

The monthly department head meeting was held.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared. The Air Force and BLM have finalized the environmental assessment for the proposed water line. Once the Finding of No Significant Impact has been signed by both parties, it will be released to the public. The Mountain Home Highway District is applying for grant funding to finish paving the Strike Dam cut off road that will provide access to the pump station. Groundbreaking for the project is estimated to start within a year. The National Defense Authorization Act has included an amendment conveying a portion of the railroad from the Air Force to the City of Mountain Home, which is a positive step for economic development in the county. He attended the Singapore Deepavali festival of lights celebration on October 20th. Singapore Chief of Defense Lt. General Perry Lin visited the 366th Gunfighter Wing and the 428th Fighter Squadron on October 25th. The 366th Wing Commander Colonel Kunkel held his first executive session luncheon on November 14th with a selective group of downtown civic leaders. His goal is to have monthly meetings with the civic leaders to discuss any and all issues impacting the base and the community. The US Air Force Thunderbirds will perform at Mountain Home Air Force Base on June 2nd & 3rd, 2018.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared. The new ambulance is almost finished and the estimated delivery is mid-December. They received a donation of rope rescue equipment from the Search and Rescue department and they purchased bags for the equipment. Scheduling is still a challenge, but he is managing to cover all shifts. Three of their EMT's attended an EMS conference in the beginning of November. Search and Rescue will be holding rope rescue training with them. In the last month they had six calls but no transports.

Julie Lisle, Fair Managers, appeared. She attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs conference and met with several members and entertainers. She also networked with some local fair managers. They are working on a pre-fair kick off concert to be held at the arena the Saturday before the fair, right after the parade and the "Elmore County's Got Talent" show. They advertised for two positions, fair board member and queen coordinator, with an application deadline of December 8th. They met with Planning and Zoning regarding the power upgrades. The architect is drawing up plans and breaking the project into stages. They will meet with Brad Stokes, Extension Educator, for a walkthrough at the fairgrounds and to go over where trees need to be planted and what type of trees are the best to be planted. She would like to utilize the office at the fairgrounds instead of the office currently located at the Extension Office in Mountain Home. She feels this would be more convenient for individuals who are interested in utilizing the grounds for different events.

Deb Ireland, Landfill Supervisor, appeared. They got the brush pile burned down quite a bit. Les Schwab came and replaced the tires on the back hoe. One of her staff is now certified to remove freon from refrigerators that come to the landfill. They will take the refrigerators for free, but they will charge a fee of \$25.00 for the removal of the freon.

Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared. They issued twenty one residential permits and one Commercial building permit in the past month. They received two applications this month, one for a conditional use permit and one administrative decision for an accessory dwelling. They had nine new code enforcement cases. Thirty one code enforcement cases have been closed, nine cases are still active at the Prosecutor's office and seven cases now remain open in their office. They purchased a new sound system to use for their meetings. The building official will attend the flood plain managers training in Maryland the first week of December. Their administrative assistant will attend permit technician training. They hired a new planner who will be starting on December 1st.

Traci Colton, Veteran Services Officer, appeared. She did several outreach visits to assisted living facilities to work claims for veterans, as well as getting support documents needed to file the claims. She quickly completed a claim for a terminal veteran. The VetraSpec program made it possible to expedite his claim and he received a 100% disability rating within two days. She attended the annual Veterans Day ceremony with several guest speaker, which was followed by a bean and cornbread feed at the American Legion Post #26. Since the last meeting she has assisted sixty two veterans, spouses and/or family members with their specific VA issues. She stated that she is still very busy and feels that her position should be full time for her to be able to accommodate all of the veterans who are requesting her services.

Chris Corbus, Extrication Department, appeared. They have been working with Prairie QRU to help them equip their rescue truck with more updated equipment. They are looking into purchasing new battery operated tools. Once they purchase these tools, they will put their older tools in the Prairie rescue truck. Their call volume has been low, but they are gearing up for the upcoming winter weather and expecting their call volume to increase.

Jim Torbert, Pest Abatement, appeared. He completed the Department of Health and Welfare Contract 2017 Annual Report and received a grant reimbursement in the amount of \$5,999.98. He completed maintenance on all of his equipment and weatherized the equipment as well. The Forest Service has placed their vehicle and chemical in the designated garage spot in his building. He has designed the annual county pest abatement newsletter, which will be mailed to approximately 6,000 Elmore County residences. He attended an Idaho Mosquito and Vector Control Association workshop. He is doing research into resistance testing on mosquitos and the chemicals he uses.

Steve Dye, Probation Services, appeared. The juvenile probation caseload numbers are still low, but the pending cases still continue to increase. He is very concerned with the rising cost of juvenile detention services. The case load for adult misdemeanor probation is low. They will be scheduling interviews to hire a new probation officer. Drug court is extremely busy.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add Rocky Paulson, Alarmco, Inc. to the agenda to discuss a courthouse security proposal.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Paulson reviewed a proposal for an emergency notification system for the courthouse and the surrounding county campus buildings.

Sheriff Hollinshead appeared to discuss a twenty eight day pay cycle for his deputies.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) to discuss records exempt from disclosure. 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.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f) to discuss a pending litigation. 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.

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Cobus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-06-17-12. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-06-17-12. 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:

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, 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.

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-10-17-02. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-10-17-02. 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-10-17-02 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1367 Elizabeth Sanchez-\$1,579.94, No. 1368 David M. & Kathryn Y. Holland-\$769.58, No. 1369 Priscilla M. Labbee-\$111.52, No. 1370 Steven T. & Jeanette M. Reynolds-\$200.72, No. 1371 Elmore County-\$240.10, No. 1372 Elmore County-\$54.66 and No. 1373 Zhu Peng Wang & Jing Lu-\$2,227.04.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Makenna Hedelius and Jennifer Rodriguez.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$150,060.36, payable to Elmore Medical Center.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Scott Campbell appeared to give a brief update on the water recharge projects and also to discuss the Ballantyne Subdivision issue.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda an update on the Ballantyne Subdivision issue by Attorney Scott Campbell.

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(f) to discuss pending litigation. 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.

The vacancies for the Western Elmore County Recreation District were discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Financial Assistance Contract for Reimbursement for Costs for Development of the Canyon Creek Recharge Project with the Idaho Water Resources Board.

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Home Transportation Agreement with Elmore Ambulance Service.

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

Heather Reynolds, Human Resources Manager, appeared to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, 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.**

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to make the Veteran Services Officer position full time effective November 24, 2017 and to utilize \$14,000.00 from the Human Resources budget to go toward wages.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to authorize the Clerk's office to pay Traci Colton for the overtime hours worked during the time her position was part time.

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

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