

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 28th, 2005. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Vicki Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – FEE RESOLUTION: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Power County Sheriff's fees for civil processing are outdated and behind what other counties charge for similar services. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare an appropriate Resolution with an attached fee schedule for civil service performed by the Power County Sheriff's Office. This matter was tabled until April 11th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BAILIFF AGREEMENT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Bailiff Agreement entered into between the previous Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and the Power County Commissioners to allow the Power County Probation Office to serve as a Court Services Office with the responsibility of providing Court Bailiff duties. Sheriff Jeffries' concern is that Idaho Code specifically puts the responsibility of the Court Bailiff duties under the direction and supervision of the County Sheriff. Following discussion, Sheriff Jeffries agreed to discuss this matter with Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe and Probation/Court Services Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley prior to his administration implementing a Bailiff Agreement. This matter was tabled until April 4th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Lynn Andersen to serve a three (3) year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (January, 2008). Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD: Commissioner Meadows reported that Max Newlin has officially resigned from the Power County Historical Society Board, leaving a vacant position. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Dan Brown to fill the vacancy on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2006). Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Meadows reported that she had attended the most recent meeting of the Power County Historical Society to discuss renovation of the museum portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. The Power County Historical Society Board appointed its chairman, Dan Brown, as the "contact person" for the museum renovation project. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to accept the quote received from Modern Roofing & Insulation Company to repair areas of the roof and replace shingles at the 500 Pocatello Avenue building in the amount of \$2,295. Carried.

The Commissioners agreed that they may need to solicit quotes to install rain gutter at the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. This matter was tabled until April 4th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – TAX DEED (SEALED BID OPENING):

Commissioner Estep reported that it was the date and time scheduled to open the sealed bids accepted on the following tax deeded property:

Parcel #RPB0008-00 – Minimum Bid \$4,833.05
Lot 13, Block 2, Rockland Original Townsite

Parcel #RPA0055-00 – Minimum Bid \$4,447.56
S2 of Lot 8, Lot 9, Block 33, American Falls Original Townsite

Parcel #RPD1945-08 – Minimum Bid \$1,440.45
S17, T9S, R35E, T#12, Garden Creek Lot 8

Parcel #RPD1945-34 – Minimum Bid \$1,440.45
S17 & S20, T9S, R35E, T#30, Garden Creek Lot 34

Following a review of the bids, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept the three bids as submitted, to-wit:

Leonard May – Parcel #RPB008-00 with a bid amount of \$4,900.50
Pete Ramsey – Parcel #RPA0055-00 with a bid amount of \$4,500.00
Stephen T. Lusk – Parcel #RPD1945-34 with a bid amount of \$1,551.45

Carried. The Commissioners instructed Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch to collect the bid amounts and prepare the appropriate Warrant Deeds to transfer ownership of the above parcels. The Commissioners further instructed Treasurer Mauch to pursue a sale of the remaining parcel, #RPD1945-08 by some other means. This matter was tabled until April 4th, 2005.

COURT OPERATIONS CLOSURE – SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT:

Sixth District Trial Court Administrator Suzanne Johnson appeared before the Commissioners to present a draft copy of an “Administrative Order”, which sets forth a protocol for “immediate emergency” and “non-immediate emergency” closures of Court operations within the Sixth Judicial District. Also present was Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe. Ms. Johnson then presented a model “Court Facilities Emergency Response Plan” specific to Power County for the Commissioners consideration. Sheriff Jeffries and the Commissioners requested additional time to review the draft “Administrative Order” and “Court Facilities Emergency Response Plan” prior to making comments and recommendations. This matter was tabled until April 25th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: The following Power County Elected Officials and department supervisors met together to discuss the Power County Courthouse expansion and renovation project:

