

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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 Estep, to approve the Minutes for April 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2002, as presented. Carried.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 18,720.23
Ambulance	3,874.25
District Court	3,336.60
Justice	18,369.48
Indigent	10,095.85
Revaluation	2,686.10
Solid Waste	4,150.77
Weeds	129.33
Waterways	800.73
PILT	109.59

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

FORT HALL AMBULANCE SERVICES: Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Fort Hall Ambulance Service. Commissioner Estep reported that he and Mr. Love had met with Fort Hall Ambulance Director Bill Decker. Fort Hall Ambulance Service has fifteen full-time emergency medical technicians and one ambulance. Commissioner Estep presented a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Fort Hall Business Council on March 26th, 2002, directing the Fort Hall Ambulance crew to administer ambulance services as necessary to assure that emergency medical service transport is available to all residents and visitors to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The Fort Hall Business Council claims that authority for the resolution is found in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat., 984) as amended and under Article VI, Section 1r of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Commissioners Estep, Commissioner Chapman and Mr. Love subsequently met with the County Commissioners from Bannock, Bingham and Caribou Counties to discuss the Counties concerns regarding the Fort Hall EMS Resolution, after which it was agreed between the Commissioners to allow Pocatello Fire Chief Ben Estes to contact the Counties'

ambulance agencies and coordinate efforts to implement a common policy between the Counties and the Bannock Shoshone Tribes for ambulance response services within the boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Mr. Love then expressed his concerns on dispatching ambulances within the reservation. Mr. Love indicated that Power County Dispatch Supervisor Di Armstrong has advised him that the Power County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center would need additional equipment to dispatch the Fort Hall Ambulance. The Commissioners agreed that any costs involved in upgrading the dispatch center to accommodate the Fort Hall ambulance would need to be paid by the Fort Hall Business Council and they would also need to contract with Power County for dispatch services.

AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS: Commissioners reviewed Ambulance Service Contract between Power County and Pocatello Speedway for the 2002 racing season. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Ambulance Service Contract between Power County Ambulance District and Pocatello Speedway as presented. Carried.

EXTRICATION AGREEMENT – AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: The Commissioners reviewed the extrication call information provided by Ambulance District Director Mark Love. The Commissioners will use this information to renegotiate a contract for extrication services between Power County Ambulance District and American Falls Rural Fire District during the fiscal year 2003 budget hearing process.

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

DISASTER SERVICES – BUS REPAIRS: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the engine and tire repairs needed on the Power County Disaster Services bus. Mr. Love indicated that the cost of the needed repairs exceeds the value of the bus. The Commissioners discussed contracting with Briggs & Hendrickson for use of a school bus or possibly using the SCILD bus when needed for disaster services. The Commissioners then agreed that using surplus Ambulance #2 as the disaster services/hazmat unit might be the best option. Mr. Love will explore these options and report to the Commissioners at a later date.

JUVENILE JUSTICE – BLOCK GRANT FUNDING: Department of Juvenile Justice District Liaison Bill Lasley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Juvenile Justice Block Grant funding and distribution for County fiscal year 2003. Based on the population formula for distributing block grant funds, Power County will be receiving less money for fiscal year 2003. Power County will need to project it's fiscal year 2003 fourth quarter distribution since that amount will not be determined until the next Legislative session. Mr. Lasley advised the Commissioners of a new State program, the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program, and presented a fact sheet on the benefits of the program. Functional Family Therapy is a highly successful family intervention program for families of youths in State's custody. Mr. Lasley then presented the Tobacco

Tax collection and distribution sheet prepared by the State Juvenile Justice Department, which shows a decrease in distributions to Power County over the past several years. Mr. Lasley also advised the Commissioners to expect a decrease in Federal funding on Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) funds.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: American Legion Roland Evans Post #3 Commander Kyle Wetzel appeared before the Commissioners to execute the Warranty Deed to transfer title of the American Legion Building to Power County. Clerk Steinlicht will record the Warranty Deed. The Commissioners then agreed that a sequence of events for the needed repairs would need to be put in place in order to get started. The Commissioners will contact Architect Jerry Meyers to implement a long-term plan of repairs in order to assist in determining the sequence of repairs.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS (I.C. #34-1205): Following a review of I.C. #34-1205, the Board of Power County Commissioners will meet as a Board of Canvassers on June 3rd, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. following the Primary Election.

GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Commissioner Chapman reported that Guardianship Board Chairman Brenda Havlicak is working on getting replacement board members for those whose terms expired in January, 2002.

POWER COUNTY PRECINCT POLLING PLACES: Pursuant to I.C. #34-302, the Commissioners designate the following Power County Precinct Polling places for the 2002 Primary and General Elections:

- Power County Precinct #1 – Power County Emergency Services Building
- Power County Precinct #2 – Hillcrest Elementary School
- Power County Precinct #3 – William Thomas Middle School
- Power County Precinct #4 – Rockland City Hall
- Power County Precinct #5 – Arbon School
- Power County Precinct #6 – Pocatello Municipal Airport
- Power County Precinct #7 (Absentee) – Power County Courthouse

FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET HEARING: Following a review of the Commissioners calendars, the Commissioners agreed to reschedule the budget request hearing until June 26th, 27th and 28th, 2002.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificate of Residency for Norma Ramirez to attend the College of Southern Idaho and the Certificate of Residency for Ben Fehringer to attend North Idaho College. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – CITY OF ROCKLAND: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the building condemnation process being taken on a residence in the City of

Rockland. The Rockland City Hall intends to condemn an unoccupied residence at 120 South Main which suffered fire damage in April, 2000. The public is concerned that no action has been taken to either repair or demolish the damaged residence, which now poses a hazard to the health and safety of the Rockland Community, as well as being an eye sore. The City of Rockland has requested that the Power County Building Inspector conduct an inspection per 1997 Abatement of Dangerous Buildings in order to condemn and demolish the premises. Mr. Wiles will collect \$47.00 per hour from the City of Rockland, to be turned over to the Power County Clerk, for these services. All other costs associated with this condemnation will be paid directly by the City of Rockland. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis suggested that ICRMP be advised of the contractual relationship between the City of Rockland and Power County for building administration services. Prosecutor Laggis indicated that he would contact ICRMP. Mr. Wiles then presented his Building Administrator Report on building activity in Power County from January 14, 2002, through May 2, 2002.

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

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to review the Extension of Lease Agreement, which has already been signed by the Harms Memorial Hospital District Board Chairman. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and execute the original Extension of Lease Agreement between Power County and Harms Memorial Hospital District as presented. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): 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 #2002-09-I (APPEAL HEARING): The Commissioners heard the appeal from an earlier denial on Indigent Case #2002-09-I. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve Indigent Case #2002-09-I on appeal. Carried.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT: The Commissioners discussed Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward's request to review the County's Solid Waste Disposal Contract with Garbage Guys. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that Power County cannot rescind the contract with Garbage Guys unless and until Garbage Guys fails to perform under the provisions of the contract or the Commissioners provide written notice to Garbage Guys of their intent to rescind the contract.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – FOOD PURCHASES: Commissioner Chapman reported that she had been contacted by Rick Farnsworth of Cardinal Market. Cardinal Market has

requested that the Commissioners encourage Sheriff Sprague to buy all jail food locally. Commissioner Chapman indicated that Mr. Farnsworth is committed to accommodate Sheriff Sprague in buying bulk for cost savings.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen, Ed Muraug and Diane Hill of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the Health District's quarterly report. Mrs. Hill asked that the Sheriff work release prisoners be restricted from parking directly in front of the health district's public access to allow parking for patients. Prosecutor Laggis will discuss this matter with Sheriff Sprague. Ms. Hill then introduced the new Power County Community Health Nurse Shannon Johnson. Mr. Muraug presented the Commissioners with a copy of the proposed rules dealing with non-municipal solid waste landfills, which he suggested the Commissioners review and consider, as these proposed rules might be permanently adopted during the next Legislative Session.

CITY OF ROCKLAND: City of Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs appeared before the Commissioners to advise them of his candidacy for Legislative District #27 State Representative (Position A). The Commissioners then briefly discussed the condemnation process being taken within the City of Rockland.

ASSESSOR COPIER LEASE: The Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed Power County Assessor Doug Glascock's request to replace the copy machine in the Assessor's office with an upgraded copy machine. The upgraded copy machine will cost \$10.00 per month less on lease than the previous copy machine lease.

AMERICAN FALLS COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER – BUILDING LEASE: The Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare a lease agreement between Power County and the American Falls Community Youth Center Board for their lease of space at the American Legion Building which was just purchased by Power County. This matter was tabled until May 20th, 2002. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis suggested that the Commissioners come up with a new name for the American Legion Building. The Commissioners agreed to refer to the building as 500 Pocatello Avenue until a name could be agreed upon.

IDAHO FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM: The Commissioners reviewed the guidelines requiring re-documentation of eligibility for participation in the Idaho Federal Surplus Property program. Surplus property is defined as property belonging to the federal government, which has gone through the federal agency screening cycle, and is excess to all federal needs. Idaho Statutes authorize the State agency to receive, warehouse and distribute surplus property in accordance with federal laws and regulations. The Commissioners then completed and signed the required paperwork to be submitted for re-documentation. The paperwork will now be returned to the Idaho Bureau of Federal Surplus Property, along with a copy of Power County's most recent annual financial report.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Commissioners reviewed the Order for Cancellation of Taxes prepared by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes as presented. Carried.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk