

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2002. 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 Minutes for December 3rd, 10th, 14th and 31st, 2001, as presented. Carried.

JUVENILE JUSTICE – STATE CUSTODY: The Commissioner Hoybjerg reviewed and discussed the District VI Juvenile Detention Center Room Population Report with Power County Juvenile Probation Officer Russ Wheatley.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING: Commissioner Estep reported that the American Legion had not yet scheduled the executive meeting to discuss the purchase of the American Legion Building by Power County. This matter was tabled until January 10, 2002.

FAMILY SERVICE ALLIANCE – WOMEN ADVOCACY: Christine Muzzo and Marina Kane of the Family Service Alliance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Women Advocacy Services in Power County. Also present was Power County Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd. The Commissioners and Family Service Alliance representatives toured the house adjacent to the Sheriff's Office, which will be used as the Women Advocacy Office in Power County and as a short-term shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence. The Commissioners agreed that renovations will need to be made to make the building safer, as well as new paint and carpet, prior to occupancy.

SNOWMOBILE BOARD – PARKING LOT LEASE (EXCALIBUR RANCHES): Snowmobile Board Chairman Linda Morris appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the terms of the proposed lease between Power County and Excalibur Ranches for Power County to lease the 240' x 400' parking lot area near Houtz Canyon. Commissioner Estep reported that he had received confirmation from John Gravely at ICRMP that the County's liability insurance would include coverage on the leased parking lot area. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis presented the proposed Lease Agreement, which will be reviewed by the Power County Snowmobile Board and Alan and Merrill Permann d/b/a Excalibur Ranches. Mrs. Morris indicated that she would like to see the parking lot area improved and expand. Following further discussion, the Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to prepare a proposed Ordinance restricting motor vehicle access beyond the parking lot area on Houtz Canyon Road to protect the groomed

trails during the snow season. Mrs. Morris then reported that the Dam Snowmobile Club's annual Poker run is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th, 2002, with one-half of the proceeds being donated to the American Falls Community Youth Center. This matter was tabled until January 14, 2002.

CITY OF ROCKLAND BOUNDARIES: Jim Burcham of Snake River Land Surveyors appeared before the Commissioners with Rockland City Clerk Denise Ralphs to review the City of Rockland boundaries. Clerk Ralphs reported that the original recorded survey of the City of Rockland was inconsistent with the boundaries as approved at the time the City of Rockland was incorporated. Mr. Burcham presented a correct map of the City of Rockland boundaries and requested that the Commissioners officially approve the corrected boundaries map to establish the boundaries as has been historically observed since the City's incorporation in 1909. Clerk Ralphs indicated that the Rockland City Council has officially approved the updated map following legal and due notice to all interested parties. The Commissioners requested that the Rockland City Clerk provide Power County with a copy of the City's Resolution or Ordinance approving and adopting the corrected boundaries map. Prosecutor Laggis will review the Code to determine whether the Power Commissioners need to take any official action to ratify or approve the corrected boundaries. This matter was tabled until January 14, 2002.

VACATION/COMP CARRY-OVER – POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: The Commissioners reviewed the memo recently sent to all County employees. Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners and requested special consideration because of the limited manpower at the Transfer Station. The Commissioners advised Mr. Heward that, pursuant to the recent memo, they intended to strictly comply with the terms of the Power County Personnel Manual regarding vacation and compensatory carry-over. Following further discussion, the Commissioner agreed that Section C(1)(d) should be amended to require prior "written" approval by the Department Head or Commissioners on the carry over of unused annual leave to the succeeding calendar year. This matter was tabled until January 28, 2002.

WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to appoint Jerry Kress to a two-year term on the Power County Weed Board (Jan. 2004). Carried.


COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS – REAPPORTIONMENT: Pursuant to I.C. #31-704 it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the updated Commissioner District Map districting Power County into three (3) Commissioner Districts, as nearly equal in population as may be, to be known as Power County Commissioners' Districts numbers one (1), two (2) and three (3) respectively. Carried.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER – SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT: Prosecutor Laggis reported that he is still reviewing the revised Service Provider Agreement submitted to Power County by Behavioral Health Center. This matter was tabled until January 14, 2002.

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE – LANDFILL GROUND COVER: Cascade Earth Science has offered, for a fee, to conduct a study on the need for ground cover at the Power County Landfill to prevent ground sinking and indentation. Following discussion, Commissioner Hoybjerg agreed to ask Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward to perform a monthly “walk through” on the landfill property to document and fill-in any areas of indentation or sinking on the property. This matter will be reviewed in July, 2002.

ECSI TELEPHONE UPGRADE – ENHANCED 911: The Commissioners reviewed the sales contract received from ECSI Executone in the amount of \$14,417. Following further discussion with Paul Clark of Clark Radio, the Commissioners agreed to solicit another quote from ECSI Executone for the costs of implementing a stand alone system at the Sheriff’s office versus including the Sheriff’s Office in the Courthouse telephone system upgrade. Clerk Steinlicht will obtain the additional quote. This matter was tabled until January 10, 2002.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk