

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2003. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Vicki L. Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

FMC SITE COMMITTEE – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that he recently attended another meeting of the FMC Site Committee to discuss industrial development possibilities on the FMC/Astaris site. Commissioners Estep reported that it appears unlikely that a consensus between the committee members will be reached during the next four or five months. The Commissioners agreed that in the meantime, any parties interesting in utilizing the FMC site would also be made aware of the other heavy industrial zones in Power County.

AMERICAN FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Linda Campbell of the American Falls Economic Development Board appeared before the Commissioners to discuss their economic development efforts in American Falls and Power County. Commissioners and Ms. Campbell discussed the Commissioners concerns with HB 1090 dealing with Port Authority legislation. The Commissioners advised Ms. Campbell that they are concerned about Power County's ability to regulate and tax any business in Power County that also ended up within a multiple County Authority Port District. Ms. Campbell then advised the Commissioners that she will be maintaining an office in the City of American Falls building and will have a separate telephone line specifically for economic development inquiries. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Linda Campbell as the County's official representative to the regional meeting of the Idaho Economic Development Council on March 4th, 2003, in Idaho Falls. Carried. Ms. Campbell indicated that she would report back to the Power County Commissioners following the March 4th meeting. Commissioner Meadows then reported that an Economic Development Forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th, 2003, at 6:15 o'clock p.m. at Melody Lanes & Café.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS: Sixth District Liaison Bill Lasley of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Juvenile Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley. Mr. Lasley advised Clerk Steinlicht and Mr. Wheatley to submit all future Block and Tobacco Tax reports to his office instead of sending those to the State Department of Juvenile Corrections. Mr. Lasley advised the Commissioners that all previous financial and progress reports have been accurately completed and submitted by Power County in a timely manner. Mr. Lasley then advised the Commissioners that the State of Idaho has

issued another holdback on State funds; however, the Department of Juvenile Corrections is asking Governor Kempthorne to exempt Counties from those holdbacks. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis expressed his concerns with the State cutting juvenile money to the Counties. Mr. Lasley and the Commissioners then discussed statistical information for Juvenile Justice within Power County.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2002: Independent Auditor Scott Jones of the firm Jones, Yost, Hatt, Erickson, P.A., appeared before the Commissioners to present his General Purpose Financial Statements and other financial information for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to accept and approve the audit report for the period ending September 30, 2002, as presented. Carried.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2003-09-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2003-09-I, since applicant has sufficient resources to pay the medical expenses incurred over a three year period. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – ARCHITECTURAL ESTIMATES: Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners to present his cost estimates for renovation of the lower floor (Youth Center), which totaled \$46,334.00, and the second floor (museum), which totaled \$47,896.79; however, Mr. Douglass has been unable put together a structural analysis and indicated that he would contact Eagle Engineering, a structural engineering firm, to assist him in determining any required structural renovations at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Commissioner Meadows suggested that a group or board be put in place to work with Mr. Douglass in putting together a long-term goal for the building prior to developing specifications for phases of renovations. The Commissioners agreed that the group should consist of a Youth Center Board member, a Museum Board member, and three members from the community at large. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to establish a 500 Pocatello Avenue Renovation Board to work with Architect Ken Douglass to develop a long-term plan and specifications to complete the renovation project at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Carried.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2002: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht present the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. The Commissioners requested time to review the report and this matter was tabled until March 10, 2003.

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

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Ben Cavaness, Marge Glascock, Pat Callaghan and Rod Garner each to serve a one-year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2004). Carried. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Brenda Havlicak and Judy Wallace each to serve a two-year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2005). Carried.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Power County Board of Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to I. C. #63-501. There being no business to come before the Power County Board of Equalization, the Board recessed until March 24, 2003.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners with Tom Mullican and Dee Johnson of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to discuss the rules and regulations that went into effect in April 26, 2002. Mr. Mullican and Ms. Johnson indicated that they had reviewed the County's current Plan of Operation and feel that few changes will need to be made to the current plan. Ms. Johnson indicated that the only change she noted would be to include in the Plan of Operation a plan for documenting either the volume or weight of all solid waste being delivered to the area and indicated that periodic weighing to determine an average is acceptable. Mr. Mullican then indicated that a plan for composting should be included as well as a plan to collect any leachate water and then either heat and evaporate the collected water or haul it to the City's waste water treatment plant. Mr. Heward indicated that all excess water at the Transfer Station either evaporates naturally or gets sopped up with floor dry and pushed into the trailer, and Mr. Mullican indicated those were viable options which could be incorporated or explained in our updated Plan of Operation. Mr. Mullican indicated that Power County's amended Plan of Operation needs to be approved and adopted by April, 2004, with a five-year plan to complete any citing requirements.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER: American Falls Youth Center Board Members Art Meadows, Bob Schreiber and Jane Mehlhaff appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the progress at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Commissioners advised the Youth Center Board members of their earlier meeting with Architect Ken Douglass and their plan to put together a Board to work with Mr. Douglass in developing a long-term plan for renovation. Mr. Schreiber indicated that Gerald Fehringer would represent the Youth Center on the renovation board.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the claims as submitted, amended and supplemented. Carried.

General Fund	\$ 20,037.88
Ambulance	125.85
District Court	1,524.50

Justice Fund	8,736.29
Indigent	406.53
Revaluation	33.64
Solid Waste	13,217.40
Weeds	47.54
Waterways	133.03
PILT	12,931.69


INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board is in the process of adopting the International Building Code, which will then be referred to the Board of Power County Commissioners for final approval and implementation by the Power County Building Department.

JAIL EXPANSION/REMODEL: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Architect Ken Douglass had prepared the necessary specifications for remodeling of the kitchen and addition to the Power County law enforcement building, and an invitation to bid will be published in the March 12th and 19th Editions of the Power County Press. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on March 21st, 2003. Sealed bids will be opened by the Power County Commissioners and read aloud at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24th, 2003.

AIRPORT – LIABILITY TERRORISM COVERAGE: The Commissioners reviewed the memo from ICRMP advising Power County that ICRMP will be providing terrorism coverage for all operations of Power County except airport operations. Airport operations will be covered through a separate policy through Phoenix Aviation Managers, a broker for Old Republic Insurance Company for an additional \$5,000 premium. Following a review of the policyholder disclosure information on terrorism insurance coverage from Old Republic Insurance Company, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to elect to decline terrorism coverage at the American Falls Airport. Carried.

FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT – DECLARATION OF HOLDINGS: The Commissioners reviewed the 2003 Declaration of Public Entity's Landholdings. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Declaration of Public Entities Landholdings as presented. Carried. The completed form will be returned to Falls Irrigation District.

Adjourned.



 KEN ESTEP, Chairman



 CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk