

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, September 1, 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.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT/DISASTER SERVICES DIRECTOR: The Commissioners reviewed the applications received for Ambulance District/Disaster Services Director and scheduled interviews for Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to recess as Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING: Present from the City of American Falls for the joint quarterly meeting were:

Cecil Weisenburger – Mayor  
Stuart Pankratz – City Council Member  
Norm Wright – City Council Member  
Chuck Chadbourn – City Council Member  
Kristen Jensen – City Council Member  
Betty Huse – City Clerk

VEHICLE TOW/IMPOUND POLICY: American Falls Police Chief Jerry Hubbs, Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared at the joint quarterly meeting to discuss a vehicle tow/impound policy. At the outset, Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he had discussed the County's concerns with City Attorney Randy Kline, i.e. costs of impound fencing, volume of vehicles to be impounded, paper work being completed in a timely manner, etc. Mr. Laggis indicated that he and Mr. Kline are waiting for the Commissioners and City Council to determine what direction they wish to proceed on this matter before they draft a formal written agreement detailing specific provisions of concern to each party. Mr. Jeffries presented a copy of the abandoned vehicle ordinances adopted by the City of Moscow, Idaho, for the Mayor and City Council to consider. Following discussion, the Mayor and City Council and the County Commissioner agreed that they would like to proceed with a formal written agreement and instructed

Prosecuting Attorney Laggis and City Attorney Randy Kline to prepare a formal written agreement. This matter was tabled until the next joint quarterly meeting to be scheduled in December.


GEM COMMUNITY GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that original Gem Grant Application was hand delivered to the Idaho Department of Commerce on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

AMERICAN FALLS CITY PARK – PICNIC TABLES: Commissioner Zimmerman reported that he has discussed the Power County employees' request to have a picnic table placed in the City Park directly across the street from the Courthouse with City Parks & Recreation Director Jason Hess. Mr. Hess has agreed to honor that request and a picnic table should be placed in the very near future.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY – MARKET VALUE: At the request of the City Council, Clerk Steinlicht explained the formula used to determine Power County Highway District funds appropriated to the City of American Falls pursuant to I.C. #40-801(a). Clerk Steinlicht then expressed her concern with the press releases indicating that the City of American Falls' market value on locally assessed property had decreased and presented information showing a \$1,994,942 increase in Net Real & Personal Property Market Value over 2003; however, operating property assessed by the State Tax Commissioner is still unknown at this time. Clerk Steinlicht then informed the City Council of the formula used to calculate the maximum allowable non-exempt property tax that can be levied for the City of American Falls this year. These figures and information were also provided to American Falls City Clerk Betty Huse on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk