

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 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 Hofer, to amend the agenda by adding “Discussion regarding Comp Plan, Overlay and Impact Fees”. An amended agenda was posted 46.25 hours prior to the commencement of this meeting.

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

NM 07-25-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve with a direct payment of \$850 to Rost Funeral Home for cremation with a request for reimbursement if funds are available at US Bank.

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

NM 08-25-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve with a direct payment of \$850 to Rost Funeral Home for cremation with a request for reimbursement filed with the Elmore County public administrator for payment.

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(1)(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call 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.

Amber Holtz HR director presented and discussed the FY2026 “A” budget with the Commissioners.

Emergency Services director Alan Roberts discussed the subdistrict boundaries with the Board. He asked on behalf of the Rural Fire District to finalize with a signature page from the Commissioners.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve the rural fire protection district to finalize the subdistrict boundaries as of August 22, 2023.

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

Sheriff Hollinshead and Jennifer Rhodes discussed the purchase of a \$180,000 body scanner for detention with the Board. The Sheriff’s department can put up \$80,000 toward the purchase but is asking for the County to fund the rest of the cost of \$100,000. The Board would like to discuss this further at a later date.

The proposed dispatch services agreement was reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners, Sheriff, dispatch supervisor Mike Pray and Legal Counsel. The Sheriff explained the changes that were made to the proposed City dispatch agreement. More corrections need to be made and brought back to the Board for consideration.

Eric Orr, Rachel Summers, and David Knox from the Mountain Home Irrigation District appeared before the Board to discuss financing.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to adjourn for Richard McKenna school tour, lunch and jail inspection.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for August 1, 2025.

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

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve Amendment #4 Food Service Partnership agreement.

CORBUS..... -AYE

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve the liquor catering permit for Stockyard.

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

Dylan Lawrence and Abbey Germaine discussed the Cat Creek Energy water rights proceedings with the Board.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) pending litigation. 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.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to have legal staff write up a letter to Cat Creek Energy stating the work done so far is not substantial progress and is not acceptable. Cat Creek Energy owes the County \$50,000 for consultant fees and legal council will be responding to their letter of refusal to pay.

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

Harold Taggard of Mountain Home spoke to the Board about Cat Creek Energy and wanted to know if the Conditional Use Permit is going to be extended or if the CUP will be pulled. The Board told him that it is a possibility.

Nancy Thompson from Mountain Home spoke to the Commissioners about concerns of the Cat Creek Energy project. She wanted to know if there would be a respond by date in the legal letter that will be sent to them. The Board assured her that legal council will take care of all that in the letter.

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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.

Abbey Germaine had a discussion regarding Comp Plan, Overlay and Impact Fees with the Board. James Roddin and Andrew Meek were also in attendance. The Board wants them to proceed with the Comp Plan and Overlay.

Shelley discussed the new statues for Commissioners meeting. Phil Miller will research the statues to see if any changes need to be made. She also mentioned hiring We Bee Movers when the time comes to move to the new offices.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to adjourn.

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

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