

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.

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