

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on September 25th, 2000. Present were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

INDIGENT INVESTIGATIONS: Power County Welfare Director Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioners with Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries and requested that the indigent department be allowed to hire an off duty Officer to assist with investigations on medical indigent applications. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to allow the Power County Indigent Department to hire an off duty Sheriff's Deputy when necessary to assist with indigent application investigations, all costs of which will be paid through the Indigent Fund. Carried.

BANNOCK SHOSHONE TRIBE: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a policy for escorting heavy equipment transporters on State and County roadways within the Fort Hall Reservation and Power County to avoid those transporters from being detained by Bannock Shoshone Tribal Officers.

POWER COUNTY JAIL: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague presented the proposed jail expansion plans to the Idaho Sheriff Association at their annual meeting in Boise last week. The Association has expressed some concern about the costs of increased staffing which will be necessary in the event of an expansion. Commissioner Hoybjerg indicated that she would like to see a breakdown of the long-term additional costs created by such expansion. Commissioner Rudeen indicated that the long-term additional costs make expansion of the jail financially impossible. The Commissioners indicated that they would like to first see the Enhanced 911 Dispatch equipment installed and perhaps an upgrade to the jail kitchen before considering any expansion to the Power County Jail.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Commissioner Rudeen reported that the Law Enforcement Agreement mediation between the City of American Falls and Power County has been scheduled for September 27, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., with Sixth District Judge N. Randy Smith presiding. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he would be checking with Judge Smith to see if the meeting will be open to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep to move into executive session for the purpose

of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT: Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that the Agreement for conflict indigent legal service between Power County and John C. Souza expires on October 1, 2000. County attorney Paul Laggis will follow up with Power County Public Defender George Southworth regarding renewal of the conflict public defender agreement.

DISASTER SERVICES: Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the Rockland Repeater upgrade is complete, except for the installation of the solar panels.

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.

Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a policy for the collection of past due ambulance accounts. Medical Solutions would like to refer certain past due accounts to a collection agency for collection. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to allow Medical Solutions to use their discretion in seeking out a collection agency for past due ambulance accounts. Carried.

Mark Love then discussed purchasing new radios for the Ambulance District in American Falls and Rockland. Mr. Love is expecting funds from the Bureau of Land Management as reimbursement for Power County Ambulance standby at the recent wildfires. Mr. Love would like to use those funds to purchase four new radios, two for American Falls EMS and two for Rockland EMS. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to allow Mark Love to purchase four new ambulance radios from Bureau of Land Management reimbursement funds. Carried. The Commissioners would like to donate the old radios to Rockland Fire District.

Mark Love reported that Ambulance #4 (1972 Dodge) is no longer needed. Mr. Love would like to remove all equipment from Ambulance #4 and sell it. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to declare Ambulance #4 as surplus property to be sold. Ambulance #2 (1984 Ford Braun) will be traded in toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Mark Love will attend the Harms Memorial Hospital Board meeting tonight to discuss policy. Mr. Love and the EMS Medical Advisor, Dr. Shaw, will be discussing with the Hospital Board the point at which a patient becomes a hospital patient rather than an Ambulance District patient.

On October 17, 2000, the State of Idaho EMS Bureau will be conducting interviews in Power County regarding the impact of Harms Memorial Hospital's "Critical Access Hospital" designation on the

Power County EMS. Mark would like one of the Commissioners to be available for those interviews. Commissioner Rudeen indicated that he would be available.

County Attorney Laggis and Mr. Love then advised the Commissioners that they will be working together to prepare an agreement for extrication services outside the American Falls Rural District boundaries. Mr. Love indicated that any agreement between Power County Ambulance District and the Am. Falls Fire District for extrication services should comply with the Ambulance District's policies regarding extrication.

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

OCTOBER AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to move the regular business items from the Commissioners' Agenda on October 16th to October 17th, with the exception of the Ambulance bid opening, which will be held on October 16, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. as published. Carried.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 21,651.54
Ambulance	2,520.58
District Court	6,808.42
Justice	7,493.98
Indigent	6,585.09
Revaluation	5,360.28
Solid Waste	17,282.17
Weeds	16,739.76
Waterways	1,050.02
PILT	4,588.37

TAX CANCELLATIONS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes as submitted by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch.

WEEDS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve the Amendment of Request for Application/Modification of Assistance Agreement as submitted by the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management for Noxious Weed Control. Carried.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO (CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY): Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificate of Residency submitted by College of Southern Idaho for Norma Ramirez. Carried.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL: Commissioner Rudeen presented a bid prepared by Anderson Construction of Blackfoot, Idaho, for the construction of a storm water control trench at the Power County

Landfill in the amount of \$33,222. This matter was tabled until the October 2, 2000, meeting.

Adjourned.

Kent Rudeen
KENT RUDEEN, Chairman

Christine Steinlicht
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk