

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on January 10, 2000. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rob Naftz.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims as presented, plus additional claims added to the Commissioner's Approval Report. Carried.

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 16,381.12
Ambulance	5,456.56
District Court	2,492.88
Justice Fund	14,691.01
Indigent	8,891.45
Revaluation	35.05
Solid Waste	13,397.41
Weeds	221.04
Waterways	91.00
PILT	126,050.00

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Melba Ferguson, Max Newlin and Ken Estep to three-year terms on the Power County Historical Society Board. Carried.

WEEDS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Brian Permann, Wade Povey and Norm Bird to two-year terms on the Power County Weed Board. Carried.

CIRCUIT BREAKER APPLICATIONS: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Deputy Assessor Elna Neu appeared before the Commissioners to discuss circuit breaker applications. Following discussion it was agreed that all or a portion of solid waste disposal fees should be cancelled when an applicant qualifies for property tax circuit breaker exemption. In the future Solid Waste Disposal Fee Exemption Applications will be attached to Circuit Breaker Exemption Applications. Any qualifying circuit breaker applicant may also apply to have the year 2000 Solid Waste Disposal Fees cancelled or reduced.

BEVERAGE LICENSE: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported a problem with Rockland Café's beverage license. The State license lists Roger Annen d/b/a Rockland Café as the license holder; however, the County license was applied for and issued to Roger Annen's sister-in-law Cherryll Lewis d/b/a Rockland Café. Clerk Steinlicht will contact Cherryll Lewis and

advise them that if the discrepancy isn't corrected, it could result in a revocation of the County beverage license.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION: Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the commissioners with a sample ballot to be used at the Harms Memorial Hospital's Trustee election on February 1, 2000.

WATERWAYS: Pursuant to a request from Power County Waterways Board Chairman Ron Anderson, the commissioners signed a letter of support on the Waterways grant application for boat docks.

APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTION (I.C. #63-711): The Commissioners reviewed Ruby Owens' application for 1999 property tax exemption due to hardship. Following a review of the application, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to forgive all 1999 taxes owing by Ruby Owens on Parcel #RPA0501-00 (Lot 18, Block 9, Reclamation Addition). Carried. County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz will prepare Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Commissioners signatures.

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION (I.C. #63-602(E): Rockland School District Superintendent Jim Woodworth appeared before the Commissioners to request that the real property deeded to the Rockland School District by way of a Personal Representative's Deed dated September 27, 1999, and duly recorded in the office of the Power county Recorder, be exempted from property taxes under I.C. #63-602AA. Following review of the application and Deed, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to cancel \$125.52 in taxes (pro-rated as of September 27, 1999) on Parcel #RPB0019-00 (Lots 18-22, Block 3, Rockland Original Townsite), and remove said property from the Power County property tax rolls. Carried. The balance of property taxes owing in the amount of \$349.70, plus the \$60.00 solid waste disposal fee will not be cancelled. County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz will prepare Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Commissioners signatures.

PARENTING PROJECT BOARD: Parent Project facilitators Jerrie Boyce and Sharee Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Parent Project. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to create the Power County Parenting Project Board and to appoint the following individuals to serve on said Board:

Jerrie Boyce
Connie Shepherd
Sharee Sprague
Kay Stillwell


Jose Favela
Georgina Favela

Motion carried. The Board will need to meet and decide which two Board members will be subject to one-year terms, which two Board members will be subject to two-year terms and which two Board members will be subject to three-year terms, effective January 2000. All future appointments will be for three-year terms. Board members must either be State certified facilitators or agree to become certified facilitator within the State of at the next available training session. Fees and Court ordered funding will be turned over to the Power County Clerk to be deposited with the District Court Fund, with expenses to be paid from the District Court Fund's Professional Services (Other) line item until October 1st, 2000, when a designated budget line for Parenting Project will be created within the District Court Fund. The facilitators will be allowed to solicit and collect donations to be held in a separate bank account to be administered by the Power County Parenting Project Board. The Parenting Project Board will meet and submit proposed by-laws to the Power County Commissioners for their review and approval.

CHILDRENS ADVOCACY NETWORK: Brian Varney and Kira Giambra of the Childrens' Advocacy network in Bannock County appeared before the Commissioners to discuss youth and violence in the American Falls area. The Commissioners then reviewed the findings of a survey conducted by Kira Giambra, a graduate student at Idaho State University's Sociology Department, which she conducted at the American Falls High School.

POWER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Roger Whitnah and Debra Tiede from the Power County Soil Conservation District appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the funding of a project they are working on to build a windbreak at Falls View Cemetery and requested financial assistance from Power County. Mr. Whitnah also requested that the Commissioners provide the Power Soil Conservation with the annual letter of Power County's intent to budget \$4,000 for the Soil Conservation District in the County's 2001 fiscal year. Mr. Whitnah would also like for the letter of intent to include any amount the commissioners would be willing to pay towards the Falls View Cemetery windbreak project.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Commissioner


VALERIE HOYBJERG, Commissioner


CHRISTINE SZEINLICHT, Clerk