COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
JULY 23, 2012

The Elmore County Commissioner 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 and Commissioner Wes Wootan. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper. Commissioner Al Hofer will join the meeting later.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for July 11, 2012 and July 16, 2012.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE
HOFER......................................................... -ABSENT
WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the expenses in the amount of $232,201.85.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE
HOFER......................................................... -ABSENT
WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $350.00 payable to Pine Resort LLC.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE
HOFER......................................................... -ABSENT
WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Tax Cancellation No 1166 Joseph Young - $53.60.
SHAW...........................................................  -AYE
HOFER...........................................................  -ABSENT
WOOTAN...........................................................  -AYE  Motion carried and
so ordered.

Correspondence received in the mail was discussed.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Tim Bondy, a resident of Mountain Home, appeared to speak about his new business, Discover Elmore County. The goal of his business is to market and promote Elmore County to draw new businesses and tourism into the area. Mr. Bondy asked if the Board may be able to give him some funding to help get his business underway. He has spoken to the Idaho Department of Tourism for funding, but they were unable to help him at this time. He will also attend the Mountain Home City Council meeting and request funding from them as well. Mr. Bondy handed out business card and asked the Board to contact him if they were able to help him with funding.

Commissioner Hofer joined the meeting.

Dewey Crane, Snake River Rubbish, appeared to discuss the Elmore County Trash Hauling Contract.

Mr. Crane stated he would like to continue the contract for five years. Attorney Grant feels a one year contract would be best. If the County wanted a contract longer than a year, then non appropriation language would need to be included in the contract. The number of dumpsters included in the contract was discussed. Commissioner Hofer stated he would like Malcomson’s Snow Park added to the contract and the dumpster there will need to be emptied once a month. The areas that are covered under the trash hauling contract were discussed. Billing and hauling for the landfills were also discussed.

Steve West, Centra Consulting, appeared to update the Board on the Bennett Road and Glenns Ferry Landfills. Regarding the Glenns Ferry Landfill, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in the process of revising their management plan to include a twenty year exclusion for a strip of land bordering the landfill to resolve an encroachment issue. The waste at the site cannot be within two hundred feet of the property boundary. The strip of land will be used as a “buffer zone” around the landfill and cannot be used as part of the actual landfill. During the twenty year period, the County will have the option to purchase the strip of land if they so choose. The arid exemption application was reviewed. It was demonstrated that there will be no impacts to ground water. It is stated that the arid exemption is appropriate and the amount of tonnage per day that can be disposed of was left open ended as opposed to limiting it to the twenty tons per day. He will submit the application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for approval.
Alan Christy, Growth and Development Director appeared to discuss a catering permit request. In May, the individual was granted a temporary seasonal event facility permit to hold some events in Oasis. At that time, there were sixteen conditions imposed to protect public health, safety and welfare. Mr. Christy stated that as of last week, the owner did not meet nine of the sixteen conditions. They are due to hold an event on July 27, 2012 but will be unable to meet the rest of the conditions before then. Under the ordinance, Mr. Christy suspended the approval due to lack of compliance and progress in meeting the imposed conditions. He suggested that it would be in the County’s best interest to not approve the catering permit for the upcoming event. The major issue is that the road going into the venue needs to be fixed for safety reasons, and it has not been done. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to deny the catering permit for Boise Beverage & Tobacco.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER......................................................... -AYE

WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE  

Motion carried and so ordered.

Attorney Grant discussed the storage of oxygen in the Pine Joint Sheriff’s Sub-Station and Ambulance Shed. Mr. Christy researched the issue and found that, according to the 2009 International Fire Code, two different types of oxygen storage would be acceptable in the building. The first is a liquid oxygen ambulatory container not exceeding 0.396 gallons and a liquid oxygen home care container not exceeding 15.8 gallons. In the event larger canisters are needed, a control area would need to be established. If the cylinders can be secured to the wall so they cannot be knocked over, they can be stored that way. Discussion followed.

Lacy Shoemaker, representing the Employee Committee, appeared to give the quarterly update. The committee is planning a Christmas Party at the employees’ expense. The American Legion will not charge for the hall, but will accept donations. They have the option of having the Legion provide the food, or bringing in their own food. Each office will be asked to make a centerpiece for decoration purposes. The main goal is to keep the cost per ticket as minimal as possible. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(f) to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote was taken.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

The Glenns Ferry On/Off Ramp Project was discussed. The Board was approached for support of the project at the July 9th meeting. Attorney Grant drafted a letter stating Elmore County’s support of the project. The Board would like to meet with the City of Glenns Ferry and the Glenns Ferry Highway District to discuss the project. Discussion followed.

