

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 11, 2025

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 Chairperson Crystal Rodgers, Commissioner Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Deputy Prosecutor Phil Miller, Clerk Shelley Essl, and Deputy Clerk Francene Payne.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call was taken.

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

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

K 06-25-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve with a direct payment to Rost Funeral Home in the amount of \$850 with a reimbursement order of \$25 per month and 50% of tax refunds until paid off.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll in the amount of \$191,749.14.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the minutes for July 3, 2025.

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

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Danielle Cenicerros appeared before the Board to introduce herself as the new Environment Health Specialist at Central District Health. Also in attendance was Brent Copes with Central District Health whose position she replaced.

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

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

The 10:00am on the agenda with Cat Creek Energy was cancelled due to medical emergency and couldn't give an update on water rights. Abbey Germaine discussed updates regarding Cat Creek Energy.

Crystal Rodgers and James Roddin updated the Board after meeting earlier in the week with Sheri Freemuth with JUB Engineers to discuss updates on Comp Plan. Sheri did not attend the meeting.

The Crimson Orchard Solar Public Hearing was opened at 10:30am. David Abrahamson, James Roddin, Abbey Germaine, discussed the Crimson Orchard Solar Development Agreement 2025-02 with the Board. Amanda Schaus Senior Real Estate for Clenera and Elizabeth Koeckeriz outside council for Clenera answered questions from the Board about the project. No one in attendance spoke for, against, or neutral regarding the Crimson Orchard Solar. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:41am.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to approve the Crimson Orchard Solar donor agreement with Elmore County.

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

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve the Crimson Orchard Solar donor agreement with Elmore County Sheriff's Office and EAS.

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

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to approve the Crimson Orchard Solar development agreement 2025-02 with the addition of acreage and Exhibit A with the legal description.

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

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to approve the Third Amendment to the agricultural lease agreement with Preston Lord.

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

Clerk Shelley Essl discussed the FY 2026 budget reviews with the Board.

Dylan Lawrence discussed water project updates with the Board. Abbey Germaine also discussed some water updates on the legal side.

Clerk Shelley Essl continued discussing the FY 2026 budget reviews with the Board.

Abbey Germaine discussed the casino memorandum of understanding with the Board. Abbey will work on writing a letter of intent to cooperate regarding the Shoshone Paiute/Cour d’Alene Casino Project for Elmore County and the Sheriff. Phil Miller informed the Board that he and Shondi Lott are working on a letter of support to the tribe as well.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to sign a letter of intent to cooperate after adding prosecution court services for the Shoshone Paiute/Cour d’Alene casino resort project.

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

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

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

Christy Acord, Economic Development, Rena Kerfoot, Billy Galloska Glenns Ferry Mayor and Dale King Syndicate CEO discussed the Elmore County Rural Development budget with the Board.

Sheriff Mike Hollinshead and Chief Kyle Moore appeared in front of the Board to discuss the \$4,000 received from the Forest Service to build an ATV training track. The Sheriff found out he can’t use impact fees to purchase a body scanner for the jail, so no discussion was needed.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve building an ATV training track with received funds from Forest Service.

CORBUS -**AYE**

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

Shelley Essl continued discussing the FY 2026 budget reviews with the Board.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to adjourn.
CORBUS..... -AYE
RODGERS..... -AYE
HOFER -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

/S/ CRYSTAL RODGERS, Chairperson
ATTEST: /S/ SHELLEY ESSL, Clerk