

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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, Commissioner 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 -ABSENT **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-09-17-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Finding of Facts Conclusion of Law and Order.

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

K-12-17-05 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$10.00 per month to begin on 3/15/18.

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

K-02-18-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant is not medically indigent as he has discretionary income of \$1,844.00 per month which is over the amount to pay the bills on his own over five years.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to add to the agenda, approve and sign the Letter of Support for Economic Development to the City of Mountain Home.

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

The monthly department head meeting was held.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared. The base surface water project utilities service contract negotiations hit a big stumbling block. The plan was to use operation and maintenance funds as a down payment but it cannot be used for new facilities so they will need to get congressional approval. The 366CE Real Estate Office has taken on the conveyance process of the rail to the City of Mountain Home. They asked if the city would like to expedite the survey required in the process. The cost is approximately \$30,000.00 and it will take approximately six to eight months to go through the Air Force budget process. The survey will insure that the environmental assessment covers the area. Notice was sent out of initiating development of an environmental assessment to evaluate the proposed establishment of air and ground training spaces in urban centers located near the Mountain Home base, which would support training in urban areas. The proposed training would be limited to coordinated flight and ground tracking of simulated targets in urban centers. F-15Es would be operating between 10,000 and 15,000 feet above grounds. He will be attending the annual Civic Leader visit to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia on April 24th.

Deb Ireland, Landfill Supervisor, appeared and reviewed the tonnage amounts taking in at Bennett Road and transferred to Idaho Waste Systems.

Brian Chevalier, Pine EMS Supervisor, appeared. Elmore Ambulance Service (EAS) started an EMT course in February and his EMT's were invited to sit in on the classes. The Extrication and Search & Rescue departments will be scheduling training in Pine in the spring, and have invited his crew to trainings they are currently holding in Mountain Home. They will also be attending EMS training classes over the next several months. They had a total of three runs from December through February.

Beth Bresnahan, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared. Seventeen residential permits and one commercial permit have been issued to date. Fifty eight residential permits, two commercial permits and one Ag permit have been issued since October 2017. There are five new code enforcement cases since January and they still have eight active cases at the prosecutor's office. Three of her staff attended training in Blackfoot in January.

Alan Robert, Extrication Department, appeared. They have responded to twelve calls so far this month due to recent winter weather. They are planning to due training classes for the Atlanta and Prairie QRU's in the spring. They will be hosting a basic and advance extrication training class in September.

Brad Stokes, Extension Educator, appeared. His community nutritionist has left and he is looking to refill the position immediately. He held the Local Advisory Committee meeting on February 14th where they identified three priority areas for 2018, which include youth development (4-H/Optimist), commercial agriculture primarily for potatoes and alfalfa and workforce & agriculture growth with water being an important component. Students from a Mountain Home High School art classes will be painting two

murals in the basement educational room of the Extension office. He received \$5,000.00 in funding from the University of Idaho to hire a paid summer intern that will help with experiments, 4-H and the county fair. The intern is required to have completed at least one semester and currently be enrolled in any Idaho based higher education college or university. He will be attending the 2018 Idaho Hay & Forage Conference on March 2nd where he will give a presentation.

Julie Lisle, Fair Director, appeared. The fair board has discussed having a pre fair concert and they have been in contact with an agent for country singer Mo Pitney. The approximate cost for the concert will be \$21,000.00. The commissioners questioned whether the fair budget could cover such a large cost. Ms. Lisle stated that they are working on a plan for the ticket sales to cover that cost. She will be in contact with the carnival company next week to discuss the specifics for the carnival to be at the fair. They will be printing the fair premium book on April 1st. The vendor packets have been sent out to previous fair vendors. They will be making improvements to the small animal barn including a 24 x 24 slab floor. They used the tractor and worked up the dirt in the rodeo arena. Since then, they have had people there every day utilizing the arena.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services Coordinator, appeared. They will be holding a table top exercise on April 10th as a precursor to the full scale exercise, which will be held on May 11th. She attended the IEMA conference in Boise, which was very informative. She learned that they need to add an addendum to the Emergency Operations Plan to address how to notify the hearing impaired in the event of an emergency.

Steve Dye, Probation Services Director, appeared. The juvenile probation caseloads have been steadily rising. They had one hundred thirty five hours of community service completed. The adult misdemeanor caseload has remained steady. The new probation officer will be going to the POST academy in April. The drug court program has nineteen active participants and one pending entry into the program.

Traci Colton, Veteran Services Officer, appeared. She did several outreach visits to help with compensation and pension claims for veterans at Ashely Manor and St. Luke's Nursing Home. She also did several outreach home visits in Hammett, Glens Ferry, Mountain Home and one in Nampa. She has fifty five compensation claims and nine pension claims currently being processed, as well as assisting four families with VA burials and two eligibility claims. She attended a grant writing workshop in Nampa, which provided access to forums, helpful discussions and links to possible grants. She has been working with Attorney Grant on county contracts renewals. Since the last meeting she has assisted one hundred eight two veterans, spouses and/or family members with their specific VA issues.

Scott Hunsaker, County Auditor, appeared and reviewed the annual county audit with the board.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency application for Coleman D. Tucker.

HOFER -AYE

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve and sign the liquor licenses for Los Pinos Restaurant, LLP and Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta, Mountain Home, LLC.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and sign the Casualty Lose Exemption Form for Nick and Betty Lonigro and reduce the value of the improvements to \$10,329.00 for tax year 2018 due to a house fire.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for January 26, 2018.

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

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

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

Regular session resumed.

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-08-17-05 & K-10-17-01. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-08-17-05 & K-10-17-01. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioner Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl, Social Services Director Deb Marceau and Social Services Assistant Trish McCain. 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-08-17-05 & K-10-17-01 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to continue the hearing until May 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

HOFER -**AYE**
WOOTAN..... -**AYE**
CORBUS -**ABSENT** **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-09-17-03. Roll call vote was taken.

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

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-09-17-03. Present at the hearing were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioner and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl, Social Services Director Deb Marceau and Social Services Assistant Trish McCain. 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-09-17-03 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to sign the Order of Dismissal as St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center withdrew the appeal.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

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

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