

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on October 4, 1999. Present were Power County Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

WEEDS: Curtis Munk, Power County Weed Supervisor, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss noxious weed enforcement on 300 acres of Merrill Walker's CRP ground in Power County. The Soil Conservation District has given Mr. Walker until October 10th to voluntarily spray the noxious weeds. If no spraying has taken place by October 10th, the County should take action to eliminate the noxious weeds, possibly by hiring a custom applicator to spray at County expense and then the County could bill Mr. Walker for the expense. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen to authorize Curtis Munk to use his discretion in eliminating the noxious weed problem on the Merrill Walker CRP ground in Power County. Carried. Mr. Munk will keep us advised.

INDIGENT: Fred Zundel of Idaho Legal Aid, appeared before the Commissioner with his client (Case #99-12-I), to request that the Commissioners make a ruling on applicant's ability to reimburse Power County. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to recess from open session and move into executive session for the purpose of taking up an indigent medical application. Carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the monthly meeting of the Power County Elected Officials were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (DEPUTY): The Elected officials were present to see the swearing in of Deputy Prosecutor Rob Naftz by Clerk Christine Steinlicht. The Commissioners then reviewed and signed the Agreement for Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Power County as submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and returned the same to Prosecutor Paul Laggis to be signed by him and Rob Naftz.

Y2K: Commissioner Hoybjerg then discussed with the other elected officials the County's Y2K preparedness in the event of "brown outs" or terrorist activities. IAC reported at annual conference last month that Idaho is considered "high risk" for terrorist activity in conjunction with Y2K.

TIME CAPSULE: The Commissioners and other elected officials decided to bury the County's time capsule during the American Falls Days activities next August. Commissioner Hoybjerg asked that the elected officials each compile a short biographical sketch of themselves and their duties as a Power County elected officials to include in time capsule, along with pictures of the staff and items of interest unique to their respective offices.

VEHICLE USE POLICY: Commissioner Rudeen then advised the elected officials that the vehicle use policy should be amended to include that employees should not violate any laws while operating or riding in County vehicles. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen to amend Power County's Vehicle Use Policy to include that drivers and/or passengers in County vehicles shall not violate any Federal, State or Local laws. Carried.

SECURITY: Commissioner Estep reported to the other elected officials that the new security door upstairs had been installed by BGM Builders last week.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Minutes for September 7th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th and 27th. Carried.

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

General	\$ 9,494.69
Ambulance	8,275.24
District Court	4,677.59
Justice	62,810.46
Indigent	95.09
Jr. College	1,000.00
Revaluation	14,584.00
Waterways	485.00

KOOMPIN LEASE: Commissioner Rudeen indicated that he had discussed with Klaren Koompin the possibility of the County discontinuing the farm lease which expires October 31, 1999, due to water run off problems on the old landfill property. The Commissioners will ask Koompin Bros. to meet with them on October 25th to discuss the land and irrigation water rights associated with said lease.

COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Sheriff office employees' concerns with the changes to the County's prescription drug card program. Mr. Jeffries then discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of amending the plan to consider allowing pre-approved wellness procedures such as colonoscopies. Commissioner Estep will discuss the complaints and suggestions with Mark Seamons.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners. Commissioner Rudeen informed Mr. Wiles that his six-month probation period would expire on October 15, 1999, and asked Mr. Wiles to furnish a progress report. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep to increase Building Administrator salary by \$1,000 effective October 15, 1999. Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to grant Bob & Kathy Phelps' appeal from Planning & Zoning to allow Mr. and Mrs. Terry Anderson d/b/a Indian Springs Natatorium to place an accessory dwelling (trailer) on their property. Carried. County Attorney Rob Naftz will prepare the formal written findings & conclusions for the Commissioners signatures. Commissioner Estep suggested that Mr. Wiles advise Mr. and Mrs. Anderson to meet with planning & zoning to come up with a plan for the future development of his property.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE: Kathy Garner and Rod Garner d/b/a Ken's Food Market, appeared before the Commissioners to question the new solid waste disposal fee on commercial businesses. Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch was also present to discuss with the Garners the calculation of their Solid Waste Disposal fee. The Garners advised the Commissioners of their desire to purchase the County's cardboard baler in the event it becomes available.

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

INDIGENT #99-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to deny indigent medical application #99-19-I since applicant has sufficient resources with which to pay the medical expenses incurred over a period of three years. Carried.

WASTE CONNECTIONS HAULING CONTRACT: Commissioner Rudeen indicated that the Commissioners had received notice from Waste Connections that Power County would be experiencing a 5% increase

in the hauling contract. County Attorney Rob Naftz will review the Contract. This matter will be tabled until October 25, 1999.

MINI-CASSIA JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACT: County Attorney Rob Naftz reviewed the proposed Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Contract. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Contract as presented. Carried. The original signed Contract will now be returned to the Minidoka County Commissioners for their review and signature.

PARENTING PROJECT: County Clerk Chris Steinlicht questioned the commissioners regarding reimbursement for mileage and meals for those individuals attending the parenting project in Boise the first week of November. The Commissioners agreed that any participants who need to use their personal vehicles to travel to Boise will be reimbursed at the standard mileage rate of 31 cents per mile. Participants will also be reimbursed for meals not covered by the parenting project at the following rates: breakfast \$5.00, lunch \$7.00, dinner \$11.00.

AIRPORT (SPACE USE CONTRACT): The Commissioners then reviewed and signed the Space Use Contract between the County and Airport Manager Gil Vasquez, which agreement was prepared and submitted by County attorney Rob Naftz. Carried. The signed original will now be forwarded to Mr. Vasquez for his review and signature.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: The Commissioners reviewed and signed the Public Defender Contract between Power County and George Southworth. The signed original will be forwarded to George Southworth for his review and signature.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER: The Commissioners reviewed and signed the Conflict Public Defender Contract between the County and John Souza. The signed original will be forwarded to John Souza for his review and signature.

Adjourned.


KENT RUDEEN, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk