

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 13, 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 Chairman Crystal Rodgers, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Al Hofer, Deputy Prosecutor Phil Miller, Clerk Shelley Essl, Deputy Clerk Francene Payne and Chief Deputy Clerk Julie Kennedy.

Josh Dison appeared in front of the Board to discuss a tax refund request for parcel #RPA3S06E366055. The house has been torn down since 2021, but taxes have been charged on the house for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Josh was asking for those to be refunded.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve the tax refund request for parcel RPA3S06E366055 in the amount of \$2,176.44 for the taxes charged on the house the previous 3 years.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the payroll for June 6, 2025.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for June 6, 2025.

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

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

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

Shelley the County Clerk discussed the burn ban with the Commissioners. The Board has decided to bring this subject up at the next Commissioners meeting.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the letter to Governor Little in support of the Shoshone Paiute and Coeur d’Alene tribes regarding the proposed casino project on the Ada and Elmore County border near Interstate 84.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve moving forward with the Idaho Bead Planning Grant.

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

Traci Lefever appeared in front of the Board for review of FY 2026 E911 budget.

Daniel Crandall Veterans Service was asked by the Board to discuss any design ideas he may have for a veteran’s memorial monument to be placed in front of the new public services buildings. He had a picture of an arch monument that would have all 6 military branches on it. He will get with the American Legion and make plans for the memorial monument.

AJ Holtz HR Director presented service awards to Wendy Robison 30 years/Retirement; Tim Howley and Joshua Dison 15 years; Tomi Patterson, Brian Fields, Tammy VanMeer, Brian Chevalier and Julie Kennedy 10 years; Joseph Spinazzolo and John Landers 5 years.

AJ Holtz discussed Public Relations and a new HRA/FSA provider contract with the Board. The Board agreed to have a small plaque in the donor’s business but not to advertise or endorse the business.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, authorized AJ Holtz to move forward with Flexible Benefit Administrators as the new insurance provider for HRA/FSA with an annual fee of \$15,434.40 and for AJ to sign the contract after Phil Miller Deputy Prosecutor has reviewed it for the County.

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

James Roddin introduced Land Use department’s new employees as follows: Andrew Meek is Planner 2, Joshua Proffit is the Building Inspector, and Matthew Gochnour is the Code Enforcer.

Dylan Lawrence water rights attorney and Abbey Germaine outside counsel discussed the recent legislation amending Idaho’s permitting exemption for domestic wells.

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

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

Nickie Campbell appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Coroner budget.

John Boguslawski appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Snowmobile/Groomer budget.

Jason Kinley appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Pest budget.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the purchase of 2 Guardian 190G4 variable flow mosquito foggers with monitor flex controller at \$17,069.99 each.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to authorize Jason Kinley Pest Abatement Supervisor to move forward with the plan for aerial application by drone for large areas of land spaying for larvicide for one year and see the results before moving forward.

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

Julie Lisle appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Fair budget.

Shondi Lott appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Prosecutor budget.

Deb Ireland appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Landfill budget.

Benny Gomez appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Mechanic budget.

Alan Roberts appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 Rescue/Ambulance budget.

Jennifer Rhodes appeared before the Board to review the FY 2026 CHEMS budget. She also requested the purchase of bullet proof vests for the CHEMS program and to move a part-time person to a full-time position.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve the purchase of bullet proof vests for the CHEMS program in the amount of \$2,940.00.

CORBUS -**ABSENT**

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

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve moving forward to hire a full-time person for the CHEMS program.

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

James Roddin and David Abrahamson asked the Board to continue the workshop with Clenera, LLC regarding Crimson Orchard Solar DA 2025-02 to next week’s Commissioners’ meeting.

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

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