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-12-03-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to release the statutory liens.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

NM-07-17-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve for cremation with no reimbursement as the applicant is deceased and there are no next of kin.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-06-17-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant is awaiting SSI/SSD appeal.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-06-17-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% of tax returns as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.
K-06-17-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant meets criteria for indigency but is pending SSI/SSD.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-06-17-09 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant meets the criteria for indigency but is pending SSI/SSD.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-06-17-11 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to suspend as the applicant meets the criteria for indigency but is pending SSI/SSD.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Pete L’Orange appeared. Mr. L’Orange is the historic preservation planner and certified local government coordinator with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, which is part of the Idaho State Historical Society. Elmore County is listed as one of the certified governments with the society, which means that at least 10% of the money his office receives from the National Park Service is passed on to the certified governments for historic preservation throughout the state. They also have grant funding available to the certified local governments. Discussion followed. He will meet with the Elmore County Historic Preservation Committee regarding the grant funding process and projects that they may have.

Deb Quinones and Kevin Black, Elmore Ambulance Service, appeared to request an upgrade to three cell phones. The upgrades are necessary so the EMT’s can use the phones to send patient information to the hospital while they are in route. The board approved the upgrades.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Jennifer M. Cabral, Shelby Meyers, Heather L. Boguszawski, John D. Crowe, Melissa N. Emglund, Lizbeth S. Rodriguez Hernandez and Nicholas R. Schwitters.

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 $339.85, payable to Verizon Wireless-$199.89 and RTI-$139.96.

HOFER ........................................................ -AYE

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership application to the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the law enforcement assistance agreement with Owyhee County.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the law enforcement assistance agreement with Camas County.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the expenses in the amount of $247,903.70.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign the letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding the right of way application for a communications tower in King Hill.
Clerk Steele reviewed final numbers on the fiscal year 2018 budgets.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve a 5% employee raise.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Erica Bowen, ITD traffic engineer, appeared to discuss an issue with a dangerous curve on Highway 20. The commissioners would like Ms. Bowen to visit the site to see what can be done to the curve to lessen the accidents that occur on that particular curve. Before the commissioners left for the site visit, Chairman Hofer discussed the county’s purchase of the forest service building on American Legion Boulevard and asked for clarification as to why the county needs to do a traffic study. Ms. Bowen stated that the county can send her a letter, which she will present to the district engineer, requesting a variance, which will need to include justification for why the variance is needed and include the fact that forest service emergency vehicles have come out of there in the past. Also include why the county will need to keep the two approaches open. The commissioner updated Ms. Bowen on the many vehicle accidents on the Highway 20 curve.

Sheriff Mike Hollinshead appeared and requested an Executive Session to give the board an update on a recent homicide in Mountain Home.

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.

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

The board made a site visit to Highway 20.
Regular session resumed.

Clerk Steel continued her final review of the fiscal year 2018 budgets.

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