

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on September 27, 1999. Present were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT: Power County Highway District Supervisor Steve Lusk, American Falls Mayor Deborah Rudeen, and Judy Harmon of the Idaho Department of Transportation appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a plan for future highway development within the City of American Falls and Power County. It was determined that the costs to develop a "Highway Development Plan" should be by a three way split between the City of American Falls, Power County, and the Power County Highway District. The Department of Transportation will be conducting a Highway Coalition meeting in American Falls on either November 1st or 4th and that this matter will be among the topics of discussions. Judy Harmon will let us know when the exact day has been selected. Commissioner Estep will attend that meeting.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Bill Lasley the State's Sixth District Juvenile Justice Liaison appeared before the Commissioners to discuss juvenile justice in Power County. Mr. Lasley reported that the number of juvenile offenders in State's custody from Power County has decreased by 50% over the previous year. Mr. Lasley also commended the Power County Juvenile Probation Office.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Power County Historical Society members Max Newlin, Marge Glascock, Melba Ferguson and Ed Webb appeared before the Commissioners to requested that the County make land available, possibly at the fairgrounds, upon which they could place their historical museum. Commissioner Estep will discuss that possibility with the Fairboard at their next meeting on October 4th.

MUTUAL INSURANCE (ICRMP): Gradyn Staley and Julie Larsen of Mutual Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss renewal of the County's ICRMP insurance policy for FY 2000. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to approve the Public Entity Application and Survey Form for renewal of Power County's ICRMP insurance as presented by Gradyn Staley. Carried.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess as Power County Board of

Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

MUTUAL INSURANCE (ICRMP): Gradyn Staley and Julie Larsen of Mutual Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a proposal for ICRMP coverage for Power County Ambulance District for FY 2000. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the ICRMP Proposal designed for Power County Ambulance District as presented. Carried.

AMBULANCE FEE RESOLUTION: County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz presented to the Commissioners a proposed Resolution to increase the Ambulance fees. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed Resolution, which will be published twice in the Power County Press and set for public hearing on October 25, 1999, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess as Power County Ambulance Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION: Craig Heward, Power County Solid Waste Supervisor appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the lease agreement on the backhoe and the repairs which need to be made. The Commissioners authorized Heward to go ahead and start looking for a possible replacement for the old backhoe.

SOLID WASTE RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING: Power County Solid Waste Fee Resolution #99-07 came on for public hearing at 12:00 o'clock noon on September 27, 1999, after having been duly published in the Power County Press. At the outset, Commissioner Rudeen conducted a reading of Power County Solid Waste Fee Resolution #99-07. The Commissioners then heard comments and answered questions from individuals who attended the public hearing. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve and adopt Solid Waste Fee Resolution #99-07. Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING (APPEAL): Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelps, adjacent property owners, appeared before the Commissioners to appeal the Planning & Zoning's decision to allow Mr. and Mrs. Terry Anderson d/b/a Indian Springs Natatorium to place an accessory dwelling (trailer house) on their property. Also present was Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles, Planning & Zoning Board member Jim Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Anderson. During open discussions, the Commissioners were advised that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are concerned about the zoning restrictions on their property. The Commissioners will take this appeal under advisement for a minimum of ten (10) days and issue a written decision.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Personnel Policy as reviewed and approved by ICRMP, effective October 1, 1999. Carried. All employees will be furnished with a copy of the new Personnel Policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #99-18-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to deny indigent medical application #99-18-I since applicant has excess monthly income to pay these medical expenses over a period of three (3) years. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #97-25-I, #98-09-I, #98-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to combine the above cases and submit the same to the Catastrophic Fund for payment above the \$10,000 County portion. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER/CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER: George Southworth, Power County Public Defender, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his plans for handling the Public Defender Contract. The Commissioners then discussed with Mr. Southworth the appointment of a conflict public defender. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to appoint John Souza as conflict public defender for a period of one year effective October 1, 1999. Carried.

POWER COUNTY CIVIL ATTORNEY: The Commissioners discussed with Power County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz his need for telephone lines in his new office upstairs. Sally Beitia at the Prosecutor's Office will make the arrangement with ECSI Executone.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims as presented. Carried.

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$15,565.56
Ambulance	9,858.75
District Court	3,253.48
Justice Fund	12,928.20
Indigent	13,430.34
Revaluation	11,295.18
Solid Waste	7,791.52
Weeds	11,181.24
Waterways	527.02
PILT	2,878.98

FAIRGROUNDS: Commissioner Estep indicated that the Fairboard had received a bid from Olson Excavation to run the LID sewer line to the fairground for future use, which bid totaled approximately \$1,900. Following discussion, Commissioner Estep will contact Olson Excavation to accept the bid.

COMPUTER ARTS, INC. (AS 400 UPGRADE): The Commissioners reviewed Computer Art's recommendation for a AS400 upgrade in the approximate amount of \$40,000, which upgrade was approved by the Commissioners to be done as soon as possible. Clerk Chris Steinlicht will contact Computer Arts.

BUILDING SAFETY REPORT: The Commissioners reviewed the Building Safety Report prepared and submitted by Tony Rojas at State's Division of Building Safety. Commissioner Rudeen will draft a response.

Adjourned.



KENT RUDEEN, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk