

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 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.

SHERIFF OFFICE – GENERATOR UPGRADE: Power County Deputy Sheriff Jim Glarborg appeared before the Commissioners and submitted the options for upgrade of the Sheriff Office Generator and the costs for each option.

TRAIL CREEK AREA – NO SHOOTING ZONE: Rob Jagers of the Bureau of Land Management appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of Power County joining with Bannock County to adopt a “no shooting” ordinance in the Trail Creek Area. Mr. Jagers presented a map of the proposed “no shooting” area. The Commissioners asked that they receive a copy of Bannock County’s proposed ordinance and review it with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis. The Commissioners indicated their desire to contact the private property owners in the proposed “no shooting” area prior to adopting any “no shooting” ordinance.

ENHANCED 911 EQUIPMENT – BID AWARD: Power County Dispatch Supervisor Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Enhanced 911 equipment bids. Also present was Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to accept the bid presented by Paul Clark Radio in the total amount of \$177,645. Carried.

SCILD – COMMUNITY SERVICE: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a policy to prohibit juveniles from performing community work service via the SCILD program. Prosecutor Laggis indicated that he had discussed the potential liabilities associated with allowing minors to work with adult SCILD workers with Probation Supervisor Russ Wheatley. The probation office intends to find alternative ways for juveniles to perform court ordered community work service.

SCILD BUS – DAM ANNIVERSARY: Commissioner Chapman indicated that she had met with the American Falls Dam Celebration Committee to discuss the use of the SCILD bus or van during the American Falls Dam Celebration on July 14, 2001. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries indicated that both the SCILD bus and van were inoperable at this time. Commissioner Chapman will contact the Dam Celebration Committee and suggest to them that they contact the Briggs & Hendrickson Bus Shop. Carried.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners and suggested that the City of American Falls Police Department perform transports when the City of American Falls issues a citation for failure to appear and an arrest warrant is generated. This matter will be discussed at the next quarterly joint meeting.

JAIL MEDICATION: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss an alternative way to dispense prescription medication to prisoners. Northwest Pharmaceutical is willing to prepackage prescriptions for prisoners by means of a bubble pack, which organizes and dispenses prescription medicine pursuant to the physician's orders. Deputy Jeffries indicates that Power County will experience a cost savings. Deputy Jeffries indicated that he can be contacted at Rockland Pharmacy, who is not set up to generate pre-packed bubble packs at this time.

PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.: Brent Houghton of Pre-paid Legal Services, Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to discuss offering the employees of Power County an insurance plan for legal expenses through payroll deductions. This matter was taken under advisement.

WESTERN MARKETING – PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES: Harold Bullock of Western Marketing, Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to discuss offering the employees of Power County an insurance plan for legal expenses through payroll deductions. This matter was taken under advisement.

INDIGENT CASE #2001-08-I: Power County Indigent Services Director Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioners and indicated that Bannock Regional Medical Center has requested that the appeal hearing scheduled on this date be continued in order to allow them to discuss this case with their attorney. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to continue the indigent appeal hearing on Case #2001-08-I until July 23, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL REZONE: The Commissioners discussed the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's recent decision to rezone a portion of agricultural property to light industrial. This matter was tabled pending receipt of the written findings of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board.

SURPLUS COPIER: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to donate the surplus copier to the City of Rockland. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will check with SCILD crew to ask them to deliver it to Rockland City Hall.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Power County Commissioners met as the Power County Board of Equalization. Commissioner Estep reported that it was the time and date scheduled for hearing two applications for equalization of the Power County Assessor's valuation.

1. Following a review of the application of Claudia J. Walters d/b/a Pocatello Speedway, Inc., and hearing the testimony and evidence, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to sustain the Assessor's valuation on Parcel #RPD0278-14A, which totals \$47,285. Carried.
2. Following a review of the application of Westport Limited Partnership d/b/a Affordable Housing of Idaho, LLC, and hearing the testimony and evidence, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to change the market value of the subject property as requested on the Appellant's estimate of value on Parcel #RPA1357-07, which totals \$754,461. Carried.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2001-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2001-12-I. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION: Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley and Community Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd appeared before the Commissioners and presented a grant application to assist the County in funding the "Our Girls" program. Mr. Wheatley then advised the Commissioners that he had been contacted by School District #381 Superintendent Ron Bollinger, who has requested that Power County join forces with the School District in funding a resource coordinator for Hillcrest Elementary and Hillcrest Preschool. The Commissioners denied the request.

DRUG COURT: Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley indicated that he and fellow probation officer Ryan Grayson would be attending "breaking barriers" of "cognitive self-changing" training for use in drug court. The Commissioners discussed future State or Federal funding for drug courts.

AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT – EXTRICATION AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the extrication agreement between Power County and the American Falls Rural Fire District for extrication services for fiscal year 2002. Carried.

BENEFIT PLAN – AMENDMENT #8: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Employee Medical Benefit Plan Amendment #8 as submitted by Mark Semons of Semons Financial. Commissioner Estep will discuss the amendment with Mr. Semons. This matter was tabled until July 23, 2001.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING: Commander Gary Crane from the American Falls American Legion appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the appraisal of the

American Legion Building. Legion member Ray Workman discussed the possibility of creating a museum district to levy for the purchase and improvement of the American Legion Building. Commissioner Hoybjerg will contact the Southeastern District Health Department and ask that they perform a health inspection of the Legion Building premises. Commissioner Estep will contact Gary Ferguson at BGM Builders and ask that he look through the American Legion Building and advise of possible construction complications and/or code violations.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Minutes for June 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 20th and 25th, 2001, as presented. Carried.

PROBATION OFFICE BLINDS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the bid submitted by the Blind Connection for blinds in the probation office. Carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims as submitted. Carried.

General (Current Expense)	\$ 22,432.87
Ambulance	3,080.62
District Court	3,707.43
Justice Fund	22,015.28
Indigent	2,475.10
Revaluation	4,446.93
Solid Waste	20,107.99
Weeds	1,205.73
Waterways	1,479.67
PILT	2,354.44

CITY OF ROCKLAND – BUILDING INSPECTION AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Building Inspection Agreement between Power County and the City of Rockland as presented by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk