COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 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 Council Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

A Public Hearing was held for the donation an unimproved property, known as the Brenda Pit Property, owned by Elmore County to the City of Mountain Home. No public was present.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve Resolution No. 482-12 regarding the donation of real property, known as the Brenda Pit Property, to the City of Mountain Home.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 482-12

(Conveyance of real property, referred to as the Brenda Pit Property, to the City of Mountain Home)

On this 13th day of August, 2012, the Elmore County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby resolves the following:

WHEREAS, on or about December 29, 1954, Alvin C. Baker and Grace H. Baker conveyed that certain real property legally described on Exhibit A (the “Property”), which exhibit is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to Elmore County for use of the public as a drain for waste water for residents of the Baker subdivision and vicinity (“Use Restrictions”) as further set forth in the Dedication to Public, recorded on April 13, 1955 in Book 41 of Miscellaneous at page 321 of the Official Records of Elmore County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Home (the “City”) owns real property surrounding the Property; and
WHEREAS, the City desires for the County to convey the Property to the City for use with the City’s other adjoining properties; and

WHEREAS, the County has evaluated the use of the Property and has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to convey, without consideration, the Property to the City; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to convey property with or without consideration to other political subdivisions upon compliance with Idaho Code §§ 31-808, 67-2322, -2323 and -2324; and

WHEREAS, the County and City entered into that certain Agreement Regarding the Transfer of Real Property Between Governmental Entities (“Agreement”) for the conveyance of the Property to the City on July 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County conducted a public hearing regarding the conveyance and transfer of the Property to the City on August 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board’s office in the County Courthouse, following publication of notice in the Mountain Home News on July 18, 2012 and July 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved the conveyance of the Property to the City for by two-thirds vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION:

The Board has determined that the grant and conveyance, without consideration, of the Property to the City, subject to the Use Restrictions, is in the best interest of the public and upon execution of the Quitclaim Deed which was attached as Exhibit B to the Agreement shall complete such transfer. The Board is hereby authorized to transfer of the Property from the County to the City without consideration and to execute the Quitclaim Deed to complete the conveyance of the Property to the City.

This Resolution is dated and is made effective as of this 13th day of August, 2012.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk
Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to execute the quit claim deed of the transfer of the Brenda Pit Property from Elmore County to the City of Mountain Home.

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

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

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

Sheriff Rick Layher appeared to update the Board on the Trinity Ridge Fire. The fire is coming down to the Rocky Bar Area on the South side. There are several roadblocks in place. They briefed the citizens in the area on the status of the fire. They have met with Search and Rescue and were briefed by Fire Command and have gotten a procedure in place in case of an evacuation so everyone will what will take place, how they will know if citizens are still in their residence and how they will double check to make sure they didn’t miss a house. They have fire engines in place in case the fire comes to Featherville. The Forest Service is expecting heavy fire activity today due to the high winds that are expected. Fire managers are very concerned as these conditions have high potential to rapidly increase fire behavior, with the fire spotting ahead from blowing embers. There will be safety zones set up for emergency personnel or citizens who cannot get out of the fire area.

The public portion of the meeting was held. Virginia Wisherd and Jo Janacaro Taylor appeared before the Board. Ms. Wisherd was inquiring about employee security badges and how they work. She stated that they record the time an employee enters the building but asked how they can tell when an employee leaves the building or how many hours they have worked. It was explained that the badges are for security purposes to allow employees access to county buildings and not specifically to keep track of how many hours an employee worked. Ms. Wisherd continued asking for an explanation on how the security badges worked and how it shows how long someone was in a county building. Chairman Shaw inquired what exactly the questions had to do with and Ms. Wisherd stated she had paperwork stating that the county checks employees working hours by their badge. Chairman Shaw felt that the questioning was related to a prior personnel matter and Ms. Wisherd agreed that it was. Chairman Shaw and Attorney Grant advised Ms. Wisherd that the Board cannot discuss confidential personnel matters. The Board has made a final decision on the personnel matter and the matter has been closed. Ms. Wisherd continued asking questions regarding the personnel matter and was continually advised that the Board will not discuss this personnel issue.

Karl Welch, Timber Management Assistant of the Forest Service, appeared to present the Board with the Forest Service Road 181 Road Stabilization Project. The Glens Ferry Highway District reviewed and agreed with the project proposal. The County receives Title II funds for county projects. The project request is submitted to the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for funding consideration and approval. The project will benefit National Forests Lands as well as County lands. The access corridor will make it
easier for people to get to the trail heads as well as the agricultural production that occurs in the area. The Forest Service will grant the Highway District an easement for long term maintenance of the road. They are going to add some culverts and fix the drainage issues to harden the road to allow flood waters to come right over the road instead of washing it out. They currently have a seasonal closure on the road, but they do have people using the road during hunting season, which is causing rutting in the road, making it impassable for stock trucks. The Forest Service has allocated $20,000.00 to the Glens Ferry Highway District to get the project underway. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to sign the Forest Road 181 Road Stabilization Project Support Letter.

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

Attorney Grant stated that a correction needs to be made to the Project Proposal Form. The form states that the work for the project will be done by a County workforce, but instead needs to state that the work will be done by the Glens Ferry Highway District. Mr. Welch will make the correction before submitting the proposal.

Mr. Welch also updated the Board on the status of the Trinity Ridge Fire. They had been making progress with lines on the southern flank of the fire, but with the red flag warnings for today, they are afraid the lines may not hold. There are currently 650 personnel working on fighting the fire. The rough terrain makes fighting the fire difficult because they are unable to get heavy equipment into the area. They are concerned that the fire may continue to burn until there is an extreme change in the weather. There are several road closures in place to keep the traffic to a minimum in case a large evacuation needs to take place.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel matter. 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.
Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for August 6, 2012 and August 9, 2012.

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses in the amount of $234,885.57.

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the payroll for July 2012 in the amount of $376,270.27.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Shaw, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of $530.84. Idaho Power - $23.01, Valley Co-Ops, Inc - $484.74 and Norco - $23.09.

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

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of $1,951.35. Mir Seyedbagheri - $161.43, Land View, Inc. - $1,196.00 and York’s Automotive Service - $593.92.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE
Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Recorder’s Office Report, the Clerk’s Bail Bond Report and the Treasurer’s Office Report for the record only.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Kendra Aileen Butterfield, Ricardo Ceballos, Patricia A. Clark, William I. Etherington, Jessica Garcia, Arnoldo Gastelum, Clarivette Gastelum, Stephen F. Murphy, Adrianna Marie Slape, Eric Michael Sweatt, Courtney Lynn Wickard and Christopher Philip Williams.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to hold a Hearing of Reconsideration on case K-04-12-04. Roll Call vote was taken.

A Hearing of Reconsideration was held on case K-04-12-04. Present at the meeting were Chairman Arlie Shaw, Commissioners Al Hofer and Wes Wootan, Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper. Also present were Social Services Director Marianne Bate, the applicant and the applicant’s friend. Questions were asked and answered and the hearing was closed.

Regular session resumed. The following decision was made as a result of the Executive Session:
K-04-12-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with an initial payment of $5000.00 by the applicant, and a reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% of any Federal and State Tax Refunds as payment.

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

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

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

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-05-12-08 Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to sign the Order of Dismissal as the provider withdrew the appeal.

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

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

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

K-06-12-10 Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to deny as applicant failed to cooperate. Unable to determine residency, indigency or last resource. Applicant is able bodied and chooses to be unemployed.