Gary Spackman, Director of the Idaho State Department of Water Resources, appeared to discuss the effort that his department had been embarked on about two years ago to try and find a reliable water supply at Mountain Home Air Force Base. Mr. Spackman is a member of the Mountain Home Ground Water Advisory Committee, which was formed to try to correct a declining ground water problem. They are still continuing to see declines in the ground water levels in this area. Mr. Spackman has heard discussions of new opportunities at the Air Force Base and is concerned that the water supply for the base may become an issue at some point. There are water rights that need to be acquired so the water supply will come from the Snake River. He believes the best route would be to bring the water along the Bruneau Highway, where a right of way is already established and a pumping station already exists in the right of way. There was a study done that showed a more direct route, which would run through the Birds of Prey area. That would mean a new road would need to be built, along with a new pumping station and pipelines, which would be run through the Birds of Prey area. By doing that, an Environmental Impact Study would need to be done, which could take several years to complete and may not result in a positive finding. Discussion followed.

Clerk Steele discussed the SRS Funds Title I, Title II & Title III Resolutions.

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

SHAW..................................................... -AYE

HOFER..................................................... -AYE

WOOTAN................................................ -AYE  

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

The Balentine Levy was discussed. Attorney Grant is researching how many properties and residents are affected by the flooding. There is still a question of who is responsible for fixing the levy. The item will be tabled until the next meeting when Carol Killian, Disaster Services, will be available for the discussion.
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 decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-06-12-04 Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to deny as applicant is VA eligible and Elmore County is not the last resource. Application is incomplete as the provider has failed to provide medical records and billing.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER.......................................................... -AYE

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

K-06-12-05 Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve with a reimbursement order of $150.00 per month and 50% of State and Federal tax refunds as payment.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER.......................................................... -AYE

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

K-06-12-06 Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve with reimbursement order of $75.00 per month and 50% of State and Federal tax refunds as payment.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER.......................................................... -AYE

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

K-06-12-07 Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to approve with reimbursement order of $200.00 per month and 50% of State and Federal tax refunds as payment.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as an incomplete application. There were no bills received from the provider and the applicant did not provide all documentation.

K-06-12-08 Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the application. Discussion followed in Executive Session.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) -31-874 to discuss indigent case K-10-11-08. Roll call vote was taken.

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

K-10-11-08 The earlier motion and second was voted on.

Clerk Steele discussed the County Credit Card Policy. The Resolution will be modified for next week.
Attorney Grant discussed the burn ban ordinance. He made some revisions and distributed the revision for review and comment. Another meeting to discuss the revisions will be scheduled.

The Glenns Ferry Security Agreement was discussed. The contracted amount for FY2012 was decreased 5% by the City of Glenns Ferry due to their budget cuts. Chairman Shaw stressed that the City of Glenns Ferry needs to be made aware that the 5% shortage from that budget will be put back into FY2013 contracted amount. Discussion followed.

The Trash Hauling Contract was discussed. The contract does not need to be put out for bid, but Attorney Grant wondered if the Board would like to bid it out anyway. Discussion followed. The terms and conditions and the length of the contract was also discussed.

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to discuss the Glenns Ferry Security Agreement. Sheriff Layher stated he met with the City of Glenns Ferry to discuss the security contract for next year and he requested that the contract include a 3% increase. The revenue for the Jail was also discussed. Sheriff Layher explained that it is hard to project the revenue for the year, because it is based on how many inmates are housed at the prison and you don’t know from month to month how many inmates there will be. Captain Lynn McCallum also joined the discussion. Chairman Shaw questioned whether our jail can accept transfers from other facilities in the State that are housing too many inmates, so those added inmate would help increase the jail revenue. Captain McCallum will research that possibility. Discussion followed. Budget items were also discussed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Danielle Alysh Reed, Cassandra S. Fahl, Catalina M. Garcia, Gloria Victoria Garcia, Kurt W. Richards, Jessica Rodriguez and Taylor O. Saucedo.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER......................................................... -AYE

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

A lengthy discussion was held regarding budget requests, possible increases, decreases and projected revenues.

Mr. Harry Lewis, owner of the Oasis Event Center appeared before the Board. Mr. Lewis has opened the event center to hold festivals. He was granted a temporary seasonal permit from Planning and Zoning to hold a festival last month, but there were certain conditions that needed to be met before the next even could take place. He has another festival scheduled to take place this weekend, but was denied approval. Mr. Lewis stated that he met all of the conditions and is now being told by Alan Christy,
Growth & Development Director, that the road into the event center needs to be certified and that he was not made aware of that. Mr. Christy was unable to join the meeting, but he had met with the Board earlier and stated that Mr. Lewis had not met all of the proposed conditions. Mr. Lewis stated he has a half mile long road going into the event center that he has improved with decomposed gravel, widened to forty feet and installed forty foot gates. The Highway District checked the improvements to the road and was concerned with dust from the road, so he had a water truck come and pour eighty thousand gallons of water down on the road to keep the dust down. Mr. Lewis again stressed the fact that he was unaware the road needed to be certified and asked if the Board can allow him to have his festivals this year and he will do whatever he needs to do to have the road certified. Chairman Shaw stated the ordinance requirements regarding road certifications are put into place for public safety reasons, especially emergency vehicle access. Mr. Lewis Stated that fire and ambulance personnel and the Sheriff’s Department had no issues with road or space requirements at the first festival. He stated the Board was welcome to come and see the improvements that he has made. Chairman Shaw will meet with Mr. Christy to discuss the issue further.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE

HOFER......................................................... -AYE

WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk