

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 9th, 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 Chapman, to approve the Minutes for November 8th and 25th, 2002, as presented. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – ARCHITECT AGREEMENT (MYERS & ANDERSON): Commissioner Estep reported that he had received the American Legion Building Report from Architects Myers & Anderson. Commissioner Hoybjerg and Commissioner Chapman suggested that they be allowed to review the details of the Agreement prior to further discussion. This matter was tabled until December 23, 2002.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER – 500 POCATELLO AVENUE (RENOVATIONS): American Falls Youth Center Board members Bob Schreiber, Jim Chapman, Art Meadows and Gerald Fehringer appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the renovation progress at 500 Pocatello Avenue. The Commissioners reviewed the quote received from Howell Plumbing to upgrade the plumbing in the Youth Center portion of the building, which totaled \$5,848.83. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the quote from Howell Plumbing as submitted. Carried. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to authorize Les Howell d/b/a Howell Plumbing to go ahead with the plumbing upgrade of the restrooms, kitchen and drinking fountain in the upstairs portion of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue. Carried. Commissioner Estep reported that Kirk Stroschein d/b/a Stro's Electric had indicated that he is not interested in submitting a bid for the electrical at the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Commissioner Estep is still attempting to reach S&J Electric prior to awarding an electrical bid.

CHRISTMAS EVE – COURTHOUSE CLOSURE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to authorize closure of the Courthouse and Extension/Weed offices at 12:00 noon on December 24th, 2002. Carried.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 29,361.89
Ambulance	3,059.28
District Court	7,544.10

Justice	27,305.19
Indigent	575.84
Revaluation	2,531.24
Solid Waste	4,668.32
Weeds	1,182.80
PILT	998.20

COMMISSIONER OFFICE – RECORDER REPAIR: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the recording device in the Commissioners’ Chambers needed to be either repaired or replaced. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to repair the existing equipment.

COUNTY CREDIT CARDS: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize each department to get a separate credit card account for their office, with the actual cards to be held by Clerk and “checked out” as needed. Carried.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN AMENDMENTS – SEMONS FINANCIAL: The Commissioners reviewed and signed Amendment #8 to the Power County Employee Benefit Trust Master Plan prepared by Mark Semons of Seamons Financial, setting forth the changes to the County’s plan effective January 1, 2003.

TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-602(B): Templo Emanuel Pastor Eduardo Del Palacios and church member Miguel Orozco appeared before the Commissioners to request that Council of Assemblies of God d/b/a Templo Emanuel be granted property tax exemption status as a religious corporation or society under I.C. #63-602(B). Upon review of the evidence submitted, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman to grant the property tax exemption application of Council of Assemblies of God d/b/a Templo Emanuel since applicant is exempt from property taxes pursuant to I.C. #63-602(B) and to remove applicant from the Power County Property Tax Rolls; and, further, that the property taxes owing in the amount of \$362.90 be cancelled. Carried.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711) – DAVID RUFF: David Ruff appeared before the Commissioners and presented his Application for Hardship Exemption pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Also present was Power County Deputy Assessor Elna Neu. Mr. Ruff indicated that all property taxes owing had been paid and requested that the hardship exemption application be withdrawn.

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 indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to deny indigent medical application #2002-05-I, since

applicant has other resources available for payment of the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ORDINANCE #2002-05 – FIREARMS REGULATION BELOW DAM: The Commissioners reviewed proposed Power County Ordinance #2002-05 prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, regulating the use of firearms below the American Falls Dam. The Commissioners scheduled a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance for Monday, January 27th, 2003, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Clerk Steinlicht will submit a Notice of Publication and the proposed Ordinance to the Power County Press for publication prior to the Public Hearing.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PUMP STATION – FAIRBOARD AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with the Promissory Note to be signed by the Power County Fairboard incorporating the terms of the agreement previously approved between Power County and the Power County Fairboard. The Promissory Note will be referred to the Power County Fairboard for their review, which requires \$15,000 to be paid back to Power County over a five-year period.

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCES – TRANSFER STATION INSPECTION: Senior Geologist Rich Galluci, Senior Engineer John Wells and Engineer Jay Williams of Cascade Earth Sciences appeared before the Commissioners to address the water run-off concerns at the Power County Transfer Station. Also present was Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward. The issue of concern is possible groundwater contamination from run-off water on the Transfer Station floor. Mr. Galluci indicated that the run-off water on the floor needs to be contained to keep it from running onto any grassy areas. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to adjourn the meeting and accompany Mr. Galluci on a physical inspection of the Power County Transfer Station.

Mr. Galluci also presented to the Commissioners the new contract for Cascade Earth Sciences. They will review it and discuss this at the Commissioners Meeting on December 23. Everyone from Cascade Earth Sciences, Craig Heward, and the Commissioners went out to the Transfer Station for an inspection after the Commissioners Meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk