

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2004. 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.

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

General	\$ 21,772.78
Ambulance	715.44
District Court	5,827.34
Justice	51,864.68
Indigent	345.53
Revaluation	16,650.00
Solid Waste	3,183.14
Weeds	998.36
Waterways	100.26
PILT	12,571.90

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: The Commissioners will prepare a list of the repairs and finishing work that needs to be completed in the Youth Center portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Commissioner Estep will contact the building contractors once the list has been prepared and request that they return to finish the work.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Annen appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of applicant Doris Rast to request that all outstanding 2002 and 2003 taxes, fees, penalty and interest owing on the Rast property, parcel #RPA1109-0A in the amount of \$2,195.64, be forgiven pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Upon a review of the evidence and testimony presented, the Commissioners agreed that this applicant should be referred to the Power County Guardianship Board. This matter was taken under advisement until January 26th, 2004.

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 #2001-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to release Power County's medical indigent lien on Case #2001-05-I upon receipt of \$5,000 as payment in full. Carried.

AIRPORT BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Klaren Koopin and Will Rowe each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Airport Board (January, 2007). Carried.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Marge Glascock to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2007). Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: The Commissioners agreed that they would like to schedule a work session with public input to discuss the Planning & Zoning Board's proposed CAFO ordinance prior to holding a formal public hearing. This matter was tabled until January 26th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to amend section II(5) of the Power County Personnel Manual which defines exempt employees, to reclassify the Prosecuting Attorney's secretarial staff. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – DISASTER DECLARATION: The Commissioners reviewed the Disaster Declaration issued on December 29th, 2003. The nature of emergency was the occurrence and imminent threat of injury and loss of property arising from heavy snow accumulations accompanied by severe blowing and drifting, causing road closures and stranded motorists in Power County. The Commissioners agreed that the state of emergency continues to exist and the Disaster Declaration continues to remain in effect. This matter was tabled until February 23rd, 2004.

ENHANCED 911 DISPATCH UPGRADE: The Commissioners reached Paul Clark of Clark Radio by telephone to discuss the proposals he submitted for upgrading the Enhanced 911 Dispatch Center at the Power County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Clark agreed to meet personally with the Commissioners on Monday, January 26th, 2004, and this matter was tabled until that time.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: The Commissioners then attended a luncheon meeting with the Fort Hall Business Council, at which time the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Power County was signed by both entities. The first quarterly meeting of the group has been scheduled for Monday, January 26th, 2004, at 9:00 a.m.

VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS – HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUILDING: Jack Wahl of Vocational Pathways, a non-profit organization, appeared before the

Commissioners to discuss the possibility of converting the Harms Memorial Hospital building into an alcohol and drug abuse treatment center in the event the Hospital relocates to a different facility. Mr. Wahl indicated that Vocation Pathways would be interested in either a lease arrangement on the building or an outright purchase. Mr. Wahl indicated that the center would be a long-term inpatient treatment facility and estimates the payroll benefits to the American Falls and Power County area would be approximately one million dollars annually. The Commissioners agreed that they would be interesting in looking into any available options for use of the facility in the event Harms Memorial Hospital vacates the building; however, Harms Memorial Hospital District will continue to have first priority to lease the premises.

POWER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe and Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss juvenile probation efforts and related family intervention programs being utilized in Power County.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk