

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 24, 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, Commissioner Bud Corbus, Prosecutor Shondi Lott, Clerk Julie Kennedy, Deputy Clerk Francene Payne and Deputy Clerk Hannah Gochnour. Commissioner Crystal Rodgers could not attend.

***The following action is being taken to cure the procedural defect from the previous meeting.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to amend the agenda for last week Friday July 17, 2026 by adding "Review and Discuss Dispatch Agreement with the City of Mountain Home"

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to amend the agenda for today Friday July 24, 2026 by adding "Request to Purchase Respirators – Sheriff and Revisit Pulled Expenses from Last Week."

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the denial of case NM 07-26-02 as the applicant failed to provide documentation requested.

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Clerk Julie Kennedy requested to revisit the expenses pulled from last week and approve them.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the expenses pulled from last week.

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the minutes for July 17, 2026.

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

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

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(d) exempt records. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Sheriff Hollinshead requested to purchase heat shield masks and goggles in the amount of \$6,248.82 with money from Idaho Power.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the purchase of shield masks and goggles in the amount of \$6,248.82 and authorize the Sheriff to move forward with the purchase. It was agreed that the personnel will go through training before they are put into service.

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

The Board asked Sheriff Hollinshead what the latest on the dispatch agreement with the City of Mountain Home was. The Commissioners need to see the changes to the dispatch agreement before it goes to the City Council. Sheriff Hollinshead said he will get it to Francene before the end of day.

Sheriff Hollinshead, Crystal Strong County executive assistant and Kevin Everett, representative for T-Mobile, appeared in front of the Board to discuss the possibility of changing phone providers to T-Mobile for better service, saving money and no contracts. Kevin needs a pdf of the billing statements from other phone companies to see if it would be good to just have one phone service instead of many. He will give the Board an update price at a later date.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the payroll.

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the expenses in the amount of \$204,636.37.

Justice Fund	\$43,330.55
Current Expense	\$108,982.49
Indigent/Pension	\$850.00
District Court	\$446.99
Ambulance District	\$37,785.92
Drug Court	\$1,884.75
Juvenile Tobacco Tax Grant	\$272.47
E-911	\$2,361.29
Revaluation	\$74.13
Solid Waste	\$4,370.19
Consolidated Elections	\$9.49
Pest Abatement District	\$695.00
Industrial Revenue Fund	\$750.00
Planned Development	\$2,651.25
Off Highway Vehicle Fund	\$171.85

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(b) personnel issue. Roll call vote was taken.

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Julie Lisle, fairground manager, appeared in front of the Board for a budget hearing.

Xochil Perez and Katie Stinett presented a funding request for Domestic Violence Council in the amount of \$10,000.00.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Public Hearing was opened at 11:02am. David Abrahamson land use planner asked the Board for a continuation regarding the Tapia Final Plat. No public testimony was heard at this time. The continuation date will be September 18, 2026 at 11:00am. Public Hearing was closed at 11:04am.

James Roddin Land Use Director presented the Board with a letter to ITD on behalf of the County Commissioners for review. They wanted James to add a few things to the letter.

Break: 11:27am - 11:36am

Crystal Moore, Nickie Davis and Beverly King presented a funding request for Lost Paws in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

Kristin Ryan Central District Health new director introduced herself and gave a brief update and asked if the Board had any questions for her.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(d) exempt records. Roll call vote was taken.

CORBUS..... -AYE

RODGERS..... -ABSENT

HOFER -AYE Motion carried and so ordered.

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

Kristen and Phillip Pelletier appeared for the second time to request funding for a new business called Legacy Mountain Recovery. The Board spoke about concerns about using the funds for a profit business. Kristen reassured the Board that the funds in question can be used for non-profit or for profit. They will revisit this at the beginning of next year.

Mike Williamson public affairs officer for Boise National Forest appeared in front of the Board to give updates from the U.S. Forest Service. The Board spoke about some concerns they have that affect Elmore County.

Dan Pauly planner, Mitra Mehta-Cooper senior planner, Abbey Germaine outside council and James Roddin land use director conducted a workshop with the Board regarding Soles Rest Solar Development Mitigation agreement. Also present was Rachel Aramburu planning attorney, Levy Amit project development manager, Rachel Fisher biologist and Eric Wood fire consultant for Soles Rest Solar.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

CORBUS..... -AYE
RODGERS..... -ABSENT
HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ JULIE KENNEDY, Clerk