

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 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.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his quarterly Building Activity Report. Mr. Wiles then advised the Commissioners of the State compliance problems at the Rockland School gymnasium construction site. Rockland School Superintendent Jim Woodworth also appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that they intend to address the State compliance issues. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would visit the construction site and the Commissioners expressed their commitment to assist Mr. Woodworth in any way to obtain State compliance. The Commissioners and Mr. Wiles discussed the Building Planning Conference to be held in Moscow, Idaho, later this week. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Mr. Wiles to use the County vehicle to drive to the Planning Conference rather than fly; however, because of the extra time and expense of driving versus flying, Mr. Wiles agreed to use compensatory and vacation hours. The Commissioners and Mr. Wiles sign the Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the travel agreement. The Commissioners then authorized Mr. Wiles to take his wife with him in the County vehicle to the Planning Conference in Moscow. The Commissioners then reached City Building Administrator Jeff Nelson by telephone to discuss the possibility of Mr. Nelson covering for Mr. Wiles when he is out of town. Mr. Nelson indicated that any agreement to trade Building Administrator Services between Power County and the City of American Falls would need to be approved by the Mayor.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected Officials Meeting were Commissioners Ken Estep, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet Chapman, Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht, Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis and Power County Assessor Douglas Glascock.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (IAC) ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Commissioner Hoybjerg made a report to the Power County Elected Officials on the Idaho Association of Counties Annual Conference held last week in Moscow, Idaho.

BLAINE COUNTY VS. STATE LAND BOARD: The Power County Elected Officials discussed the pending issues pending in Blaine County vs. State Land Board. Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that the Idaho Association of Counties' Board of Directors has agreed to submit an amicus brief supporting Blaine County's position.

Prosecuting Attorney Laggis then advised the elected officials that he had discussed these issues with Idaho Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Wasden as well as with attorney general candidate Keith Roark.

DOUBLE L MANUFACTURING – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES: Steve Coates of Double L Manufacturing appeared before the Commissioners to advise that he and completed Double L's personal property inventory for the Power County Assessor's Office. Also present was Power County Deputy Assessor Mary Annen and Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Deputy Assessor Annen and Mr. Coates agreed that the updated and current personal property list would adjust the value enough to warrant a cancellation of personal property taxes. Treasurer Mauch suggested that the penalty and interest not be cancelled, since it was Double L simply failed and refused to submit timely personal property reports over the last five years. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Order for cancellation of taxes in the amount \$7,516.63, which is the personal property taxes owing from Double L Manufacturing Company. Carried. Mr. Coates agreed to pay the balance owing \$13,050.15, which includes all interest and penalty payments, on or before Friday, September 27, 2002. The Commissioners then requested that the Power County Assessor complete a reappraisal of the Double L Manufacturing real and personal property prior to the next tax drive.

KIMIKO CAMARA – PROPERTY DISPUTE: Mrs. Kimiko Camara appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the property and road access disputes she has with her neighbor Morris Lehman. Following discussion, Power County Prosecuting Attorney Laggis instructed Mrs. Camara to contact the Power County Highway District and her attorney to defend her private property rights. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis also suggested Mrs. Camara contact the Power County Sheriff when she has problems with trespassers on her property.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that the City of American Falls would take on the responsibility of placing a School Resource Officer at the American Falls School District. The Commissioners suggested that Prosecuting Attorney Laggis and Sheriff Sprague review the jurisdictional issues, as it appears that the American Falls Police Department does not have law enforcement jurisdiction in the area of the new high school since it is outside of the American Falls City limits.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Estep reported that Pete Anderson of the architectural firm Myers & Anderson had performed another walk through of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building last Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, after which Commissioner Estep discussed the renovation plans with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson indicated that he could draft a plan for heating/cooling and electrical for a flat fee of \$2,000. The Commissioners discussed the need for architectural services to install a heating/cooling system or update the electrical. The Commissioners then agreed that the architect could come up with the draft plans and specifications to follow when the electrical and heating/cooling system upgrades are called up for bid. Commissioner

Estep will contact Mr. Anderson and request that he go ahead with the electrical and heating specifications and set a date specific to get those accomplished.

NEW KNOWLEDGE ADVENTURES (SHOREBIRD WATCHING) – POWER COUNTY ORDINANCES: Chuck Trost and Marty Collar of New Knowledge Adventures appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the shorebird populations in Power County both on and around the reservoir and along the Snake River just below the American Falls Dam. New Knowledge Adventures is a bird watching organization with hundreds of members who frequently visit Power County to view the unique migration area on the river just below the dam. The group is requesting that the Commissioners consider adopting an ordinance banning game bird hunting on the Snake River less than a mile below the American Falls dam from October 1<sup>st</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup> each year to allow the birders to view the area without disrupting the birds. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis will investigate the ability of the County Commissioners to pass such an ordinance and the possible enforcement problems if it were adopted.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – KITCHEN REMODEL/EXPANSION: Architect Ken Douglass and Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to again discuss the remodel and expansion of the kitchen at the Power County Jail. Mr. Douglass presented his floor plan drawing and requested that the Commissioners allow him to obtain bids to complete the project. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Architect Douglass to go ahead and obtain bids. This matter was tabled until October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: The Commissioners reviewed Power County Court Services Officer Max Sprague's written request for additional security cameras at the Power County Courthouse, along with first aid kits for the Courthouse and emergency radios for the probation office. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table discussion on the requests until they can discuss these matters directly with Mr. Sprague.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to again discuss the County's medical insurance benefit plan for Power County employees. Following discussion and a review of the options presented by Mr. Seamons, the Commissioners agreed on a plan for the new plan year beginning October 1, 2002. Mr. Seamons will send the amended plan documents to the Commissioners for their signature.

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

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 48,689.81
Ambulance	3,157.10
District Court	8,641.32
Justice Fund	23,154.11
Indigent	2,564.19
Revaluation	1,597.95

Solid Waste	25,109.25
Weeds	25,307.18
Waterways	810.34
PILT	3,678.73

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST – PILT TRANSFER: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to transfer \$60,000 from PILT to the Power County Employee Medical Benefit Trust on October 1, 2002. Carried.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STENLICHT, Clerk