COMMISSIONERS MINUTES                JANUARY 5, 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, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, and Deputy Clerk Shelley Essl.

Sheriff Hollinshead appeared and presented the Lifesaving Medal Award to Patrol Corporal Nicholas Griffin for his lifesaving efforts after responding to the scene of a one car rollover crash on Interstate 84 on October 5, 2017. The driver of the vehicle sustained severe injuries was bleeding profusely. Corporal Griffin apply a tourniquet and was able to slow the bleeding until emergency personnel arrived on scene to stabilize the driver. Emergency personnel later reported that without Corporal Griffin’s quick actions, it was likely that the driver would have perished from blood loss due to his injury.

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-11-17-07 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to deny as not the last resource and not indigent.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-11-17-08 Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% of federal and state income tax refunds as payment.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-12-17-07 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.
The public portion of the meeting was held. Diane Williams appeared to discuss her tax bill. Ms. Williams questioned why the county allows other services, which are taxing districts, to attach fees to her property tax bill. Ms. Williams feels this should be a community decision, not a mandated tax by the county commissioners. She has no issue with paying her county and city property taxes, but does not feel that she should have to pay the additional $277.92 in “riders” that are attached to her bill. She feels that each one of those service organizations can directly solicit the community for economic support and it should be the community who decides to economically support these services based on their good customer service to the community. She stated that “pimping” is when one citizen provides a service and another person using fear or economic harm takes the money for the service without performing any services. The “riders” on her tax bill are the “pimps” who collect funds indirectly from the community with the help of elected public servants, the commissioners. She doesn’t believe that the commissioners should not be attaching any kind of community services to her property taxes and she wants to know why the commissioner allow these “riders” to be attached to her property tax bill. Clerk Steele explained that taxing districts are voted on in elections by the voters and the taxing districts on Ms. Williams’ bill were voted in years ago. Per Idaho Code, the county is responsible for collecting the taxes and disbursing them to the taxing districts, that is why those fees appear on her taxes. The board suggested that she meet with her legislator to discuss her concerns.

Dan Collins, county website coordinator, appeared to follow up with the board regarding some issues with the county website that were discussed at a meeting last month. He corrected some errors that he found and fixed some broken links to state pages that have been restructured. He was told there was an issue with the website not being displayed correctly on cell phones or tables. He feels the website displays fairly well on both, but is not optimized on either. At the last meeting, the board asked Mr. Collins what it would take for him to make the website more accessible on tablets and phones. He stated that it is not as easy as changing a code to make it more accessible, he would have to rewrite the entire website and due to some personal issues, he would not be able to take on rewriting the entire website at this time, but will certainly be able to take on the project at a later date. He wanted the commissioners to know that he would like to continue to run the county’s website, but unfortunately at this time he cannot take the time to rewrite the website, and if they decide that this is something that needs to be done immediately, then they will have to hire someone else. Mr. Collins feels that he works well with the county office and would like to continue on. The commissioners agreed that he has done a great job, but feel that some upgrades need to be done and will need to discuss how to proceed.

Heather Reynolds, Human Resources Manager, appeared and reviewed proposed revisions to the personnel policy.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Cathy Smith, Treasurer’s Office Chief Deputy, appeared. They have sixteen properties that have delinquent taxes for 2014. They collected $12.5 million in the tax drive and balance to the penny.
Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. His office is continuing to sign up residents for homeowners exemptions and circuit breakers. They are reviewing properties for any changes that may have been made throughout the year. They have begun an analysis of sales data to establish 2018 tax values.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1380 Kathryn I. Walker-$748.74.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the 2016 EMPG Grant Adjustment for Disaster Services.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the establishment of elections precincts for 2018.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the establishments of polling places for the March 13, 2018 School District Levy Election.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications for Jessica M. Melville, Kaleb Troy Stevens and Nichole M. Nash.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $412,696.88.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for December 1, 2017.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the replacement of a motor for an EAS ambulance in the amount of $14,938.81.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll for December 2017 in the amount of $512,059.58.

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

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 Corbus, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda the Authorized Agent document for Alan Roberts and Tom Ducharme, of the E911 board.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Chairman Hofer to sign the letter authorizing Tom Ducharme and Alan Roberts, E911 board, to act on behalf of Elmore County in regards to the Bureau of Land Management application.

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) 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. The following decision was made as result of the Executive Session.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to authorize Attorney Scott Campbell to file an application for reconsideration of the preliminary order issued by Shelley Keen, dated 12/21/17, regarding water permit number 61-7731.

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