

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 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 Hoybjerg, to approve the claims as presented and supplemented. Carried.

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 4,504.33
Ambulance	1,348.46
District Court	544.57
Justice	4,879.41
Indigent	1,316.10
Solid Waste	9,580.86
Weeds	2.38
Waterways	800.96

FMC/ASTARIS CLOSURE UPDATE: Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that she had been in contact with FMC/Astaris Plant Manager Paul Yocum. Mr. Yocum and other FMC/Astaris executives are aggressively pursuing a buy-out of the FMC/Astaris facility and real property in Eastern Power County, which would also require a cooperative working relationship with the Bannock Shoshone Tribes. The Commissioners agreed that they should be kept informed of any potential purchase of the FMC/Astaris property. Commissioner Hoybjerg also reported that Power County Assessor Doug Glascock and FMC/Astaris have agreed on the assessment value of the facility for the next two years.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER – LEASE AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Lease Agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Center prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the lease agreement as presented. Carried. Commissioner Estep reported that there had been water leaking into the basement of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue. Commissioner Estep arranged for the Sheriff's office SCILD crew to pull up the old, wet carpet downstairs. Commissioner Chapman presented the different quotes for window replacement at the building. The Commissioners agreed they would like to do a walk through of the building with a representative from Yellowstone Glass to discuss which style of windows would be installed prior to accepting or rejecting any quotes. Commissioner Chapman will contact Yellowstone Glass and arrange a time for the walk through. Commissioner Estep will contact Architect Jerry Meyers and electrician Pete Ramsey.

JULY COMMISSIONER AGENDA: Following discussion and a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet on July on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP: John Wood and Paul O'Neal of Energy Development Group appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed American Falls Energy Center, a 600-megawatt power plant that they would like to construct South of the City of American Falls. The Commissioners advised Mr. Wood to contact Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles and the Power County Planning & Zoning Board. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis expressed his desire for special Planning & Zoning attorney Jerry Mason to act as lead attorney on Energy Development Group's application for a special use permit.

DISASTER SERVICES – LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL (LEPC): Commissioner Chapman reported that she attended the latest LEPC meeting. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2002. The LEPC board continues to work towards the impromptu disaster exercise.

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

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 discussing potential litigation. Carried.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Power County Commissioners met as the Power County Board of Equalization at 1:30 o'clock p.m. Power County Assessor Douglas Glascock appeared before the Board of Equalization to present the Notice of Appeal from Edge Wireless, LLC. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table this matter until Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002. The Power County Board of Equalization then recessed.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO – COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE: Rosanna Campbell, Parent Educator for the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service, appeared before the Commissioners. Ms. Campbell is attempting to obtain grant funding from the State of Idaho; however, she will need to have a commitment to provide \$500 in matching funds in order to be eligible for the Governor's "Parents as Teachers" program grant. The Commissioners agreed to commit \$250 to be paid from current expense general (miscellaneous).

AIRPORT – SUNSET AVALATION: The Commissioners reviewed the letter Prosecuting Attorney Laggis sent to Sunset Aviation's attorney advising of the need for

Sunset Aviation to disclose any known chemical contamination prior to selling their property, even though the contamination was below reportable standards. Commissioner Hoybjerg posed the question of a need to develop a policy for chemical disposal at the Power County Airport. Prosecutor Laggis indicated that the Airport Board members might need to keep themselves apprised of any potential chemical contamination problems and report those to the regulatory agencies, i.e. EPA, Department of Agriculture. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis then suggested that the Commissioners discuss chemical contamination issues with a representative of the Department of Agriculture or EPA prior to enacting any enforcement ordinances for chemical disposal at the Power County Airport. The Commissioners agreed to support the development of a chemical disposal policy at the Power County Airport.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis requested Commissioner approval for him to use a portion of the deputy prosecuting attorney salary to increase his salary due to the extra work load as a result of his deputy prosecutor's recent resignation. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis agreed that Attorney Laggis' salary should be increased \$250 per pay period until a deputy prosecutor can be hired.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2002-17-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2002-17-I. Carried.

COUNTY ROAD SIGNS: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Sheriff's Office SCILD crew had installed all the County road signs needed at this time. Commissioner Estep will contact Dan McHargue and advise him that the County has no need for assistance in installing County road signs at this time.

WEEDS – SPRAYER EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk is looking at buying a weed sprayer. The cost of the sprayer (\$18,000) will be paid by a grant from the State of Idaho; however, there will be a requirement for matching County funds. The Commissioners agreed to table the discussion until Mr. Munk's fiscal year 2003 budget request hearing.

CLERK – CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht requested Commissioner approval to purchase two personal computers for the Clerk's office, at a cost of \$957.09 each. The Commissioners reviewed the quote from Computer Arts, Inc., and granted Clerk Steinlicht's request for the capital equipment purchases.

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

EXTENSION OFFICE – HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes to install a new furnace and central air conditioning in the Power County Extension Office adjacent to the Power County Courthouse. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to accept the quote from Brower Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$4,400 for the installation of a new furnace and air conditioning at the Power County Extension Office. Carried.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hospital's Financial Packet for the period ending May, 2002. Also present was Harms Memorial Hospital's financial officer Sandi Licause. Mr. Brummond then presented a diagram of the modular structure they purchased from the American Falls School District. The Commissioners and Mr. Brummond discussed the Hospital's intention to place the modular structure on Southeast corner of the County's property. The modular structure will be adapted for use as a physical therapy center.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk