

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2026

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 Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Crystal Rodgers, Prosecutor Shondi Lott, Clerk Shelley Essl, and Deputy Clerk Francene Payne.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to amend the agenda by adding “Letter of support for the Multi-Jurisdictional Transportation plan”, “Request approval for courthouse carpet/drapes cleaning” and “Discussion/Approval for fairgrounds entertainment”. The revised agenda containing additional agenda items was posted 22.5 hours prior to the meeting.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve case NM 01-26-01 with a direct payment to Rost Funeral Home with a reimbursement order of \$25.00 a month.

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

Clerk Shelley Essl gave the Board a quick update on the sound system in the meeting room. Scott from DVT who put in the FTR equipment. He said they would have to put in a new amp and new speakers with new wire, and it would be between \$15,000-\$20,000. Shelley will have Steve Van Norman IT director to come in and discuss this later in the meeting.

AJ Holtz HR director requested approval for carpet/drapes cleaning in the courthouse. She presented two estimates to the Commissioners.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Hofer, to approve the carpet/drapes cleaning in the courthouse with Northwest Steamers in the amount of \$4,068.50.

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

Benny Gomez appeared in front of the Board for a discussion regarding extended warranty for two ambulances.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to approve the extended warranty on ambulance 9 & 10 in the amount of \$5,540 per warranty.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the minutes for January 16, 2026.

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

Steve Van Norman IT and Clerk Shelley Essl discussed with the Board regarding replacing the amp and speakers in the Commissioners room, so the citizens in the back of the room can hear. Steve will get estimates and bring them back to the Board.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, 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 Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$242,718.07.

Justice Fund	\$23,329.47
Current Expense	\$153,886.05
District Court	\$2,951.90
Ambulance District	\$5,010.69
Drug Court	\$1,387.36
Juvenile Tobacco Tax Grant	\$ 22,133.73
E-911	\$4,979.18
Fair	\$1,527.27
Opioid Settlement	\$1,252.25
Vessel	\$157.87
Planned Development	\$1,709.90
Solid Waste	\$22,402.26
ARPA	\$525.26
Juvenile Lottery Fund	\$1,218.68
Noxious Weed	\$38.73
Pest Abatement District	\$117.47

Juvenile Justice \$90.00
CORBUS -**AYE**
RODGERS..... -**AYE**
HOFER -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the Western Cat estimate for the landfill compactor in the amount of \$81,424.67.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Anna Holton appeared before the Board to discuss her property tax hardship application. Amber Sloan Treasurer and Cathy Smith chief deputy treasurer appeared to discuss the options with the Board to get Anna caught up on her taxes since FY2022.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, on parcel # RPA3S06E253120A to cancel property taxes for FY2022 in the amount of \$1,811.58 including late charges and interest. This decision is contingent on Anna Holton making the first payment of \$200.00 starting in March until the balance is paid.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

Tim Howley Juvenile Probation administrator requested to purchase two radios and extra charger for misdemeanor probation. The Board suggested getting a quote with a local company before moving forward with the purchase.

Break: 10:35 -10:39am

James Roddin gave an update on Faber Construction putting the flooring back together after the flood. The Board suggested letting Faber know to have a start date to do the work by Friday, January 30, 2026. If they do not give the county a start date putting PS1 back together, the county will pay to have the work done and deduct the cost from the amount the county still owes Faber.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve the letter of support for the Multi-Jurisdictional Transportation Plan.

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

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve tax cancellations in the amount of \$12.07.

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

James Roddin Land Use director, Jordan Foster environmental manager and Tyson Ross with Republic Services appeared before the Board to present a Sawtooth Regional Landfill compliance update. Deb Ireland Landfill Supervisor was also present.

Julie Lisle Fairground supervisor, AJ Holtz HR director and Clerk Shelley Essl appeared before the Board to discuss and request approval for entertainment for the fairgrounds and purchase display cases from a jewelry store that is closing.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve Julie Lisle to move forward with the entertainment for the fairgrounds in the amount of \$5,400.00.

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

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

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

Raymond Thurman appeared in front of the Board to discuss his property tax hardship application.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, on parcel #RPO3N11E115610A to suspend the 2025 property tax in the amount of \$1,054.01 for Raymond Thurman. He only needs to pay \$58.24 for the forest protection fee which can't be forgiven.

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

Sheriff Hollinshead presented the Board with a check from Bancorp in the amount of \$14,815 which is the surplus on the sale of a 2021 Chevy Silverado.

Judge Fleming and coordinator Tandy Shenk presented the Board with a drug court update. Stetson Dick was introduced as a graduate from the drug and DUI program to the Board. Also present was Rick Layer and Pilar Varela.

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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.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to adjourn.

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

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairperson
ATTEST: /S/ SHELLEY ESSL, Clerk