

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2001. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

STATE TAX COMMISSION – ASTARIS (FMC) CLOSURE: Ron Craig of the Idaho State Tax Commissioner appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Assessor Doug Glascock to discuss the Astaris Plant closure and the County's ability to maintain salvage value on buildings and property of approximately \$14 or \$15 million until FMC completes demolition of the facility. Mr. Craig suggested that the Commissioners stay in contact with the managers of FMC to continually keep abreast of the FMC inventory. Mr. Craig also suggested that in the event of an auction at the FMC facility, the Power County Treasurer be present to collect taxing owing off the top. Mr. Craig also indicated that there are provisions in Federal law that would hold Power County harmless against any contamination liability in the event the County was forced to take a tax deed on the premises. Prosecutor Laggis will look into that further in the event the situation should arise.

FY 2002 BUDGET: The Commissioners then discussed a 6% fund hold back on the FY 2002 budget. The Commissioners will discuss the proposed hold back with other elected officials and department heads.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE: Russ Wheatley and Ryan Grayson of the Power County Probation office appeared before the Commissioners to report on the IJJA Conference. Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley reported that the emphasis of the conference was drug identification and enforcement and probation officer safety. Mr. Wheatley then reported that the Probation Office van is in need of a new engine. Following a review of the quotes submitted by Mr. Wheatley, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the installation of the rebuilt engine and pay the same out of tobacco tax funds. Carried.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to present the hospital's financial packet for the period ending September, 2001.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER: American Falls Youth Center Board Members Gerald Fehringer, Jim Chapman, Connie Shepherd, Art Meadows, Pat Hartley and Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the American Falls Youth

Center and Power County's efforts to purchase a building for the American Falls Youth Center. Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that she is still trying to reach the owner of the old Barnard Hotel to negotiate on that building. Bobbie Mauch questioned the possibility of remodeling the County's Johnson Street property for use as a Youth Center. The Commissioners reviewed the recent appraisals of the Johnson Street property and the American Legion Building with the Youth Center Board members. The Commissioners again expressed their commitment to participate in obtaining a new Youth Center. The Commissioners and Youth Center Board also agreed that talks should continue with the American Legion.

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE: Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that she had received the most recent report from Cascade Earth Science on the monitoring of the old Power County landfill wells. The report indicates that some of the parameters such as chloride and TDS have been elevated over time and that Power County should continue to monitor ground water quality at the landfill in compliance with Subtitle D federal regulations. The ground water spring should also be sampled, when accessible, to determine it's water quality. In addition, the County should continue to evaluate ground water quality using appropriate statistical techniques as required by Subtitle D regulations. The Commissioners then reached Rich Gallucci at Cascade Earth Sciences via speaker telephone to discuss the report. Mr. Gallucci indicated that the report has been sent to the State of Idaho's Division of Environmental Quality. Mr. Gallucci suspects that DEQ will probably just continue to require the reporting that has been going on plus sampling of the Spring.

STORM WATER CONTROL: The Commissioners discussed the Storm Water Phase II Rule. Commissioner Estep will attend the Workshop in Caldwell for the Storm Water Runoff Meeting sponsored by the Idaho Association of Cities and will question the need for a County-wide plan or rather just in the urbanized area of Eastern Power County.

HEALTH DISTRICT CARPET: Commissioner Estep indicated that he would make arrangements for the installation of the new carpet in the basement of the Doctors Clinic, which is currently being occupied by the Southeastern District Health Department.

TRUCKERVILLE ROAD/BIG SKY ROAD: Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, the Commissioners discussed utilizing a joint name for the Truckerville/Big Sky Road. This matter was tabled until further discussion with the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

DISASTER SERVICES: Power County Disaster Services director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Storm Ready Application Form from the Department of Commerce and the National Weather Service to apply to be recognized as a Storm Ready Community, which may assist in getting grants or insurance relief for residents. Mr. Love indicated that he is in the process of obtaining such designation and needs a letter of support from the Commissioners to accompany the application form. The Commissioners will provide Mr. Love with the letter of intent as requested. Mr. Love indicated that the Table Top Exercise will be held on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at

6:00 p.m. and the next LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Mr. Love asked Brett Crompton of the Power County Press, and Mr. Crompton agreed, to assist Power County by serving as the County's Public Information Office, in the event of a declared disaster.

PLANNING & ZONING FEES/SERVICES: Commissioners again reviewed Guy Price's bill for planning & zoning legal services. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he had discussed the billing with Mr. Price as requested; however, Mr. Price would like to speak directly to the commissioners regarding the billing.

SECURITY OFFICE: Power County Relief Bailiff Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that the security cameras had been moved to the Power County Security Office out of the Clerk's Office. Mr. Sprague would like to install a new camera on the one unused channel. The Commissioners agreed that an additional camera to monitor the back parking lot between the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office should be installed.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 3,216.81
Ambulance	2,584.19
District Court	2,896.35
Justice Fund	8,467.05
Indigent	433.97
Revaluation	32.97
Solid Waste	13,312.62
Weeds	74.74
Waterways	18.01
PILT	53.31

SERVER UPGRADE/NETWORK SWITCH: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Power County server and network switch needs to be upgraded, at a cost of approximately \$14,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the server upgrade, to be paid from PILT capital equipment. Carried.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Herlinda C. Huerta, Sally Funk, Loretta A. Smith, Norma Ramirez and Deborah Skaar, to attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls as submitted. Carried.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to continue the snow removal contract with Ziebach Excavation during the 2001-2002 winter months, and to use Chester Taylor as a back up. Carried.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2002-04-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2002-04-I. Carried.

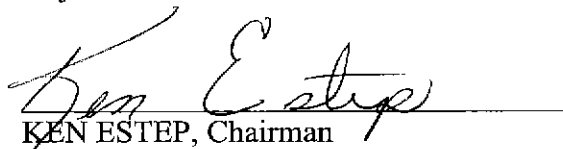
INDIGENT CASE #2001-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to deny indigent medical application #2001-19-I since the application was incomplete. Carried.

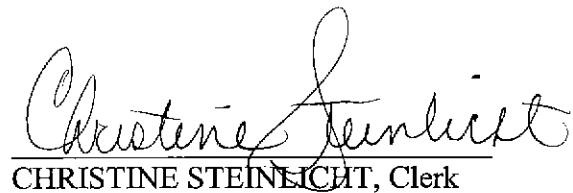
INDIGENT CASE #2001-20-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve indigent medical application #2001-20-I. Carried.

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

ROCKLAND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: David Robinson and Mike Matthews from the Rockland Rural Fire District appeared before the Commissioners to address the needs of the Rockland Rural Fire District. Mr. Robinson presented the Commissioners with a proposal to build a fire station and EMS Building on ground donated by the City of Rockland. The Rockland Rural Fire District is currently housed in the Rockland City vehicle bays. The Rockland Rural Fire District would like for the County to consider assisting in this project when allocating PILT funds either now or sometime within the next three years. The Commissioners advised Mr. Robinson and Mr. Matthews that in light of the recent Astaris (FMC) shut down, the County's PILT funds would be applied first to County needs and very little, if any, would be left to assist any other taxing districts.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk