

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 25, 2002. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 6,387.69
Ambulance	4,844.74
District Court	1,367.34
Justice Fund	20,985.33
Indigent	93.84
Revaluation	279.39
Solid Waste	6,026.39
Weeds	3,883.15
Waterways	639.59
PILT	116.29

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION: Ethel L. Taggart appeared before the Commissioners to discuss her application for a hardship exemption pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Also present was Deputy Assessor Elna Neu. Mrs. Taggart is requested that the Commissioners cancel \$677.92 owing on parcel #RPA0981-00 due to extreme financial hardship. Following discussion and a review of Mrs. Taggart's financial information, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Ethel L. Taggart's application for hardship exemption in the amount of \$677.92. Carried.

ENHANCED 911 – DISPATCH TELEPHONE: The Commissioners discussed the interface problems between the enhanced 911 equipment purchased through Clark Radio and the telephone equipment purchased through ESCI Executone. Following a detailed investigation of the source of the interface problems, Paul Clark of Clark Radio determined that the problem was insufficient voltage. To correct the problem, Clark Radio installed a voltage card to increase the voltage from 24 to 48 volts.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Commissioners reviewed the menu and costs for the County Christmas Party to be held at Melody Lanes & Café on Friday, December 6, 2002. The buffet includes all you can eat roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls, desert, and a drink for \$8.95 per person, or \$895.00 (100 people). The

County will also be charged a gratuity of \$134.25 and \$180.00 for use of the bowling facilities.

IDAHO REVIVERS OF NOSTALGIA (IRON) – FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBIT: Jim Halderson and Jack Goodyear from the Idaho Revivers of Nostalgia Branch #7 appeared before the Commissioners to discuss their efforts to preserve and restore machinery of common use from our past. The type and age of the machinery range from horse drawn units to tractors that were manufactured in the 1950's. Mr. Halderson requested that IRON be allowed to exhibit an antique sawmill machine from the Panther Creek area near Challis at the Power County Fairgrounds. The Commissioners suggested that the IRON group attend the next meeting of the Power County Fairboard; however, Commissioner Estep indicated that he would also discuss this matter with various Fairboard members.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO – EXTENSION OFFICE EVALUATION FORM: The Commissioners each received and completed their annual evaluation form for the Extension County Chair Stan Gortsema. The original evaluations will be returned to Dr. James Schaffer, University of Idaho Research District Director.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to vote for Gilbert Hofmeister to serve as a Board Member on the Farm Service Agency Board. Carried. The voted ballot will be returned to the Farm Service Agency.

COMMUNITY BUILDING – FAIRGROUNDS: Power County Fairboard Chairman Bill Schroeder appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the loan from Power County to construct a lift station for the sewer and water lines at the fairgrounds. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to lend the Power County Fairboard \$15,000, with interest to accrue at the rate equivalent to the State Pool investment rate, and to be paid back to Power County over a five year period. Carried. Power County Attorney Paul Laggis will draft a formal written agreement for repayment of the loan.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners with a copy of his International Certification Examination result showing that Mr. Wiles has received the ICBO designation. The Commissioners and Mr. Wiles then discussed the agreement for compensatory and vacation time to be reported by Mr. Wiles for a portion of the time he spent in California to obtain the ICBO certification.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT (FITCH LEASE): Todd Fitch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the damage done to Mr. Fitch's property in the Mink Creek area by snow machines. Also present was Steve Lusk from the Power County Highway Department and David Sleight from the U. S. Forest Service. The Commissioners advised Mr. Sleight that there remains \$9,675 in the Power County

Auditor's Trust Account to be used by the U. S. Forest Service to construct and maintain the parking lot area at Crystal Summit. Following discussion, Mr. Sleight signed an authorization for Power County to expend up to \$9,675.00 of Forest Service funds from the County Auditor's Trust Account (#91-01-089-00) to construct a fence along the Crystal Summit Parking lot for safety and resource protection. Mr. Fitch then presented the Commissioners with several photos showing the damage done to his property by snowmobilers and requested that a fence also be constructed along his leased property which is owned by Power County to restrict access. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that Power County should supervise the construction of any fence built along that property, which fence would need to be completely visible to any snowmobilers, along with reflectors and signs. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to assist with the construction of a barrel fence along the property leased by Mr. Fitch, by purchasing the 200 barrels needed from PILT recreation funds. Mr. Lusk of the Power County Highway District will oversee the construction of the fence and submit a claim to Power County for the cost of the 200 barrels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): 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 application. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-03-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to deny indigent medical application #2003-03-I since applicant has other resources to payment of the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-01-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to deny indigent medical application #2003-01-I since the application was processed as incomplete. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – QUARTERLY REPORT: Lisa Henson, Shannon Johnson and Craig Madsen of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the District's Quarterly report.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: Bob Schreiber from the American Falls Youth Center Board appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the renovation progress. The Commissioners advised Mr. Schreiber that they had received one quote for electrical repairs needed; however, they will attempt to obtain additional bids prior to making an award. Mr. Schreiber indicated that he would follow up with Les Howell d/b/a Howell Plumbing on the plumbing quote. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to have Yellowstone Glass install additional windows in the Youth Center area where the American Legion had the bar so that the area will be more well lit, upon the condition that the windows can be installed without damage to the brick. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/PARENT PROJECT – FACILITATOR TRAINING: Power County Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd appeared before the Commissioners to discuss her request for additional parent project facilitator training.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow four additional facilitators to be trained, with all costs of training to be paid from tobacco tax funds.

IDAHO COUNTIES RECIPROCAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ICRMP) – BOARD ELECTION: Moved by commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to vote for Oneida County Commissioner Jerry Bush to serve as District V Representative to the ICRMP Board, and to vote for Canyon County Commissioner Todd Lakey to serve as Member-At-Large on the ICRMP Board. Carried.

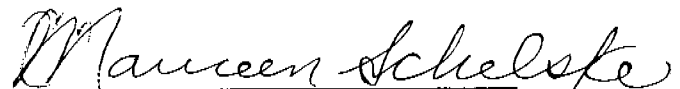
WEEDS – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (AMENDED): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to accept the amended BLM Assistance Agreement as presented. Carried.

CATASTOPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM – REGION V REPRESENTATIVE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to vote for Caribou County Commissioner Bruce Dredge to represent Region V on the State Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program Board. Carried.

JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners then conducted their quarterly jail inspection of the Power County Jail facility.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


MAUREEN SCHELSKE, Deputy