

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2023**

**ROUGH DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Crystal Rodgers and Deputy Clerk Vicky Trevathan. Prosecutor Shondi Lott joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Joel Cruz-Haber, Elmore County Land Use and Livingston Timsuren with Duke Energy appeared before the Board to discuss Scholarships and Senior Citizen funding from Black Mesa, based on conditions set in the Development Agreement.

Julie Peterman appeared before the Board to discuss the National Day of Prayer event. She estimates 150 people attended yesterdays event. She would like to request permission to use the Courthouse lawn next year for the National Day of Prayer. They would like to have 2 sessions next year. Possibly the regular 12:00 pm event as well as a second at 5:00 or 6:00 pm so that people that do not have time to attend the morning event they would be able to attend the later session.

The Commissioners discussed an email from Central District Health regarding a vacancy on the Board due to the expiration of Megan Blanksmas’ seat on the Board. Commissioner Rodgers is interested in filling that seat.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve the minutes for April 21, 2023 and May 1, 2023.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS**..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$328,381.28.

Justice Fund	\$ 23,266.51
Current Expense	\$ 183,664.45
Indigent/Pension	\$ 3,363.65
District Court	\$ 10,123.70
Ambulance District	\$ 10,689.01
Pest Abatement District	\$ 16,217.45
Drug Court	\$ 3,858.39
Juvenile Tobacco Tax Grant	\$ 1,024.61
Juvenile Justice	\$ 159.55
E-911	\$ 885.65
Fair	\$ 4,732.35

Consolidated Elections	\$ 1,625.00
Solid Waste	\$ 52,713.68
Snowmobile	\$ 9,501.28
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,016.51
Capital Improvement	\$ 57.27
Treasurers Public Admin Fund	\$ 124.74
DMV Trust Fund	\$ 40.00
Grant Funding Cares Act/ARPA	\$ 4,317.48

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Mike Hollinshead appeared before the Board to discuss an end date on the authorized Recruitment Bonus. The need for the Recruitment Bonus will be reviewed annually.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Elmore County and the Forest Service.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Snowmobile Trail Grooming Annual Operating Plan.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Elected Officials Meeting was held. Present at the meeting were Mike Hollinshead, Amber Sloan and Josh Dison.

Mike Hollinshead discussed a request to authorize overtime to Dispatch instead of comp time for any time over their regular 40 hours per week due to staffing issues. Once the training is completed on the 2 new dispatchers they should be able to go back to the regular rules. The Sheriff will notify the Board if that is completed sooner than six months.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to authorize overtime for Dispatchers for six months on any hours worked over their regular 40 hours per week due to low staffing numbers.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Amber Sloan provided her Semi-Annual Report of Interest earned. The County is earning more interest than it has in the past. The County has earned \$380,000.00 for the first six months.

Josh Dison provided an update for his Department. Assessment drive starts next week. Assessment notices will go out the first week of June. His office processed over 650 applications for the PTR and Disabled Veteran’s benefit. The Titles and Registration office will be closed on the 10<sup>th</sup> due to ITD training.

Amber Sloan provided an update from her office. Reminders were sent out for the June collection and her office is down to 4 parcels for Tax Deed next Friday. Attended Budget and Levy training with Shelley yesterday. Due to House Bill 292 the timelines were pushed back and there is a high probability that the tax bills will not be in the mail in time. Is planning to have Treasurer and Auditors staff work Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving to try to get those out if necessary.

Russ Duke, Brent Copes, Betty Ann Nettleton, Megan Blanksma and Francine Stevens appeared before the Board to discuss the Central District Health FY2024 proposed budget. Commissioner Rodgers advised Russ Duke that she would like to be the nominee to replace Megan Blanksma on the Health Board. Mr. Duke will prepare the ballot with Commissioner Rodgers as the nominee.

Christy Acord appeared before the Board to discuss the Economic Development Mutual Assistance Agreement. The Commissioners asked that Ms. Acord attend department head meetings when her schedule allows.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve the Economic Development Mutual Assistance Agreement between Elmore County and Glenns Ferry.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**                      **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Certificate of Residency applications.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**                      **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve the Prairie QRU Letter of Support.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**                      **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to authorize Land Use to Donate Surplus audio equipment to the High School.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Alan Roberts appeared before the Board to request authorization to purchase an Ice Machine and installation for EMS building.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to authorize Alan Roberts to move forward with the purchase of the Ice Machine.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Shondi Lott discussed her response to Public Records requests with the Board.

Mike Hollinshead, Alan Roberts and Traci Lefever appeared before the Board to discuss Radio Repeaters and Preventive Maintenance Inspections.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to authorize the E-911 Board to purchase the radio repeaters per the Motorola proposal in the amount of \$48,755.83 for 2 repeaters and to include the Preventive Maintenance Inspections.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Josh Dison appeared before the Board to discuss Annual Property Tax Exemptions.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve Property Tax Exemptions as presented.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

**CORBUS** ..... -**AYE**  
**RODGERS** ..... -**AYE**  
**HOFER** ..... -**AYE**

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

**/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairperson**

**ATTEST: /S/ SHELLEY ESSL, Clerk**