

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 16, 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.

Clerk Steele discussed the Juvenile Probation Director Six Month Evaluation.

Connie Cruser and Ruth Ada, representing Mountain Home Senior Center, appeared to give their audit report and to request funding from the County in the amount of \$3,500.00 for next year. The funding they received from the County last year helped the Meals on Wheels food service program, which currently services fifty homebound seniors. Ms. Ada stated they had received grants which were used for new insulation and the installation of energy efficient windows. They are also getting estimates to widen a door to make better access for emergency medical services in case of an emergency. Ms. Cruser wanted to mention that the Senior Center can be used as a shelter in the event of a power outage or fire. They also have a new web page available, at mtnhmseniorcenter.com. to update the community.

Clerk Steele discussed the budgets. Several line items and requests for increases were discussed. She will have the budgets prepared with the new changes for review by the Board.

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-10-11-08. Roll call vote was taken.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

A hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-10-11-08. Present at the hearing were Chairman Arlie Shaw, Commissioners Al Hofer and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele, Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper, Social Services Director Marianne Bate and Social Services Assistant Candy Hinton. Also present were Chavon Lewis and Leslie Hayes representing St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, the

applicant and the applicant's spouse. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

A continuation of the tax recovery appeal hearing was held for Gregory Hunt. Initially, Mr. Hunt's homeowner's exemption was denied for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010, as Mr. Hunt failed to provide proof of primary residency to the Assessor's office. At an appeal hearing held on June 18, 2012, Mr. Hunt was asked to provide evidence to the Board that his property in Mountain Home was his primary residence during those years, which he was unable to do. The hearing was continued to give Mr. Hunt time to gather addition documentation. Mr. Hunt testified via telephone at today's hearing. He stated was still unable to get the documentation together and asked the Board for an additional two week extension to do so. The Board agreed to give Mr. Hunt one final extension. The hearing was continued to July 30, 2012 at 2:30 pm. Mr. Hunt was informed that this would be his final hearing and the Board will make a decision based on the documentation he provides at that time.

Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to approve the minutes for July 5, 2012 and July 9, 2012.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

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

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Regular session resumed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$793.04, payable to Idaho Power - \$37.35, RTI - \$55.69 and Pine Resort, LLC - \$700.00.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$20.64 payable to Paul’s Market.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Alicia A. Holt, Brandon James Hutchins, April Christine Mills, Christopher Clay Mills, Brandon Joseph Stowell, Jared Neil Day and Kelsey Lyn Day.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the Catering Permit for Stew’s Place.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Fair Board expense in the amount of \$750.00, payable to Jeff Palmer.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

Bob Stephenson and Jon Hunt, of Stephenson's Computer Consulting, appeared to discuss the Data Processing Department's budget. Mr. Stephenson stated the supplies budget needs to be increased due to a large amount of toner purchases in the past year. He is trying to discourage employees from making so many colored copies to help reduce toner supply costs. There will be some computers and laptops that need to be purchased as they are in the three year replacement cycle. A new or upgraded website for the County was also discussed.

Allen Kister, Snowmobile and Groomer Department, appeared to discuss his department's budget. Mr. Kister stated snowmobile registration fees are down, so the funding they receive from those fees will be less this year. They also receive donations every year to help with operations. The rest of his department budget will basically stay the same.

Vence Parson, Plant Facilities Manager, appeared to discuss his department's budget. Purchasing a four wheel drive vehicle was discussed as they now travel to Malcolmson's Snow Park and Pine quite frequently. The utilities for the new Joint Sheriff's Sub Station and Ambulance Shed in Pine were discussed and a new line item was added to the budget to cover the utilities for the building.

Steve Dye, Juvenile Probation Director, appeared to discuss his department's budget. His department's revenue will increase by approximately \$10,000.00 due to the collection of supervision fees. He increased his miscellaneous line item for unforeseen expenses throughout the year. He decreased a few items in his budget as well, such as drug testing fees. Discussion followed.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to discuss his department's budget. Mr. Seyedbagheri requested an increase for equipment repairs on his noxious weed budget. There are a few line items that he is under budget on, so that can offset the increase

request. His department is trying to stay ahead of a possible mosquito problem, so he has also requested an increase for extra help in the Pest Abatement department. He would like to purchase a digital camera for use in the field. He is also requesting an increase in the County Agent budget to cover expenses for meals, mileage and lodging for attending training conferences. Discussion followed.

Terry Ratliff, County Contract Public Defender, appeared to discuss his department’s budget. There may be a case load increase in Drug Court which will increase the workload in the Public Defender’s office. If so, there may be a need for extra staff which will cause an large increase in his department’s budget. 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
so ordered.

Motion carried and

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

K-04-12-07 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to sign the Order of Dismissal as the provider withdrew the appeal.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

K-04-12-09 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to sign the Order of Dismissal as the provider withdrew the appeal.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

K-05-12-11 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to deny as the applicant has failed to cooperate with Elmore County to determine indigency. The applicant has missed four

different appointments and the provider has failed to provide the medical records needed to request a medical review, which is required by CAT since the bills exceed \$75,000.00.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

K-06-12-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as applicant failed to cooperate to determine indigency. Applicant failed to appear at an interview.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

K-06-12-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with all bills sent to CAT for payment as applicant is in the same CAT year and Elmore County has already paid \$11,000.00.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

K-06-12-03 Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to recommend suspension as SSI/SSD is pending for the dates of service and therefore Elmore County is not the last resource.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

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

K-06-12-09 Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to deny as applicant failed to appear at any interviews to determine eligibility for the 10 day prior application.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

K-04-12-06 Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to approve on reconsideration of the medical review.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

Clerk Steele discussed her department’s budget. The Clerk/Auditor department has a decrease in two line items. The Elections Department has several items increased due to the upcoming general election, but had a major decrease in equipment, so the entire departmental budget actually decreased. There was a decrease in several District Court line items, but jury services needed to be increased due to the upcoming criminal trial. Court Facility Funds and Consolidated Elections were discussed.

Chairman Shaw discussed the Commissioners budget. They have decreases in several line items and deleted one line item all together. The possibility of budgeting for a Human Resources position was discussed. An increase in County Fuel was also necessary.

The Board and Clerk Steele adjusted the tentative changes to the departmental budgets. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

SHAW..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE
so ordered.

Motion carried and

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk