

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant 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-01-17-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as the applicant failed to cooperate, unable to determine indigency, obligated county or last resource. The applicant left the state before interviewing and unable to be contacted.

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

K-02-17-03 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as not medically indigent and the applicant can self-pay the medical bills over five years.

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

K-02-17-12 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to deny as the applicant failed to submit documentation to determine eligibility.

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

K-03-17-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of federal and state tax refunds as payment to begin on 9/15/17. The applicant shall apply for SSI/SSD within 60 days of approval.

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

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE** **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 discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-09-01-03 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve a payment of \$3,500.00 and release the lien upon receipt of payment in full.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for January 13, 2017.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$8,704.73, payable to Elmore County-\$704.73 and Animal Damage Control District 2-\$8,000.00.

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

Elections Deputy Vivian Garcia appeared to canvas the Bruneau Grandview school district levy election.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the canvas of the March 14, 2017 Bruneau Grandview School District Levy Election.

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

The board opened and reviewed bid packets from Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles and Braun Northwest for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Pine EMS. Due to the large amount of material received in each bid packet, the board will need more time to thoroughly review each bid packet and will make a decision at a later date.

Nate Jones and Justin Wootan, King Hill Irrigation District appeared to discuss a preliminary feasibility study for hydropower generation. Currently, the King Hill Irrigation District is lifting water to the original canal system through four river pumping stations along the Snake River. The original system diverted water from the Malad River through a siphon, crossing the Snake River, into the canal system to the town of Hammett. The original system provided gravity flow without the use of pumps. In 1979 the structure supporting the siphon shifted rendering the siphon unusable. They were presented with two options, reconstruction of the siphon or enter into an agreement with Idaho Power to construct four pumping stations. They chose to enter into an agreement with Idaho Power because reconstruction of the siphon would require a year without the ability to irrigate. Due to the increasing cost of power to run the pumping stations, which is the largest budget item of the irrigation district, they have decided to look for an alternative solution. A potential hydropower project would entail reconstructing the siphon that was removed in 1979 and return the canal system to gravity flow, thus decreasing the expense for power. Mr. Wootan gave the board a scope of work and cost proposal from SPF Water Engineering for engineering and consulting services associated with preliminary planning and project development for the canal piping and hydropower upgrade project, which will include a conceptual planning study and feasibility study, with an estimated cost of \$46,000.00. Mr. Wootan and Mr. Jones asked if the county could assist with the cost of the study. Chairman Hofer stated that the county could contribute \$22,000.00 toward the cost of the project and Commissioner Corbus agreed.

The board took a recess to take a tour of the local areas that are involved in the water acquisition and recharge efforts.

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**