

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 15,717.11
Ambulance	1,246.72
District Court	3,774.84
Justice Fund	30,913.79
Indigent	12,125.40
Revaluation	232.87
Solid Waste	10,100.86
Weeds	176.12
PILT	3,488.32

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County Court Services Officer Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Courthouse Security issues in light of the recent accident where an out of control vehicle very nearly made contact with the Courthouse building. Mr. Sprague and the Commissioners discussed several options for protecting the front of the Courthouse from out of control vehicles and traffic, and the cost of each option. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to install six ballards along Bannock Avenue in front of the Courthouse and stagger three planters up the front walk between Bannock Avenue and the Courthouse front doors, at a cost of approximately \$3,115 including plants. Mr. Sprague then presented his plan for positioning security surveillance cameras throughout the Courthouse at an approximate cost of \$1,750 and installation of a security back door in the amount of \$1,500. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Mr. Sprague purchase the security items discussed, in the total amount of \$6,365. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Court security trust has a balance of \$4,466. Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to pay the \$1,900 balance as follows:

\$500 from 06-00-494-00 (District Court Repairs & Maintenance)
\$500 from 01-05-800-00 (Commissioners – Capital Purchase)
\$900 from 01-18-800-00 (Current Expense General – Capital Purchases)

APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTION – BRAZELTON: Troy Brazelton appeared before the Commissioners to further discuss his application for hardship tax exemption. Also present was Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. As requested, Mr.

Brazelton presented a vehicle inventory list on his business (ABC Auto). Mr. Brazelton claims a hardship in that his vehicles were vandalized and as such are not covered by his liability only insurance policy. The Commissioners and Prosecutor Laggis discussed the County's ability to determine hardship based on poor business management practices, i.e. failure to carry sufficient insurance; however, the Commissioners agreed that the injuries he sustained as a result of a recent accident may be grounds for a hardship exemption. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to forgive penalty and interest for 1999 on Parcels #RPA1365-04 and #RPA1365-08, with no further penalty and interest to accrue on those 1999 taxes, upon the condition that Mr. Brazelton make monthly payments of \$608.99 for the next nine months to pay the 1999 taxes in full. Carried. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Brazelton come back in next November or December, 2002, to discuss the 2000 and 2001 taxes owing.

POWER COUNTY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY: Marina Kane of the Power County Women's Advocacy appeared before the Commissioners to request funds from the Women's Advocacy line in PILT to purchase awareness ribbons and safety pins to be distributed during Domestic Violence Awareness month, which request was granted. The Commissioners and Mrs. Kane discussed further appropriate uses of the \$1,000 budgeted for Women's Advocacy.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – KITCHEN REMODEL: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss remodeling the jail kitchen. Also present was Architect Ken Douglass. Sheriff Sprague would like to remodel and expand the existing kitchen out towards the alley between the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse. Architect Ken Douglass would like to obtain a construction management plan to eliminate the bid process. The Commissioners questioned the need to construct a walk in refrigerator and freezer rather than purchasing several upright refrigerators and freezers to save on upfront construction costs and long-term maintenance. Mr. Douglass indicated that he would prepare a preliminary plan with a cost estimate for the Commissioners consideration.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, 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 advise that the Ambulance Service Contract between Privateer Racing and the Power County Ambulance District had now been signed by all parties for ambulance services during the 2002 racing season. Mr. Love then indicated that Claudia Walters at Pocatello Speedway who would like to contract with the Power County Ambulance District for ambulance services at the Pocatello Speedway during the 2002 racing season had also contacted him. Mr. Love is concerned whether the Power County Ambulance has a sufficient number of personnel to cover both Privateer Racing and Pocatello Speedway. Following discussion, Mr. Love indicated that he would contact

the volunteer EMTs to determine if there is interest in covering the Pocatello Speedway prior to entering into negotiations with Mrs. Walters at Pocatello Speedway.

Mr. Love then indicated that he would like to attend the ICRMP Supervisors Training in Twin Falls on May 3, 2002. The Commissioners granted Mr. Love's request.

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

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the Power County Ambulance District being managed by Harms Memorial Hospital under the Hospital's "Critical Access" designation, which would increase Medicaid reimbursement to the Ambulance District. Mr. Brummond then presented the Hospital's financial packet for the period ending February, 2002. Mr. Brummond indicated that the Harms Memorial Hospital Board had decided not to place a modular building adjacent to the Hospital for physical therapy because of the costs involved. Mr. Brummond indicated that the Hospital Board might be interested in using the available space at the Doctors Clinic if some of the walls could be removed between the small examination rooms.

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 indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2001-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2002-19-I. Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS CURB & GUTTER FEES – TAX ROLLS: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the City's request to charge curb and gutter fees on the Power County tax rolls. Following a detailed investigation, Treasurer Mauch hasn't found any County within the State of Idaho who would allow other taxing district's fees to be charged on the County tax rolls. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney discussed the City's ability to charge and collect these fees directly from City residents. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis will discuss this issue with City of American Falls Attorney Randy Kline. This matter was tabled until April 22, 2002.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE: Commissioner Estep reported that it was the date and time set for hearing on two applications for alcohol beverage licenses. At the outset, Commissioner Estep read the applications into the record. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the alcohol beverage license of Sylvia Alicia Gutierrez d/b/a La Rancherita Mexican Imports for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises. Carried. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to

approve the alcohol beverage license of Bill L. Beck d/b/a Bill's Pro Shop for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises and wine by the drink. Carried.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: The Commissioners discussed the purchase of the American Legion Building. The Commissioners reported that they had not received any public input since the article published in the April 3, 2002, Edition of the Power County Press. Commissioner Estep will instruct Prosecutor Laggis to prepare the paperwork necessary to complete the sale.

COURT SERVICES OFFICE: The Commissioners then discussed the best use of the Court Bailiff Office vacated by the resignation of Court Bailiff Dan Thaxton. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Power County Drug Court Coordinator Max Sprague should occupy that office, which shall be known as the "Court Services Office".

LAMB WESTON GRANT: Commissioner Chapman presented, for the Commissioners review, a proposed written request for the \$5,000 sustainable development grant to be awarded by Lamb Weston. This matter was tabled until April 22, 2002.

TIME CAPSULE: The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the weather damage done to the stone top of the Power County Time Capsule. Commissioner Hoybjerg will contact Classic Marble & Granite, who provided the stone, and request that they repair the damage and advise on future weather damage protection.

VENDING MACHINES: The Commissioners reviewed Daren Hull's request to place his candy vending machines in the Power Courthouse. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they are not interested in putting additional vending machines in the Courthouse at this time.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING: Following a review of I.C. #63-802(A), the Commissioners agreed to schedule the Public Hearing on the County's 2003 Fiscal Year Budget for Monday, August 26, 2002, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioner Office of the Power County Courthouse. The Commissioners then reviewed their calendars for June, 2002, and agreed to set fiscal year 2003 budget request hearings for elected officials and department heads for June 19th, 20th and 21st, 2002.

PARENT PROJECT – LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Commissioners reviewed and signed the letter of support for the Power County Parent Project Program which will be attached to the JAIBG grant application being prepared by the Power County Probation Department.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk