

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on March 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.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the claims as presented and amended on the Claims Approval Report. Carried.

General (Current Expense)	\$ 33,674.12
Ambulance	8,129.76
District Court	3,797.29
Justice	18,965.94
Indigent	2,202.58
Jr. College	1,800.00
Revaluation	6,737.71
Solid Waste	7,681.30
Weeds	702.47
PILT	8,289.98

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected Official's meeting were Commissioners Ken Estep, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, and Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries.

PER DIEM – MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: The Elected Officials discussed the need to increase per diem and mileage reimbursement rates to keep in line with the IRS and State of Idaho approved rates. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to increase mileage reimbursement to 34.5 cents per mile and increase per diem to \$8.00 (breakfast), \$12.00 (lunch) and \$15.00 (Dinner), effective immediately. Carried.

SURPLUS COMPUTERS: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Probation Office and the Ambulance District have expressed an interest in using the surplus computers within their offices. The Commissioners agreed that County offices needing an additional or updated computer should have priority over County employees wishing to purchase the three surplus computers. The remaining surplus computer will be offered for sale to the county employees.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: The Commissioners discussed with the other elected officials the possibility of the County purchasing the American Legion Building. The elected officials present all agreed that a land swap with the American Legion, possibly ground adjacent to the Fairgrounds or Airport, would be more economical than an outright cash purchase of the Legion building. Assessor Glascock indicated that a contractor should be consulted regarding lead paint and asbestos problems associated with reconstruction or remodeling of the facility.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial appeared before the Power County Elected Officials to discuss his proposal for alternative medical coverage. Also present was Dr. Jason West of West Chiropractic Clinic in Pocatello, who presented a plan for alternative preventative therapy for Power County employees. The Commissioners then discussed with Mr. Seamons, the problems county employees have been experiencing with the CCN preferred provider plan. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to amend the Power County Employee Benefit Plan to reimburse Dr. Dean Williams and Pocatello Radiology both at the 80% rate. Carried. Mark Seamons will advise MS Administrative Services of the change. The Commissioners then reviewed the proposed card received from MS Administrative Services, which will replace all current medical, and prescription drug cards that employees are currently using. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the new medical insurance card layout as presented by MS Administrative Services. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BANKRUPTCY CLAIMS: Pocatello Bankruptcy Attorney Craig Christensen appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Bankruptcy collection law and procedure. County Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he would prefer to have an experienced bankruptcy attorney to review all bankruptcy claims wherein Power County as listed as a creditor as they arise. Following discussion, it was agreed to have Mr. Christensen bill Power County at his hourly rate (\$145.00 per hour) for any bankruptcy assistance he renders Power County over the next six months and then discuss a retainer fee for next budget year. Prosecutor Laggis will prepare an agreement between Power County and Mr. Christensen for legal services in Bankruptcy proceedings.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2001-06-I: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Indigent Medical Application #2001-06-I for burial services. Carried.

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE (PROJECT WORK ORDER): The Commissioners reviewed the project work authorization for 2001 ground water monitoring services as the Power County Landfill submitted by Cascade Earth Sciences. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Cascade Earth Science Project Order #215-025. Carried.

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Estep reported that the Planning & Zoning Board has been meeting to discuss new CAFO rules and regulations in anticipation of a CAFO ordinance.

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

Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the installation of rain gutter on the EMS Building. Mr. Love indicated that the original contractor, BGM Builders, suggested not putting rain gutter on the building, but rather installing a water cleat system on the building to divert the run-off water and prevent ice build up in front of the back training room door. The Commissioners authorized Mr. Love to proceed

The Commissioners then discussed unused vacation and comp time with Mr. Love. Mr. Love indicated that he would be using his comp time. The Commissioners advised him of the County's policy to delete vacation time not used.

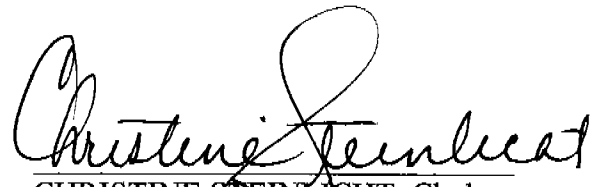
The Commissioners then discussed Ambulance #2. Mr. Love indicated that he is still working towards a community type meeting in the Arbon Valley area to inquire about placing ambulance #2 in Arbon Valley.

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

JOHNSON STREET PROPERTY: Deputy Sheriff Fred Harms appeared before the Commissioners and presented papers from Kelsey Appraisal Company to appraise the lot the Johnson Street property. Commissioner Estep will discuss a possible land swap with the Highway District Commissioners. This matter was tabled until March 26, 2001.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk