

## POWER COUNY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep and Vicki Meadows. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

GEM PLAN – STATE-WIDE COUNTY EMPLOYEE GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS: Teton County Commissioner Ron Ramirez and Mutual Insurance Agent Grayden Staley appeared before the Commissioners to promote the Gem Plan, which is a self-funded employee group medical insurance plan available to County governments in the State of Idaho. Mr. Ramirez advised the Commissioners that 15 of Idaho's 44 counties are currently participating in the Gem Plan. Mr. Ramirez requested that the Commissioners schedule a benefits meeting for all Power County employees, at which time a representative of the Gem Plan would be available to obtain enrollment information from employees and to answer any questions. Following a review of the employees' enrollment information, the Gem Plan could provide the Commissioners with an estimated rate for Power County to participate in the program. The Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

SEMONS FINANCIAL – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS (PLAN RENEWAL): Mark Semons of Semons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to discuss renewal options on Power County's self-funded employee medical insurance benefits plan. At the outset, the Commissioners reviewed the Regence Blue Shield Fully Insured Option Comparison that showed a significant cost savings over the County's self-insured renewal options. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table this matter until Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital District Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to again discuss the Hospital District's request to sublease the building to Idaho Health Care Facilities Authority and to enter into a Lease Agreement for the modular building property site, which would then allow the Hospital District to obtain a construction loan for a new clinic as set forth in Idaho Code #39-1441 et seq., or in the alternative request that the Commissioners make a finding that the public's interest would best be served by Power County deeding the hospital building to the Hospital District, without compensation, pursuant to I.C. #31-808(9). Also present were Hospital Board Trustees Gary Tiede and Sheldon Kovarsky. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis suggested that the Commissioners, in determining public interest, protect the patrons of Power County and/or Harms Memorial Hospital District with regard to ownership of the building in the event of Hospital District insolvency. Mr. Brummond indicated that the Hospital Board would likewise need to review potential liability issues associated with the building prior to accepting ownership. The Commissioners agreed that the public should be involved in this transaction through publications in the Power County Press and public hearings. Mr. Brummond agreed to discuss this matter with the remaining Hospital District Trustees

and will then submit a written proposal to the Board of Power County Commissioners. This matter was tabled until September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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 RESOLUTION #2004-03 – POWER COUNTY AIRPORT GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2004-03 accepting the grant offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics, in the maximum amount of \$8,720 to be used under the Idaho Airport Aid Program Project #SP-04034.A-08 for the development of the Power County Airport. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to execute the Grant Agreement between Power County and the State of Idaho, acting through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics on Project #SP-01434.A-08 for east taxiway pavement rehabilitation. Carried.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO – POWER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE (BUDGET AGREEMENT): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the 2004-2005 County Extension Agreement submitted by the University of Idaho, Power County Extension Office, for Power County's fiscal year 2005 budget. Carried.

ENHANCED 911 FEE – ANNUAL REVIEW: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to continue the \$1.00 enhanced 911 fee on cellular and telephone lines in Power County for an additional year. Carried.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS BOARD – CLAIM FOR DAMAGE: Power County resident Jim Fitzgerald appeared before the Commissioners to present his claim for damage sustained when his boat was forced into the dock poles at the Borah Substation Access on the Snake River. The Commissioners provided Mr. Fitzgerald with a form "Claim for Damage or Injury" to fill out and return to the Clerk's Office, which will then be sent to Power County's Liability Insurance carrier, Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP). Mr. Fitzgerald then requested that the Power County Commissioners instruct the Power County Waterways Board to immediately remove those poles to avoid future injury or damage, and since they were installed without the proper Department of Water Resources permitting. The Commissioners contacted Terry Blau of the Idaho Department of Water Resources by telephone to discuss the permitting requirements for placing docks and poles, and public safety issue of getting boats in and out of that access during unfavorable wind conditions. The Commissioners agreed that this issue would need to be resolved between the Department of Water Resources and the Power County Waterways Board. The Commissioners will contact Waterways Board

Chairman Ron Anderson and request that they meet as soon as possible to address this complaint and suggested that Mr. Fitzgerald attend that meeting.

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

INDIGENT MEDICAL APPLICATION #2004-20-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2004-20-I. Carried.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to schedule regular Commissioner meetings in September on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and in October on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Commissioners reached Jim McNall of Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) by telephone to discuss the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Power County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. McNall indicated that the newly formed Economic Development Corporation would not be covered under Power County's ICRMP policy and that at some point, the Corporation should acquire liability insurance through a private insurance carrier.

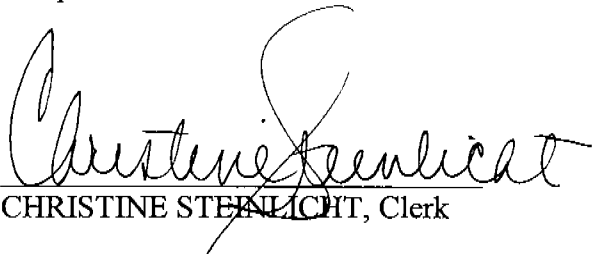
POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA): Keevan Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County Courthouse's disability access and possible building expansion to accommodate the ADA requirements. Mr. Shropshire and the Commissioners performed a walk through of the Courthouse to view the outlay. The Commissioners have scheduled a meeting with the Power County elected officials on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to get additional input into Courthouse expansion and this matter was tabled until that time.

WIND GENERATION CONFERENCE: The Commissioners contacted Power County Planning & Zoning Chairman Jim Fitzgerald by telephone, who agreed to attend the Wind Energy Conference with Commissioner Zimmerman in South Dakota from September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Commissioner Estep agreed to arrange for the airline tickets and room accommodations.

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

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEENLICHT, Clerk