

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 18th, 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.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE – MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST: Power County Probation Officer Crystal Torres appeared before the Commissioners to request that she be granted maternity leave in excess of her accumulated sick and vacation time. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to advance Power County Probation Officer Crystal Torres five days of sick leave and five days of vacation, over and above her accumulated benefit, for a one-time maternity leave. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE – EQUIPMENT REQUEST: Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the shared use of the copy machine between the Probation Department, Building Department and Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The Commissioners agreed that the costs should be shared on some pro-rated basis and suggested that the heads of those departments get together to work out a compromise for sharing the costs of the copy equipment.

COMMISSIONERS OVER-TIME – PER DIEM RESOLUTION: Commissioner Estep reported that Tony Poinelli at the Idaho Association of Counties has suggested that Power County adopt a specific resolution for the payment of over-time or per diem increases for Commissioners necessary travel. The Commissioners will request that Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis prepare a proposed resolution for their consideration. This matter was tabled until October 25th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – EXPANSION/REMODEL: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners to present an updated floor plan for expansion of the Power County Courthouse, along with a preliminary remodel/expansion area cost estimate. Following discussion, Mr. Shropshire agreed to prepare another set of revised drawings for the Commissioners review and this matter was tabled until October 25th, 2004.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that it might be beneficial to relocate the Extension Office and Weed Department to the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building, and include a public meeting area. The Commissioners agreed to contact Architect Ken Douglass to discuss a plan for renovation and prepare written specifications for the bidding process. This matter was tabled until October 25th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – TAX DEEDS: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the costs that Power County could reasonably expect to recovery through the tax deeding process.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES: Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that several County residents had called in and reported that Melody Lanes & Café, who did not renew their Power County Alcohol beverage license, is allowing patrons to bring in and consume alcohol on the premises. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he would research this issue to determine if that is allowable under Idaho Law. This matter was tabled until October 25th, 2004.

PLANNING & ZONING – BUILDING PERMIT FEES: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's Notice of Public Hearing on the Ridgeline Airtricity Energy LLC application to obtain a special use permit to place 200 wind generation towers across some 30,000 acres in Southwestern Power County to the Cassia County line. Commissioner Estep reported that to date Airtricity has paid all costs associated with the public hearing; however, the Commissioners agreed that the permit fee, if issued, should be fair and equitable. Following discussion, the Commissioner agreed to table discuss on this matter until October 25th, 2004.

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FMC SITE (VITA NUOVA): Power County Press Editor Brett Crompton appeared before the Commissioners to review the "Community Survey" for Power County residents regarding re-development of the FMC site in Eastern Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Mr. Crompton agreed that providing a questionnaire packet to General Election 2004 voters as they exit the polling places might be the least expensive, most effective way to obtain feedback. Mr. Crompton will provide a quote for the printing of the questionnaire packet materials and Clerk Steinlicht will arrange for dissemination at the Power Count polling places. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Power County Economic Development Marketing Services proposal submitted by Vita Nuova and authorize the payments described therein totaling \$30,800. Carried. This matter was tabled until October 25th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – AMENDMENT #13: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Amendment #13 to the Power County Employee Benefit Trust Master Plan Document, effective October 1st, 2004. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES:

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes presented by Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

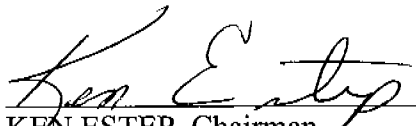
POWER COUNT AIRPORT – L.I.D. HOOKUP:

Commissioner Estep reported that Pete Ramsey of the Power County Airport Board had provided him with a quote from Sierra Heating & Cooling to install a main line from the County Hanger and the Airport House into the L.I.D. Line in the amount of \$5,200. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept the proposal of Sierra Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$5,200 to install a sewer line at the Power County Airport to hook up on the L.I.D., plus the City of American Falls hookup fee of \$600 and the County's remaining L.I.D. line share of approximately \$400, to be paid from the PILT fund, upon the condition that Airport Board obtain written permission from L.I.D. Board. Carried.

GEM COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION GRANT – AWARD DOCUMENTS:

Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to accept and execute the Idaho Department of Commerce Gem Community Implementation Grant Contract as presented. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk