

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on October 25, 1999. Present were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, and County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel matters. Carried.

BUILDING SAFETY REPORT: Assistant Risk Manager Dan Thaxton appeared before the Commissioners to review the nonconformances listed in the Courthouse Facility Inspection Report prepared by Tony Rojas of the State of Idaho Division of Building Safety. Mr. Thaxton is attempting to correct the nonconformances.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel matters. Carried.

COURT BAILIFF: Dan Thaxton, Power County Court Bailiff, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a Court Bailiff Job Description for Power County. Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht will contact the Ada County Clerk's office to inquire about training they are providing to their Court bailiffs and see if we could obtain training for the Power County Bailiff through their training programs.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Susan Rowland, Craig Madsen, Maggie Manna, and Judy Meline appeared before the Commissioners to present the Southeastern District Health Department's Quarterly Report to Power County and the District's Annual Report from Fiscal Year 1999. Craig Madsen and Judy Meline then reported that Indian Springs Natatorium is attempting to gain "flow through" status which allows them to be exempt from monitoring and reporting to the Southeastern District Health Department. Exempt status would also allow them to operate without using water purifiers, such as chlorine. The Commissioners then discussed the possibility of the County monitoring Indian Springs Natatorium.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF: Jim Jeffries, Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the problems with providing a relief bailiff on short notice. The Commissioners advised Mr. Jeffries that the problem has been discussed with Court Bailiff Dan Thaxton. Mr. Thaxton will contact the Sheriff's office directly when he is going to be unavailable for Court.

DISASTER SERVICES: Commissioner Hoybjerg presented a letter which will be sent to each household in Power County, advising residents how to deal with potential Y2K emergencies. The Commissioners signed the letter which will be copied and sent to Disaster Services Director Mark Love who will get the mailing packets together and ready for mailing. Commissioner Hoybjerg mentioned that Treasurer Bobbie Mauch is attempting to get bulk rate mailing on these packets.

DECEMBER AGENDA: Following discussion by the Commissioners, it was decided to meet on December 6th and December 20th, and possibly one additional meeting during the last week of December to take care of beverage licenses for the year 2000.

CITY/COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT: Charles Thompson of Idaho Falls has been approached to perform an appraisal of the old landfill property. Mr. Thompson will consult with commissioners and city council on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

AMBULANCE BILLING: Mark Love, Power County Ambulance Director, appeared before the Commissioners with Reed McEntire, to discuss his concerns with his wife's ambulance billing, which he feels is excessive. The Commissioners then discussed the billing with Kari Garrison at the Ambulance Billing office in Boise via speaker telephone. The Commissioners will discuss this further and get back to Kari Garrison and Reed McEntire.

AMBULANCE RESOLUTION #99-08: Proposed Power County Ambulance Resolution #99-08 which would increase ambulance fees for intermediate life support personnel and extrication came on for public hearing before the Power County Ambulance District Board of Commissioners. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 99-08. Carried.

AMBULANCE BUDGET: Mark Love then questioned whether it was appropriate for the ambulance district to pay all of the 911 telephone utility lines for Power County. This matter will be addressed next budget year.

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

DISASTER SERVICES: Mark Love, Power County Disaster Services Director, appeared before the Commissioners to question whether it was appropriate for Disaster Services to pay the monthly generator fees after the Emergency Operations Center is moved from the Sheriff's Office to the ambulance building. This matter will be addressed next budget year.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF: Deputy Fred Harms appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the 1985 Dodge Royal Ram 250 3/4 ton van for sale through the State's surplus property which Sheriff Howard Sprague would like to purchase to replace the SCILD van, at the price of \$3,000. The Commissioners agreed to allow Sheriff Sprague to purchase the van, so long as the total budgeted for Capital in the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2000 "C" budget is not exceeded.

POWER COUNTY SOLID WASTE: Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss heavy equipment needs at the Power County Transfer Station. Craig will contact different heavy equipment dealers in an attempt to work up some specifications for a backhoe, which would be put out for bid.

KOOMPIN BROTHERS FARM LEASE: The Commissioners discussed with Ken Koopin the water run on problems at the old landfill property and the intentions of the Commissioners to plant grass on the farm ground instead of renewing the lease with Koopin Brothers. Ken Koopin advised the Commissioners that the water rights go with the property and cannot be leased or subleased. Koopin Brothers expressed a willingness to plant and irrigate the new grass next spring for a fee. Terrell Sorenson of Falls Irrigation District will meet with the Commissioners on November 1, 1999, to discuss water assessment acres on the parcel.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the claims as presented, plus the Idaho Power bill on the airport house. Carried.

Current Expense	\$ 31,068.95
Ambulance	7,141.15
District Court	2,213.84
Justice	16,469.04
Indigent	2,240.42
Revaluation	13,308.63
Solid Waste	16,659.82
Weeds	222.80
Waterways	452.22
PILT	3,893.95

JAIL MEDICAL: Cora Wegner, Jail Supervisor, and Linda Annen, indigent director, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss

the County's purchase of prescription medication for SCILD workers.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Richard Wiles, Power County Building Administrator appeared before the Commissioners to discuss problems with pivot pads encroaching on County Highway District property. The Commissioners indicated that they would refer these concerns to the Highway District Commissioners for action by them. Mr. Wiles then indicated that a permit fee check had been returned by the bank for "insufficient funds". He will draft a letter to the landowner to demand cash payment or, in the alternative, undo the construction work completed under the permit. The Commissioners then advised Mr. Wiles that accrual of compensation time by him needed to be halted and that accrual time being carried needed to be taken as soon as possible.

POWER COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL: Merrill & Brent Walker appeared before the commissioners to discuss the letter they received from Curtis Munk for enforcement of the noxious weed spraying on the Walker property. They are requesting that the Commissioners allow them to take care of spraying the weeds themselves with the chemicals of their choice, without intervention by Curtis Munk at the Power County Weed Control Office. Walkers indicated that they will be discussing this alternative with the Soil Conservation District Board tomorrow. The Commissioners agreed to table this enforcement until after they can discuss the alternate chemical with Curtis Munk and after the Soil Conservation District meeting tomorrow.

AIRPORT: The Commissioners agreed to pay the outstanding electric bill on the airport house in the amount of \$151.40, and asked that County Civil Attorney Naftz seek reimbursement from Wendell Anderson, the former tenant of the airport house.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT: Moved by Hoybjerg, seconded by Estep, to sign contract amendment with Southern Idaho Solid Waste District to amend solid waste disposal fees. Carried.

TAX CANCELLATIONS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve tax cancellations as presented. Carried.

Adjourned.


KENT RUDEEN, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk