

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 9, 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-04-17-04 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate, medical records were untimely received, unable to determine residency, indigency or last resource.

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

K-04-17-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate, unable to determine indigency, residency or last resource. The applicant is not a resident of the State of Idaho.

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

K-05-17-05 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as not the last resource. The applicant was approved for Medicaid to cover dates of service on the application. St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center withdrew the application.

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

The public portion of the meeting was held. Margaret Ottoway and Bart Goins appeared to discuss an issue of speeders on the private road in the Ashwood Subdivision. Since it is a private road, law enforcement cannot enforce speeds on the road. They have had several vehicles that speed through the subdivision causing dangerous situations and they are wondering what can be done. The subdivision is outside of the Mountain Home city limits, so the board suggested that they contact the Mountain Home

Highway District, as they handle county roads. Ms. Ottoway wondered if the Sheriff's department can patrol the road to give some sort of law enforcement presence to possible help with the speeders. Chairman Hofer will contact Sheriff Hollinshead regarding the issue and have him contact Ms. Ottoway.

Nate Jones also appeared to discuss an issue with the Pest Abatement District spraying his organic crops. Last year, one of his organic crops was mistakenly sprayed. This issue has been resolved, so he would like Jim Torbert to meet with him and the other local organic famers before he sprays this year so Jim can become familiar with the organic farms in the area and where he can and cannot spray. Chairman Hofer will speak with Jim and have him get in contact with Nate.

Jolene Hobdey, Oasis Fire Protection District appeared and reviewed paperwork for a property they are trying to annex into the fire district.

Terrill Howard appeared and reviewed the annual Blue Cross of Idaho insurance premium renewal. There have been several increase and Mr. Howard reviewed the costs of different tiers of coverage the county can choose from.

Sheriff Hollinshead appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

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 also discussed the purchase of an ATV for the Search and Rescue Department.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the purchase of a Honda 450 ATV for the Sheriff's Department for use by the Search and Rescue Department.

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

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.

Tate Fischer and Chris Robins, representing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Charlie Lyons appeared to discuss fuel loads and possible grazing in these areas. The board is very concerned about the large fuel loads that are within the county. So far this year there have only been a few small fires within the county, but there is still a tremendously heavy fuel load that has the potential for extremely large wildfires. Commissioner Corbus feels that the cattle ranchers should be allowed to have their cattle graze the cheat grass on BLM lands to help reduce the fuel loads. He wondered why the ranchers must pull their cattle off of the BLM lands so early instead of being allowed to graze down the fuel loads. The county has spent millions of dollars fighting major wildfires and he feels that allowing cattle to graze longer and reducing these fuel loads is a simple way of helping to reduce the risk of these catastrophes. Mr. Fischer stated that they recognize the fuel loads are very high and they are now in the process of doing studies to figure out how grazing can be used, and at what levels, to reduce the cheat grass while also supporting the increase of native grasses, which in turn help reduce fire hazards. They are also putting fuel breaks in place. As far as fire management, Mr. Fischer stated that he has the ability to increase fire capabilities and staffing in the county in the hopes that they can get on a fire faster. The commissioners still feel that there should be more cattle out there to help reduce the cheat grass before fires start. Mr. Fischer stated that unfortunately, he is governed by regulations for what he can and can't do at his level. Mr. Robins stated that at their next grazing permit renewal period he is going to propose the extra cattle grazing requests which will be allow them to work with the permittees and allow the extra grazing when needed. Discussion followed.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared and reviewed his budget, which will stay the same as last year.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$143,385.98.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mayor Rich Sykes and Fire Chief Mark Moore appeared with a request to house their ladder truck in a building at the county Emergency Services Building next to the jail. Chief Moore feels that this is a great

location since the majority of calls that the ladder truck is used for is the industrial buildings which are on that side of town. The building is also bigger than their fire station, which is overcrowded with the trucks. Commissioner Wootan stated that the county is planning to put the noxious weed vehicles in that space. Chairman Hofer suggested that maybe the ladder truck and the noxious weed trucks can all fit together. Chief Moore stated that he would like to have the space dedicated to just the ladder truck and equipment. Chairman Hofer stated that the county has several vehicles and equipment that are currently housed outside, which they are trying to get inside also, and the county only has so must space, so he again suggested that they all get together and see if the ladder truck will fit in the space along with the noxious weed vehicles.

