

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JULY 9, 2012

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 Arlie Shaw, Commissioners Al Hofer and Wes Wootan. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Nathan Jones, representing the Economic Development Committee in Glens Ferry, Harry Knox, co-chairman of the Glens Ferry Revitalization Committee and Keven Shreeve, a local engineer, appeared to discuss an on/off ramp project in Glens Ferry at exit 120 on Interstate 84. There will be a large business starting up in Glens Ferry near 1st Avenue, which will force truck traffic to cross through town to get back on the interstate, so an on/off ramp built closer to the new business will alleviate the congestion through town. Two years ago, Glens Ferry did a transportation plan, which included the on/off ramp project. The interstate has been in existence for 40 years and they feel it is time to finish the project. They have spoken to the City of Glens Ferry and the Highway District and both are very interested in moving the project forward. They are looking for some sort of support and possible financial assistance from the County to get the project underway. Mr. Shreeve stated that since it will take several years to finish the project, initiating the project should begin now. The initial goal is to get the project on the State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP), which is Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) list of big construction projects. The Department of Commerce has a Gem Community Grant available for up to \$50,000.00 to get the planning of the project underway, but a 25%-30% match would be needed. The grant application would be due by the end of September. He suggested taking the next few months to get some initial "seed" money together, have the interested parties meet with ITD, then proceed with the Gem Community Grant application. Mr. Shreeve feels it is important to have a "lead entity" and thought the County may be interested in being that entity. Mr. Jones stated there are several other entities interested in being a part of this project as well. The Board expressed interest in the project and will do all they can to help get the project underway. Discussion followed.

Randy and Ronda Avery, Idaho Waste Systems (IWS) and Marty Jones, representing Central District Health, appeared to discuss Glens Ferry Landfill and Bennett Road Landfill issues. Mr. Avery explained they are going to purchase a tire shredder for the Glens Ferry Landfill to take care of the tire issue there. They will be purchasing the tire shredder from a company in Spokane, Washington and are waiting for funding for the machine. The shredder can handle tires such as passenger vehicle and truck tires and off road vehicle tires up to the size of tractor tires, but cannot shredder bigger tires from earth moving vehicles such as excavators, large construction trucks, etc. The shredded material will then go into the landfill. If a waste energy project comes along that can use the shredded material, then it will go to that project. Mr. Jones stated that IWS has to

submit documentation for their operations plan describing how many tires the machine can shred a day and the machine's capability to shred the tires to 65% reduction before he can approve it for operation at the landfill. Mr. Avery has seen the machine in operation and stated it can produce the 65% reduction, but he will provide Mr. Jones with contact information so he can follow up with the shredding statistics. Discussion followed. Mr. Avery discussed the need for a new concrete slab for the Bennett Road Landfill. Daily wear and tear has caused the concrete to crack and it cannot be repaired. The concrete slab can be replaced with a steel overhang which will be easier to maintain and repair. Mr. Avery reviewed the repairs and bids for the project.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the repairs at the Bennett Road Landfill, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

County Prosecutor Kristina Schindele appeared to discuss her department's budget. Attorney Schindele requested an increase for one of her Civil Attorneys, as he is billing at half the rate of other paid professionals. She also requested an increase for two of her deputy prosecutors to bring them up to the current level of compensation of figures from other counties in Idaho. The budget for the upcoming criminal trial was discussed. Her office will also need a software upgrade in the next few years. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Rick Layher and Deputy Laytrede Schultz appeared to discuss the Sheriff's Department Budget. There was a line item added in the Dispatch budget for the money received for an agreement with the City of Mountain Home to pay for a new dispatch position. There was a small decrease in the budget for Disaster Services. There was a small increase in the budget for the Sheriff's Department for uniforms. At least three or four new vehicles will need to be purchased. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to adjourn for lunch and a Jail inspection.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Regular session resumed.

Sheriff Layher reviewed the Jail budget. A lengthy discussion followed regarding several budget items and possible increases.

Wade Baumgardner, Veterans Services Officer, appeared to discuss his department's budget. Mr. Baumgardner stated his department is functioning fine with the current budget, so no changes need to be made.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for May 18, 2012, June 25, 2012 and June 28, 2012.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$374,181.52.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the payroll for June 2012 in the amount of \$352,331.91.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the Recorder's Office Report and the Treasurer's Office Report for the record only.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve Tax Cancellation No. 1165 Wells Fargo Bank, NA - \$17.94 and No. 1164 ELW Holdings LLC - \$10.11.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Jerry Rost, County Coroner, appeared to discuss his department’s budget. He had a slight increase for autopsies and lab work.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the red dot file.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Alan Christy, Growth and Development Director, appeared to discuss his department’s budget. He was able to decrease the line item for mapping and platting. He had a request for an increase in a professional services fee from the Planning and Zoning attorney, which can be covered with the current budgeted amount. His department will be in need for a four wheel drive vehicle in the near future as their current vehicle has very high mileage. Mr. Christy will research prices for a new vehicle. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to approve the Liquor License for Fatty’z Pizza LLC.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve and execute the agreement for the transfer of real property known as the Brenda Pitt property, from Elmore County to the City of Mountain Home.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificate of Residency for Zachary Robert Cooper.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificate of Residency for Kristian M. McFarland.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to add to the agenda the Request for Bids for County Fuel Expenses and approve the notice for publication.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

A notice for requests for bids for county fuel expenses will be published on July 18, 2012 and July 25, 2012. Bids will be opened and reviewed by the Board on August 20, 2012.

Vicki Smith, E911 Board member, appeared to discuss the E911 budget. They will need to replace their computers this year as the current ones are five years old. The Viper System, which handles all of the dispatch services, will also have to be replaced, but they can apply for a grant to help cover the cost of the replacement.

Rena Kerfoot and Larry Jewett, Fair Department, appeared to discuss the department's budget. They have hired a new employee, but the salary is already in the budget.

Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to add to the agenda and sign the proclamation for Glenns Ferry Three Island Days on August 10, 11, 12, 2012.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

The Bradford Street property was briefly discussed regarding the removal of trees in the right of way.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to add to the agenda the discussion of Project West.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

Commissioner Wootan reviewed Project West. There is a company that would like to make an offer on a building in Glenns Ferry, but were questioning if the property would be exempt from taxation. Attorney Grant stated that according to the statute, this would be contractual relationship and the Board could specify contractual terms, such as, if the company does not meet certain thresholds in the specific allotted time period, they would no longer be exempt and would be required to pay the taxes. Discussion followed.

Katie Ashby, Drug Court Supervisor and Judge George Hicks, appeared to discuss the department’s budget. The state awarded eight more slots to the Drug Court program. Ms. Ashby applied for a grant to cover the costs, but is still awaiting approval, so her budget is up in the air right now. Both Drug Court employees are currently working part time, but if the program takes on eight more slots, one employee may have to be moved to full time to cover the increased work load. Ms. Ashby reviewed the costs and the increase in salary from part time to full time. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

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

K-07-12-01 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to deny as the application is incomplete per I.C. 31-3502(7).

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk