

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on March 5, 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.

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

FIBERS INTERNATIONAL – CARDBOARD RECYCLING: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that he discussed cardboard recycling with Lamb Weston officials. Lamb Weston is separating their own cardboard for recycling with a private company and only disposes of cardboard which is contaminated. Attorney Laggis will advise Mashelle Pappin to call to Lamb Weston with a competitive bid for cardboard recycling.

ENHANCED 911: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Deputy Jim Glarborg appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the enhanced 911 system. Commissioner Hoybjerg suggested that the enhanced 911 system should be operational prior to jail expansion or remodel. Sheriff Sprague reported that they were in the process of getting bids for the 911 system equipment.

VACATION/COMP CARRYOVER: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Deputy Jim Glarborg appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Sheriff employees unused vacation time which was carried over from last year. Mr. Glarborg advised the Commissioners that the Sheriff's office had a plan for it's employees to use up the carried over vacation time. Sheriff Sprague indicated that he had authorized the vacation carry over pursuant to the Power County Personnel Manual. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis suggested that Sheriff Sprague make written authorization allowing his employees carry over vacation time. This matter was tabled until March 12, 2001.

WOMEN'S ADVOCATE (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS): Family Services Center advocates Diana Campanella and LaMae Weber appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of placing an trained and certified women's advocate in the Power County area on a part time basis. Salary and benefits for the advocate would be funded entirely by the Family Services Center for a period of eighteen months through a rural domestic violence and child victimization enforcement grant. Ms. Weber advised the Commission requested that Power County assist with the in kind services under the grant by providing office space for the advocate. Ms. Weber indicated that she has been in contact with Bingham Crisis Center who is willing to continue to

provide shelter facilities to Power County women. Prosecutor Laggis expressed total support of the program. Commissioner Hoybjerg suggested that the house adjacent to the Sheriff's Office, often referred to as the "Christiansen House", could be as office space for this program. Ms. Weber provided the Commissioners with a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Commissioners review and approval, which needs to be included with the grant application. This matter was tabled until March 6th, 2001.

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: The Commissioners discussed Cassia County Planning & Zoning Committee's unanimous decision to deny Big Sky's application for the CAFO hog farm. Prosecutor Laggis indicated his desire to complete the needed amendments to the Power County Planning & Zoning ordinances within the 120-day moratorium period. Commissioner Hoybjerg suggested that a "blue ribbon" committee, made up of County residents, be put together to assist the Planning & Zoning Committee in this endeavor. Following discussion, it was decided that at this time, the Planning & Zoning Committee should proceed with the amendments as they see fit, without outside involvement.

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

JAIL MEDICAL: Power County Indigent Director Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioner to discuss jail medical services. Ms. Annen advised the Commissioners that Harms Memorial Hospital is billing Power County for services rendered four or five months previous to the billing, and this makes it quite difficult to track patients and review the services provided. I.C. #31-3519 states that indigent medical providers have sixty days to submit claims to the County. The Commissioners agreed to write a letter to Harms Memorial Hospital explaining the problem and putting them on notice that any bills for jail prisoners will need to be submitted within sixty (60) days of the date of service or they will be denied as being untimely.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2001-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve indigent medical application #2001-05-I. Carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Minutes for February 7th, 12th and 26th, 2001, as presented. Carried.

COUNTY BOARDS: The Commissioners then discussed the appointments that need to be made to the various county boards.

Airport Board: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to appoint Mikel Pierce to the Power County Airport Board for a three-year

term (Jan. 2004). Carried. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Klaren Koopin to the Power County Airport Board for a three-year term (Jan. 2004). Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk