing for August 18, 2017.

The commissioners left the courthouse to attend a brief meeting at the Mountain Home Historical Museum with the Historical Committee Advisory Board regarding grant opportunities.

Sue Fish appeared to request the annual funding for the Pine Senior Center. She thanked the board for the annual funding as it helped to pay for the removal of snow and ice from the roof of the center before it caused any damage. The funding also helps to pay for the many services the center provides to the community.

Rachel Kline and Dave Fisher, Republic Services, appeared to discuss the possibility of their purchase of the Simco Road landfill from Idaho Waste Systems (IWS). Discussion followed regarding agreements for
the landfill that are currently in place between the county and IWS and fact that those agreements will need to stay in place in the event that Republic Services does purchase the Simco Road landfill.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Kari K. Beaty, Cheyenne Y. Cereceres, Sarah Kay Cordell, Ashley L. Webster, Serena N. Webster, Bobbi J. Davis, Elisha H. Hiddleston, Isaac S. Hiddleston and Braydan A. Kubala.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding grazing and increased fuel loads.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Blue Cross of Idaho insurance renewal.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Agreement for Noxious Weed Control with the Idaho Transportation Department.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the Elmore County Fair Bull Riding Agreement.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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-02-17-08. Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried and so ordered.
A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-02-17-08. 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-02-17-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to take the case under advisement.

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Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Mayor Rich Sykes and Mike McCain, City Building Inspector appeared to discuss a flood study project. The Western Elmore County Recreation District (WECRD) is planning to do a FEMA floodplain study and mapping to include a portion of district property located near Rattlesnake Creek and the adjacent floodplain. The WECRD asked the City of Mountain Home if they would like to participate in the study as well. The city agreed and will pay for a small portion for the study. Mayor Sykes suggested that the county also participate since a portion of the study will be done on property outside of the city limits. Discussion followed.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to discuss a tax exemption issue. The Glenns Ferry Health Center appeared before the commissioners on July 7, 2017 to appeal the loss of their tax exemption. Assessor Fisher pulled the exemption because the Glenns Ferry Health Care Center could not prove that they are a “charitable organization” according to Idaho Code. During the appeal, the Center provided information they felt proved that they are a charitable organization. Assessor Fisher presented the Idaho Code section to the board, where he stated that the Center did not provide the burden of proof that they are a charitable organization per Idaho Code. The board deliberated and decided to grant the tax exemption to the Center. Assessor Fisher still feels that the Center did not provide the burden of proof to warrant the exemption and informed the board that he will be appealing their decision to the State Tax Commission.

Cody Mangum and Leo Gilbride appeared and review the ambulance district budget. Generally, they are anticipating increased patient volumes, which will mean increased revenues as well as increased expenses. They are working on staff flex hours, which will help to decrease the “on call” shifts. Those
shifts can now be covered by the flex staff, which will cause an increase in hours, but will decrease overall costs because they won’t have to pay the on call overtime.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the Law Enforcement Assistance Agreements with the City of Mountain Home and the Gooding County Sheriff’s Office for the Mountain Home County Music Festival.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

LTC Boomer Oon, Singapore Air Force, appeared and gave the board a video presentation on Singapore cultures and traditions.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to increase the solid waste fee 5%.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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