Chief Moore also discussed the implementation of the burn ban.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 628-17 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 628-17 Implementation of Burn Ban.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 628-17
(Implementation Resolution - Burn Ban Ordinance)

**On this 9th day of June, 2017, the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”)
hereby resolves the following:**

WHEREAS, the Board values the lives and safety of Elmore County residents and takes such matters affecting the same very serious;

WHEREAS, the Board hereby declares that conditions and circumstance within the County now or in the future will necessitate the imposition of an Open Fire ban to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented and passed the Open Fire Ban and Burn Permit Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2012-02) (“Fire Ban Ordinance”) and this Implementation Resolution of the Burn Ban Ordinance (“Implementation Resolution”) shall implement the Open Fire ban, as defined and authorized in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

WHEREAS, prior to issuing this Implementation Resolution, the Board may consider established evaluation criteria to predict fire dangers in the County;

WHEREAS, many parts of Elmore County are extremely dry and due to current conditions the threat of wild fires is severe;

WHEREAS, wildfires constitute a real threat to life and property in Elmore County;

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that from time to time there exist an extreme or serious danger and threat of forest fires, grassfires and wildfires due to dry weather and vegetation conditions in Elmore County and that fires have caused property damage and the potential for risk of loss of life;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to prohibit Open Fire, as defined in the Fire Ban Ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-828, boards of county commissioners have the power and authority “[t]o do and perform all other acts and things required by law not in this title enumerated, or which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government.”

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION:

From June 21, 2017 until October 20, 2017, or such earlier date as set forth by the Board, the Board hereby declares a ban on Open Fire, as defined in the Burn Ban Ordinance on all private property located in Unincorporated Areas of the County Outside Fire Protection Districts, excluding those improved campgrounds operated by the Idaho Power Company. This area shall not include public lands belonging to the United States of America or the State of Idaho located within the Unincorporated Areas of the County.

This Implementation Resolution is dated and is made effective as of the 9th day of June, 2017.

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

Jerry Rost, County Coroner, appeared and review his budget, which will stay the same.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Xerox Copier Contract for District Court.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency application for Alissa M. Lindsay.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1352 James or Tisa Morgan-\$243.52.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the letter to the Idaho Department of Transportation regarding Highway 20 issue.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared to review his budget. He will need to hire another employee for the DMV department.

Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared and reviewed her budget. She would like a slight increase in her meals, miles and lodging budget for extra training for her staff. She is also requesting an increase in the equipment line for a new sound system for meetings, and the purchase of a new table and a wireless printer for the building inspector.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to review his budget. He would like to increase the stipend from \$10 per call to \$20 per call. He would like an increase in the equipment line item to purchase new radios.

Alan Kiester, Snowmobile Department appeared and review his budget, which will stay the same as last year.

Brad Stokes, Extension Educator, appeared to review his budget. He will be hiring a full time administrative assistant to fill a vacancy. He would also like to purchase two new vehicles and will work with Attorney Grant regarding the state bid process.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 627-17 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 627-17 Destruction of Certain Elmore County Records-Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 627-17

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE 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. The Prosecutor’s Office desires to destroy the following certain “Semi-Permanent Records” under Idaho Code § 31-871:

Elmore County Prosecutor’s Office –
“Semi-Permanent Records”

- Certain misdemeanor files received between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 (see attached list)(files are more than 5 years old), excluding any and all domestic battery files.

WHEREAS, approval for the destruction of the below listed records has been obtained from the Prosecuting Attorney, as provided 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 paper records retained by the Elmore County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office reflected in the lists attached hereto.

DATED this 9th day of June 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 and sign the Elmore County Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance.

HOFER -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE
CORBUS -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

HOFER -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE
CORBUS -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk