

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 26th, 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.

ENHANCED 911 – DISPATCH UPGRADE: Paul Clark of Clark Radio Electronics appeared before the Commissioners and presented two proposals for the Commissioners review. The first proposal, in the amount of \$16,799, would add a third enhanced 911 dispatch station at the Power County Sheriff's Office. The second proposal, in the amount of \$26,964, would allow the Sheriff's Office to keep extra enhanced 911 modules and parts on hand, which could eliminate down time in the event of a malfunction. Sheriff Sprague advised the Commissioners that a third dispatch center is not a necessity at this time and that in the event of equipment malfunction, Power County is able to switch over to the Bannock County Dispatch Center until extra parts could be shipped. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reject the proposals submitted by Clark Radio Electronics to upgrade the enhanced 911 dispatch center. Carried.

DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to report on his recent meeting with the Tri-County Sheriffs Association. Sheriff Sprague indicated that the Association has applied for a grant through the Federal Office of Homeland Security to improve communications between all Southeastern Idaho agencies and entities in the event of a disaster. Sheriff Sprague indicated that he has appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries to administer all Homeland Security Grants obtained by the Sheriff's Office. The Commissioners then agreed that the Power County Sheriff's Office should likewise be appointed as the County agency designated to administer the Homeland Security grant recently awarded to Power County in the amount of \$129,000. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that he would discuss the agency appointment with Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that he has issued official deputy cards to the Power County Probation Officers Russ Wheatley, Max Sprague, Connie Shepherd and Inez Bingham; accordingly, those employees could begin working a twenty-eight (28) day work period under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the 207(k) exemption. The Commissioners reviewed the Bailiff Agreement between the Power County Commissioners, the Sixth District Administrative Judge and the Power County Sheriff, as well as the Attorney General's Opinion on the subject of the FLSA 207(k) exemption. The Commissioners then contacted the Public Employees Retirement System

of Idaho Regional Supervisor Roger Bartlett by telephone to discuss PERSI rates for probation officers holding deputy cards. Mr. Bartlett indicated that since the Power County Probation Officers, regardless of their deputy status or POST certification, would serve primarily as probation officers rather than law enforcement officers and would not be eligible for the higher PERSI rates. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present the Building Department's permit collections report for December, 2003, along with the Annual Report for the calendar year 2003.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT: Power County Deputy Sheriff Fred Harms appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the School Resource Officer Byrne Grant. Mr. Harms indicated that the Byrne Grant will expire on September 30, 2004; however, the Sheriff's Office intends to reapply for Byrne Grant funds for a School Resource Office, and will also apply for a Federal "Cops In School" Grant. Mr. Harms indicated that the school district has expressed a willingness to pay up to \$24,000 towards the School Resource Officer program in the event no grant funding can be secured. The Commissioners agreed to address this matter during the fiscal year 2005 budget process.

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

General	\$ 6,635.39
Ambulance	2,202.96
District Court	1,831.13
Justice Fund	4,708.75
Indigent	741.83
Revaluation	35.39
Solid Waste	12,026.67
Weeds	80.38
Waterways	3.46
PILT	9,906.39

DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that he would contact Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love to discuss the status of the Fire Mitigation Plan being prepared by Dynamac Corporation. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Commissioner Meadows reported that the family of Applicant Doris Rast would like to meet with the Commissioners the afternoon of Monday, February 23rd, 2004. This matter was tabled until February 23rd, 2004.

STORM WATER RUNOFF PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet with the Power County Commissioners at the next meeting of the Power County Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 9th, 2004, to discuss the Storm Water runoff plan. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Roger Whitnah, Ivan Permann and Debbie Tiede appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of the Power Soil Conservation District. Mr. Whitnah presented the Soil Conservation District's annual report (July, 2002, through June, 2003). Mr. Whitnah then requested that the Commissioners submit their letter of intent to fund the Power County Soil Conservation District for their 2006 fiscal year, which letter needs to be provided prior to April 1, 2004. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to submit a letter of intent to provide the Power Soil Conservation District \$4,000 from Power County's fiscal year 2005 budget. Carried.

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Power County will be required to comply with GASB Statement #34 on all financial and audit reports for fiscal year 2004; accordingly, the Commissioners would need set a capitalization limit and depreciate general fixed assets. Clerk Steinlicht indicated that she and the County's independent auditor, Scott Jones, had agreed that \$5,000 would be an appropriate capitalization limit for Power County. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to establish \$5,000 as the Power County capitalization limit under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: The Commissioners contacted Planning & Zoning Attorney Jerry Mason by telephone to discuss the Commissioners ability to hold public work sessions prior to the formal public hearing on the Planning & Zoning Board's CAFO Ordinance. Mr. Mason indicated that any work session should be properly posted pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho open meeting laws. The Commissioners agreed to schedule a work session on the proposed CAFO Ordinance with the Planning & Zoning Board on Monday, February 9th, 2004, at which time public comment will be accepted by Commissioner invitation only.

WEEDS – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Amendment of Request for Application/Modification of Assistance Agreement #DAA000205 between Power County and the Bureau of Land Management as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE – DRUG COURT: Power County Drug Court Coordinator Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to present the Power County Drug Court statistical information for 2003. Mr. Sprague indicated that he

is applying for Drug Court enhancement grants to continue funding the program. The Commissioners advised Mr. Sprague that funding issues would be addressed further during the fiscal year 2005 budget process.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK ACCRUAL CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation time, compensatory time and sick time being carried over to calendar year 2004 by each County employee. Following discussion and a review of Section B(5), C(1)(d) and C(2)(d) of the Power County Personnel Manual, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reduce vacation and sick accrual balanced on all employees to the maximum carry-over allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will make the necessary adjustments and advise each employee accordingly.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD – BY-LAWS: The Commissioner reviewed the Power County Economic Development Board By-laws furnished by Power County Economic Development Board Chairman Kent Rudeen. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he had sent a copy to Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) to determine whether the Power County Economic Development Board would be covered under Power County's liability policy through ICRMP. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY PRECINCT POLLING PLACES (I.C. #34-301): Pursuant to I.C. #34-302, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to designate the following Power County Precinct Polling places for the 2004 Primary and General Elections:

- Power County Precinct #1 – Power County Emergency Services Building
- Power County Precinct #2 – Hillcrest Elementary School
- Power County Precinct #3 – William Thomas Middle School
- Power County Precinct #4 – Rockland City Hall
- Power County Precinct #5 – Arbon School
- Power County Precinct #6 – Pocatello Municipal Airport
- Power County Precinct #7 (Absentee) – Power County Courthouse

Carried.

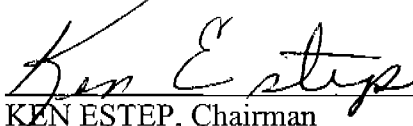
EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up legal issues. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: The Commissioners reviewed the architectural information prepared by Ernest J. Lombard at the request of Max Newlin, Chairman of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Renovation Board, for renovation of the museum portion of the building, along with Mr. Lombard's statement in the amount of \$200.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table this matter until February 9th, 2004.

SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBES – FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT): The Commissioners recessed to attend a meeting with the Fort Hall Business Council to discuss economic development opportunities within the common boundaries of Power County and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEENLICHT, Clerk