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

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

WOOTAN.......................................................... -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.
K-07-12-08 Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve with reimbursement order of $100.00 per month and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

K-08-12-04 Motion by Wootan, second by Shaw, to deny as application was withdrawn. The applicant has Cobra Insurance.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to meet at the Mountain Home Fire Department today at 1:00 p.m. to attend a briefing of the Trinity Ridge Fire.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Ronda and Randy Avery, Idaho Waste Systems (IWS) appeared to update the Board on the new Tire Shredder Project and to discuss the Mitigation Agreement. Ms. Avery reviewed the Grant application for the Tire Shredder that they are trying to purchase. Chairman Shaw asked if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has approved the project. Marty Jones, Central District Health, stated the reduction is still an issue and
DEQ is concerned with how IWS measures the height of the unprocessed tires before they are shredded. The statute states the container is randomly filled with the tires, without organizing the pile, and then the height is measured. Mr. Avery stated DEQ is concerned that the tire pile was in a “pyramid” shape, higher in the middle than on the sides, instead of a flattened out, even pile. That would give an inaccurate height and starting amount of the pile and therefore cause an inaccurate reduction amount of the shredded tires. He has also contacted large landfills in California with the exact statute on the measuring and processing of the tires and is waiting for replies. They have also met with their engineers regarding the testing process and are trying to get a solution that will comply with DEQ’s standards. Ms. Avery reviewed handouts explaining what waste products are coming into the Bennett Road Landfill and the Simco Road Landfill. She reviewed her Analysis of Elmore County Waste report explaining the amount of residential and commercial tonnage per year. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve Resolution No. 483-12 Extension of the Declaration of Local Emergency Disaster. This is an extension of Resolution No. 481-12 made August 9, 2012.

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

ELMORE COUNTY

EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 483-12

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY (the “County”) COMMISSIONERS (the “Board”), STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Board, on August 9, 2012, passed Resolution No. 481-12 declaring a state of local disaster emergency regarding the wild fire located in the County, referred to as the Trinity Ridge Fire; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of local disaster emergency under Idaho Code is §46-1011(1), is limited in duration to seven days which would expire on August 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to extend the declaration of local disaster emergency from August 16, 2012 through August 23, 2012; and
WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, has the authority to declare a state of local disaster emergency regarding the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the wild fire located in the County, commonly known and referred to as the Trinity Ridge Fire, is a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency exists in the County and the County requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life and property and to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with the other appropriate state officials, along with other appropriate federal officials, to make such declarations, and provide such assistance within County as required and allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Elmore County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, that a local disaster emergency exists in Elmore County, Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of Idaho be advised of this local disaster emergency and is requested to take all action available for the amelioration of the above described local disaster emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elmore County Recorder be directed to properly file this Resolution pursuant to Idaho Code Section 46-1011 and that the Elmore County Clerk provide prompt and general publicity of this declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect for seven days, unless it is extended by the Elmore County Board of Commissioners.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 13th day of August 2012.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk
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. Mr. Hunt personally appeared at his tax appeal recovery hearing in front of the Board on July 30, 2012 and presented the Board with documentation to prove his residency. Assessor Ron Fisher appeared and updated the Board of his findings to date. Mr. Fisher reviewed the information given to the Board on July 30, 2012 and was able to determine that Mr. Hunt did most likely have his primary residence in Mountain Home from January 2008 through July 2008, therefore entitling him to retain his homeowner’s exemption for 2008. Mr. Hunt did not provide sufficient evidence for the years 2009 and 2010. In the event Mr. Hunt cannot provide proof of residency for those years, his homeowner’s exemption will be pulled. Mr. Hunt testified via telephone at today’s hearing. He stated he was unable to get any further documentation and asked the Board for another extension. Attorney Grant explained to Mr. Hunt that the Board has held three tax appeal hearings over the last three months and have continued each hearing at Mr. Hunt’s request, so he could gather further documentation, and has still failed to provide the documentation. The Board decided to give Mr. Hunt until August 17, 2012 to gather any other documentation he would like to submit and they will make a final decision based on that information. The final hearing will be held on August 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Fisher reviewed three Casualty Loss Exemption Forms for Jacqueline Madden. A recent wild fire destroyed her manufactured homes, outbuildings and other structures. Mr. Fisher recommended reducing the valuations on the parcels.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to approve the Casualty Loss Exemption Form for Jacqueline Madden for parcel # MHTR0000301400A and reduce the value to $928.00 for 2012.

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

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Casualty Loss Exemption Form for Jacqueline Madden for parcel #MHTR0000170000A and reduce the value to $5,109.00 for 2012.

SHAW........................................................... -AYE
HOFER......................................................... -AYE
WOOTAN.................................................... -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.
Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve the Casualty Loss Exemption Form for Jacqueline Madden for parcel #RP03S06E331065A and reduce the value to $7,212.00 for 2012.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Dewey and Alan Crane, of Snake River Rubbish, appeared to discuss the Trash Hauling Contract with the County. Attorney Grant made revisions to the contract and forwarded it to Snake River Rubbish for review. Alan Crane stated that they would like to keep a five year contract instead of the one year that Attorney Grant revised. Concerning picking up trash at Malcolmson’s Snow Park, they would like to be notified of weather conditions and access to the park before they make a pickup because there were times during the previous winter months that they had gone to make the trash pickup and the gate was locked or blocked in with plowed snow piles. Fees and future increases were also discussed.

Attorney Grant reviewed the revision he made to the Personnel Policy regarding Worker’s Compensation payments.

Motion by Shaw, second by Hofer, to approve Resolution No. 484-12 the Elmore County Personnel Policy regarding Workers Compensation.

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

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

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 484-12

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHERAS, Elmore County has established a written personnel policy dated effective March 1, 1999, which policy has been amended from time to time (the "Personnel Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elmore County Commissioners desires to expand and clarity the position of Elmore County as it pertains to how Elmore County will (1) handle the
payment of worker’s compensation for employees injured at work and (2) provide that employees on medical leave for work related injuries who are receiving worker’s compensation payments may also claim, and be paid for, any “comp time” or vacation time that the employee has accrued, in amounts not to exceed the rate of compensation due any such employee at the time of such medical leave.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Elmore County Commissioners hereby amends the Personnel Policy as follows by the addition of the following:

In the event an Elmore County employee is injured at work and such employee is entitled to receive, and receives, wage loss benefits for such work related injury under Idaho’s Workers’ Compensation laws, such employee shall also be permitted to claim and be paid for earned and accrued “comp time” and vacation time during such medical leave. The amounts of “comp time” and vacation time shall be paid at the normal wage rate of the affected employee and shall be limited to the amount of the unused, unpaid “comp time” and vacation time accrued prior to the time of the medical leave. The employee shall not be entitled to claim or be paid for sick time during such medical leave. Additionally, except as to peace and detention officers entitled to receive temporary disability funds payments under Idaho Code § 72-1104, Elmore County shall not pay to the employee its regular compensation during such medical leave and all compensation due to such employee is limited to amounts receive under Idaho’s Workers’ Compensation laws from the State of Idaho Industrial Commission (worker’s compensation program). Elmore County shall not make up any difference between the amount received by the employee for Worker’s Compensation wage loss benefits and the employee’s normal wage rate. For peace officers and detention officers meeting the requirements of Idaho Code § 72-1104 and eligible to receive workers compensation wage loss benefits, Elmore County shall pay the employee its full amount of base wages for such time as the peace or detention officer is entitled to receive, and receives, wage loss benefits for such work related injury under Idaho’s Worker’s Compensation laws and such employee shall endorse and turn over the Elmore County any and all compensation and wage loss benefits for such work related injury the employee receives under state workers compensation programs. Additionally, such employee shall further cooperate with Elmore County so that the county may obtain and collect reimbursement for amounts it paid to such employee under the peace officer and detention office temporary disability fund as established by Idaho Code § 72-1105.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 13th day of August 2012.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ ARLEN O. SHAW, Chairman

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Commissioner

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner
Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, 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 Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Motion by Shaw, Second by Wootan, to approve the Idaho JABG FY2011 Application Form for Juvenile Probation.

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

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

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

A short recess was taken. Regular session resumed.

Motion by Shaw, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel matter.

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.

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