

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2003. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for November 3rd and 17th, 2003, as presented. Carried.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK ACCRUAL CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the County's accrual register of compensatory time, vacation time and sick time being carried over to the new 2004 calendar year by each Power County employee. The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to send a memorandum to each County employee reminding them of the maximum accrual carry-overs allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. This matter was tabled until January 5, 2004, to again review the accrual register and take the necessary actions to bring all employees into compliance.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Estep reported that the American Falls Youth Center portion of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue is nearly completed. Commissioner Estep will contact Construction Supervisor Jim Harveston to discuss a date for the Youth Center to move into the building.

POCATELLO AIRPORT BOARD MEETING: Commissioner Estep reported that he would be attending the Pocatello Airport Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 12:00 noon at the Pocatello Municipal Airport.

AMERICAN FALLS AIRPORT – COURTESY VEHICLE AGREEMENT: The Commissioners contacted American Falls Airport Manager Gil Vasquez to discuss the Airport Courtesy Car Agreement between the State Department of Transportation and Power County, to provide the aerial visitor with the use of a courtesy vehicle for ground transportation between the American Falls Airport and the local business area. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Airport Courtesy Vehicle Agreement as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – FULL-TIME ATTORNEY AGREEMENT: Special Counsel Rob Naftz appeared before the Commissioners to present the final draft of the Agreement between the Power County Board of Commissioners and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis for full-time

prosecuting attorney services. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Full-Time Prosecuting Attorney Agreement as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to report that Power County has been awarded approximately \$129,000 in Homeland Security first responder grant funds, which will be held in Trust by the State of Idaho for the benefit of Power County and paid to vendors directly upon request of Power County. Mr. Love advised the Commissioners that Federal Law requires Power County to designate a County agency to coordinate purchases between the Power County Taxing Districts and the State of Idaho and to keep an updated and accurate inventory of any hazardous materials response equipment purchased under the grant. The designated agency will also be responsible to insure that all hazardous response personnel meet the minimum standards for training. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Mr. Love agreed that the Power County Search & Rescue would be the appropriate agency to designate. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter with Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Search & Rescue Director Pete Williams.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Fire Mitigation Plan is proceeding as expected; however, Dynamac Corporation may need until the end of January, 2004, to complete the Plan since they need additional time to obtain vital information from Idaho State University. Commissioner Zimmerman reported that, according to Jim Melton of Dynamac Corporation, additional public hearings in the Eastern Power County or Pleasant Valley areas could further delay the completion date. The Commissioners and Mr. Love agreed that additional meetings in Rockland and Arbon Valley will need to be scheduled, with an additional meeting in Eastern Power County, possibly at the National Weather Service Building or the Pocatello Municipal Airport. Mr. Love will advise the Commissioners once those meetings have been scheduled.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – TRI-COUNTY/TRIBAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Tri-County/Tribal Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Love is expecting a call from Wes Jones at Emergency Response Solutions advising him when and where the signing ceremony will take place. Mr. Love will advise the Commissioners once that meeting has been scheduled.

CHRISTMAS EVE COURTHOUSE CLOSURE: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize closure of the Power County Courthouse and related offices on Wednesday, December 24, 2003, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. Carried.

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

General	\$ 47,909.78
Ambulance	5,968.02
District Court	5,175.16
Justice Fund	31,844.89
Indigent	14,195.84
Revaluation	300.00
Solid Waste	8,668.61
Weeds	4,090.51
Waterways	247.32
PILT	1,279.58

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – YOUTH CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented a draft Lease Agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Center to lease of a portion of the County's building located at 500 Pocatello Avenue. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Lease Agreement from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, as presented. Carried. The original Youth Center Lease will be submitted to the Youth Center Board for their review and approval.

JANUARY, 2004, COMMISSIONER AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet on January 5th, 12th and 26th, 2004.

DOUBLE L MANUFACTURING – TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch reported that Double L Manufacturing had reviewed and accepted the Penalty and Interest Forgiveness Agreement.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: Commissioner Estep reported that the Planning & Zoning Board will be meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., after which they will submit a proposed Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Ordinance to the Board of Power County Commissioners for their consideration. This matter was tabled until December 15, 2003.

WESTERN BENEFITS SOLUTION – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS: John Guston of Western Benefits Solutions appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposed medical, dental and vision plan for Power County employees. The Commissioners advised Mr. Guston that they would review his proposal and this matter was tabled until December 15, 2003.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT: Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners and presented a copy of draft legislation that would amend Idaho Code #22-2401. Mr. Munk also presented the

Commissioners with a copy of the Philosophy of Designated Special Management Zones that he received from former State Weed Controller Lowell Vance. Commissioner Estep reported that he and Mr. Munk had recently met with the Farm Service Agency Board regarding weed enforcement proceedings on the Merrill Walker property. This matter was tabled until December 15, 2003.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk