

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on February 12, 2001. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

AUDITOR REPORT: Scott Jones, Power County's independent auditor, appeared before the Commissioners and presented his audit report for the County's 2000 fiscal year. Also present were Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Assessor Doug Glascock. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve and accept the audit report as presented. Carried.

PERSI CREDIT: Scott Jones, Power County's independent auditor, then met with the Commissioners to discuss the credit Power County will receive from the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) in the amount of \$59,470.31. Mr. Jones indicated that the PERSI credit should be deposited in a miscellaneous State revenue account within each fund. Clerk Steinlicht indicated her desire to work the refund into the FY 2002 expenditure budget rather than open the current FY 2001 budget. The Commissioners then reviewed the petitions submitted by County employees asking that the refund be passed along as a bonus to County employees. Commissioner Hoybjerg will draft a memorandum to the County employees. This matter was be tabled until July, 2001.

GASB FINANCING: Power County's independent auditor, Scott Jones, then discussed with the Commissioners the GASB #34 financing requirements which Power County will need to conform to beginning September 30, 2004. Mr. Jones suggested that Power County begin building a fixed asset listing, either through an independent valuation company or internally. Commissioner Estep indicated that Curtis Munk already has a complete inventory list.

SEARCH & RESCUE AUDIT: Power County's independent auditor, Scott Jones, reported to the Commissioners on his audit of the Power County Search & Rescue funds. Power County Search & Rescue has accounts outside Power County's general treasury totaling \$38,000. Mr. Jones still needs to review the Search & Rescue deposit slips and will report to Clerk Steinlicht.

CLERK ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. This matter was tabled until February 26, 2000.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT: Power County Deputy Sheriff Fred Harms appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his desire to pursue a grant jointly with the City of American Falls for the placement of security cameras in each law enforcement vehicle in Power County and American Falls. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to pursue the joint grant.

SHOOTING RANGE GRANT: Power County Deputy Sheriff Fred Harms indicated that that grant monies are available through the National Rifle Association to assist Power County in purchasing and developing a new shooting range. Deputy Harms indicated that the range would need to be available for public use in order for the NRA to consider Power County as a recipient for the grant. The Commissioners advised Deputy Harms that they are still negotiating with Highway District for the purchase of the shooting range property.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County employees medical benefit insurance. Also present was Dr. Jason West from Pocatello. Mr. Seamons presented a program to the Commissioners on reducing escalating medical costs by using different or alternative forms of medicine to control health care costs. The Commissioners asked that Dr. West meet with the Power County Elected Officials at their next meeting on Monday, March 12, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. to further discuss the benefits of alternative medical procedures as a means of reducing costs.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Minutes for January 8th and 22nd, 2001, as presented. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the claims as presented. Carried.

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 32,344.19
Ambulance	2,003.41
District Court	5,111.67
Justice Fund	23,798.80
Indigent	15,276.69
Revaluation	2,946.53
Solid Waste	25,966.20
Weeds	166.27
Waterways	280.80
PILT	532.32

COUNTY BOARDS: The Commissioners then discussed the Board appointments that need to be made on the various County Boards

Guardianship Board: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Brenda Green to a two-year term to the Power County Guardianship Board (Jan. 2003). Carried.

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Ray Fowler, Roger Whitnah and Ivan Permann of the Power County Soil Conservation District appeared before the Commissioners to present their annual report. Mr. Whitnah also asked that the Commissioners commit \$4,000 to the Soil Conservation District from the County's 2002 Fiscal Year budget. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would provide the Power County Soil Conservation District with a letter of intent.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: The Commissioners reviewed the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Misty Brown, Esteban Cardenas and Kay Stillwell to attend the College of Southern Idaho. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht swore in Judy Wallace, Jolene Hofmeister, Brenda Farnsworth Green, Brenda Havlicak and Janet S. Chapman as new Power County Guardianship Board members.

SURPLUS COMPUTER: Clerk Steinlicht indicated that the County has several surplus computers which County employees are interested in purchasing. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to declare all extra County computers as surplus property with a value not greater than \$100, to be sold to interested county employees for \$100.00 by way of a drawing. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memorandum to all County employees advising them that surplus County computers are available for purchase and any interested employee should contact the Clerk not later than March 10th, 2000, to get their name in the drawing for an opportunity to purchase a surplus computer.

TAX CANCELLATION: Following discussion with Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve tax cancellations as presented. Carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOF LEAK: Clerk Steinlicht reported that there appears to be a leak in the Courthouse roof over the probation office. Following discussion, Clerk Steinlicht agreed to contact Jack Taylor to discuss tarring the roof over the Probation office.

E-MAIL ACCESS – EXTENSION OFFICE: The Commissioners then revisited the issue of allowing County employees to access Power County's server for e-mail and

Internet access from their homes. Following discussion, the Commissioners will not provide Internet or e-mail access to County employees through the County's server because of the expense involved in providing that service. Commissioner Estep will discuss this matter with the Extension Office.

BUILDING SAFETY REPORT: Commissioner Estep indicated that he would review the Building Safety Report prepared by the Idaho Department of Building Safety and issue an appropriate response.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINEICHT, Clerk