

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on May 14, 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.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for April 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th, 2001, as presented. Carried.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – CELL TOWERS: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his quarterly report. The Commissioners then discussed with Mr. Wiles the numerous cell towers placed in Power County over the last several months. Following discussion with County Attorney Paul Laggis, the Commissioners agreed that any company erecting cell towers on BLM land within Power County would need to follow County Building permit regulations and pay the required fees. The Commissioners discussed a possible moratorium on the construction of cell towers in Power County. Prosecutor Laggis will draft a proposed moratorium ordinance. This matter was tabled until May 29th, 2001.

BUILDING PERMIT – AG BUILDING EXEMPTION: The Commissioners and Clerk reviewed the Agricultural Building Certification Statement with Building Administrator Richard Wiles. The Agricultural Building Certification Statement is filled out and recorded on each agricultural building application. The Commissioners agreed that the applicants on agricultural buildings would need to pay the required recording fee, along with the building permit fee.

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION – HB #378: Legislative District #35 State Senator Ralph Wheeler appeared before the Power County elected officials to discuss House Bill #378. HB #378 allows a personal property tax exemption on agriculture machinery and equipment, with the State replacing those funds to each taxing district.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial and Dr. Jason West appeared before the Power County Elected Officials to discuss the results of the test group examinations. This matter was tabled until May 29th, 2001.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER: Power County Public Defender George Southworth appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his public defender contract, which expires September 30, 2001. Mr. Southworth is requesting a 5% to 10% increase in his contract. At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Southworth will prepare a case listing and analysis for the Commissioners review.

BUDGET HEARINGS: The Commissioners will meet with elected officials and department heads on June 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2001, to discuss their budget requests for FY 2002.

PROBATION OFFICER: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to hire Ryan Grayson as the full-time adult misdemeanor probation officer at the annual salary of \$23,500, beginning May 29th, 2001. Carried.

DR.'S CLINIC - DAMAGE REPAIR: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the awning of the Dr.'s Clinic had been damaged when struck by a car. BGM Builders submitted a bid for repairs in the amount of \$161.30. This claim has been submitted to Farmers Insurance, the automobile liability insurance carrier. Clerk Steinlicht will call BGM Builders and tell them to go ahead with repairs.

DROUGHT DISASTER DECLARATION REQUEST: The Commissioners discussed the need to request that Power County be declared a drought emergency area pursuant to Idaho Code #42-222A. Prosecutor Laggis will prepare the written request to the Department of Water Resources requesting that the declaration be made immediately to allow the citizens of Power County to take action to develop plans for the current growing season.

CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING - LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the joint City/County meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th, 2001, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioner Office at the Power County Courthouse. County Clerk Steinlicht and City Clerk Huse will prepare appropriate agendas.

AIRPORT LEASE - SUNSET AVIATION: County Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he had received no response to his April 23rd letter to the heirs of Joe & Caron Werenka d/b/a Sunset Aviation requesting that they make an appointment to meet with the Board of Power County Commissioners regarding their airport lease. Attorney Laggis will contact Thomas J. Holmes, the attorney representing the Estate of Joe & Caron Werenka, to discuss the lease agreement.

NATURAL RESOURCE LITIGATION FUND: The Commissioners reviewed the IAC notice for voluntary participation in the Natural Resource Litigation Fund. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would discuss this matter with Dan Chadwick of the Idaho Association of Counties.

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.

Chris Fehringer of the Jr. Rodeo Association appeared before the Ambulance District Board to request that the ambulance donate services to the Jr. Rodeo on June 9th and July 28th. Mark Love indicated that the costs would be minimal, probably less than \$225 per day. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to furnish dual ambulance service, each with a full crew, to the Jr. Rodeo Association on June 9th and July 28th to be paid from the Ambulance Fund. Carried.

Mark Love indicated that the boat patrol is using the emergency frequency to call in routine registration checks. The Commissioners agreed that the ambulance district frequency should be used only for emergency fire or ambulance calls. The Commissioners will advise Sheriff Sprague to use the law enforcement frequency for boat patrol calls.

Commissioner Estep discussed providing CPR Training to Courthouse and Extension Office employees. Mr. Love indicated that he has instructors who could be available to provide training. Mr. Love will contact his instructors and get some tentative dates scheduled.

Mark Love indicated that Ambulance #2 might be put to good use by having it available on a contract basis to BLM for emergency fire suppression services due to wild fires in Power County or any of the adjoining counties. All volunteers would be paid through the BLM. Mr. Love indicated that Ambulance #2 would need to be restocked, at a cost of less than \$500. The Commissioners authorized Mr. Love to pursue that possibility and report back.

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

SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed solid waste fee resolutions. Mr. Heward indicated that the proposed fee of \$1.00 per yard for chips and \$20 for 15 yards of topsoil did not include the use of the backhoe. Commissioners discussed possibly \$5.00 per yard for the first yard and \$1.00 per yard thereafter for both wood chips and topsoil. Mr. Heward then asked that the Commissioner allow him to arrange for the fencing of the 17-acre area around the transfer station and landfill. This matter was tabled until May 29th.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 45,829.83
Ambulance	3,250.15
District Court	5,264.80
Justice Fund	23,213.78
Indigent	4,870.51
Revaluation	3,807.33
Solid Waste	20,747.30
Weeds	546.58
Waterways	1,537.44
PILT	1,225.44

COMMISSIONER MEETING SITES: The Commissioners reviewed I.C. #31-710, which prohibits the Commissioners from meeting outside the County Seat on any regularly scheduled meeting date. Commissioner Estep will contact IAC for an opinion on whether the Commissioners can move their regularly scheduled meeting in the afternoons.

CIRCUIT BREAKER EXEMPTIONS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Circuit Breaker Exemption Applications as presented by the Power County Assessor. Carried.

Adjourned.



 KEN ESTEP, Chairman



 CHRISTINE STEINDICHT, Clerk

