

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**MARCH 13, 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 4<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Crystal Rodgers, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Lee Fisher, Clerk Shelley Essl, and Deputy Clerk Francene Payne.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the minutes for March 6, 2026.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 942-26 and refer to it in title only.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve Resolution No.942-26, destruction of records-Sheriff’s office.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the Recreational Boating Safety agreement with the Sheriff’s department in the amount of \$29,824.00 and Chairman Hofer will sign.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the Recreational Off Highway Vehicle agreement with the Sheriff’s department in the amount of \$27,025.62 and Chairman Hofer will sign.

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

Traci Lefever E-911 coordinator appeared before the Board to request Jolene Hobdey continue as the representative for the Mayfield/Tipanuk/Oasis area on the Public Safety Communications board.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to approve Jolene Hobdey to continue representing the Mayfield/Tipanuk/Oasis area on the Public Safety Communications board.

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

Scott Hunsaker CPA appeared in front of the Board to present the audit for FY2025. No major concerns in all material respects and auditors’ report present fairly.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Abbey Germaine outside counsel and James Roddin Land Use director presented the Maverik final plat to the Board. The Public Hearing was open at 10:04am. The public was able to speak to the Board as their name was called from the sign-in list. No members of the public in favor, no members neutral and no members in opposition were in attendance. Todd Marison with Maverik was present to answer any questions. Public Hearing was closed at 10:09 am.

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the Maverik final plat FP-2026-01 with conditions recommended by staff.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the transportation mitigation agreement with amendment noted.

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

Motion by Hofer, second by Rodgers, to approve the COMPASS Joint Powers agreement as presented.

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

Chloe Angelini caseworker director and Craig Quarterman district director for Mike Simpson appeared in front of the Board to present the America250 flag.

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

Abbey Germaine outside counsel, James Roddin land us director, Alan Roberts EMS coordinator, Sheriff Hollinshead and Chief deputy Kyle Moore discussed the Sho-Pai casino project with the Board.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(b) to discuss a personnel issue and exempt records. 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 adjourn for lunch.

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

Julie Lisle fairground coordinator appeared before the Board to discuss the contract with Culpepper and Merriweather Circus.

Motion by Rodgers, second by Corbus, to approve the fairground contract with Culpepper and Merriweather Circus and authorize Julie Lisle to sign.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(d) exempt records. 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 retract the approval of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation OHV agreement in the amount of \$27,025.62 and will have it on the agenda next week.

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

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to give Chairman Commissioner Hofer authorization to purchase a water truck for fairgrounds not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

Megan Blanksma appeared in front of the Board to announce that she is running for State Senate in District 8.

Break: 2:19pm  
Back: 2:29pm

Christine Stoll presented a follow-up on the PS2 RFQ (request for qualifications). The wording has been revised, and the Commissioners would like to set up a meeting with George Valdez to discuss plans for the PS2 building.

Clerk Shelley Essl talked to the Board about having a ceremony for the memorial monument that will be placed between the PS1 and PS2. The ceremony honoring veterans will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am.

Motion by Corbus, second by Rodgers, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(d) exempt records. 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.

Sheriff Hollinshead and Chief deputy Kyle Moore requested to spend \$150,000 of the Crimson Tide funds. Shauna Gavin requested permission to spend opioid funds. She will get with Clerk Shelley Essl next week to talk about where the funds would go. The Board agreed with the purchase of drones for the Sheriff ‘s department. They will get new quotes for the handheld radios.

Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve the request to use \$25,200 of the Opioid funds upon approval by legal counsel.

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

**Motion carried and so ordered.**

The Board requested the presence of Owyhee Commissioners and ambulance staff to meet and discuss the possibility of sharing medical director and funding. Those in attendance were Commissioner Chair Cindy Bachman, Jodi Jewett EMT and Randall Raymond

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**