Ken Estep, Commissioner Chairman
Vicki Meadows, Commissioner
Ray Zimmerman, Commissioner
Chris Steinlicht, Clerk
Mary Annen, Deputy Assessor
Elna Neu, Deputy Assessor
Bobbie Mauch, Treasurer
Paul Laggis, Prosecuting Attorney
Mark Beebe, Power County Magistrate Judge
Bob Steinlicht, Power County Building Administrator
Stan Gortsema, Power County Extension Office Supervisor
Russ Wheatley, Probation Officer Supervisor

Also present were Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects and Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Co., Inc. Following a walk through of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building, the Power County elected officials and department heads agreed that a complete relocation of current Courthouse services to the 500 Pocatello Avenue building during the expansion and renovation project would be the most cost effective and least invasive option. Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch agreed to contact the Youth Center Board to discuss the possibility of relocating the Youth Center during the expansion/renovation project so that the Youth Center portion of the building could be used as a Courtroom. This matter was tabled until April 4th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – ICBO CERTIFICATION: Power County Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to report that he had arranged to complete ICBO certification through an internet certification program offered by International Code Council, Inc. This matter was tabled until April 25th, 2005.

CITY OF ROCKLAND – BUILDING INSPECTION AGREEMENT: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that she had been contacted by Rockland City Clerk Denise Ralphs. The City of Rockland has decided not to enter into a Building Inspection Agreement with Power County.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to Idaho Code #63-501. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until April 25th, 2005.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that Dan Chadwick and Tony Poinelli of the Idaho Association of Counties will

be in American Falls on Tuesday, May 10th, at 3:00 and would like to meet with the Power County Elected Officials. Clerk Steinlicht will send notice of this meeting to the Power County Elected Officials.

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

General Fund	\$ 8,761.79
Ambulance	1,787.03
District Court	1,022.15
Justice Fund	2,072.92
Indigent	2,825.10
Revaluation	2,085.00
Solid Waste	3,845.28
Weeds	32.31
Waterways	16.68
PILT	30,968.64

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes presented by Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PREMIUM: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to authorize Clerk Steinlicht to remit payment to the Idaho Association of Counties for Power County's unemployment benefits premium for the first quarter of calendar year 2005. Carried. The Commissioners agreed that they may want to discontinue coverage through the Idaho Association of Counties and Talx UC Express due to unsatisfactory performance by Talx UC Express. This matter was tabled until May 9th, 2005.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, 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 #2005-11-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-11-I, since applicant has other resources available for payment of the medical expenses incurred as set forth in Idaho Code #31-3502(17), and, further, that the application was processed as incomplete pursuant to Idaho Code #31-3505A(1). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-12-I, since applicant has other resources available for payment of the medical expenses incurred as set forth in Idaho Code #31-3502(17). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-13-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-13-I, since applicant has other resources available for payment of the medical expenses incurred as set forth in Idaho Code #31-3502(17). Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-234): 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.

POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT: 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 – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that she had been contacted by the Health West Clinic in Aberdeen and questioned whether the Power County Ambulance District would be willing to respond to emergency calls in the Aberdeen area, rather than having the Aberdeen Emergency Medical Technicians called. The Commissioners and Ms. Armstrong agreed that the Mutual Aid Agreement between Power County and the City of Aberdeen allows Power County Ambulance District to respond when assistance is requested by the Aberdeen EMT crew; however, the Power County Ambulance District will not operate outside of the strict limitations of that Mutual Aid Agreement.

AMBULANCE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT) TRAINING/AMBULANCE RUNS: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that she has obtained “Certified Instructor” status from the State of Idaho and will now be working toward State CPR instructor certification. Ms. Armstrong reported that all of the Power County Emergency Medical Technicians had completed the re-certifying courses required to maintain their “basic” or “advanced” certification. Ms. Armstrong then presented the Commissioners with an updated roster of Power County Emergency Medical Technicians, each one’s status level, address, telephone number and e-mail address. Ms. Armstrong indicated that each EMT is required to attend the monthly scheduling meeting and work two shifts per month in order to remain an active EMT status. Ms. Armstrong then presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Ambulance District’s statistical reports on ambulance runs for the months of January and February, 2005.

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

DISASTER SERVICES – WILDLAND FIRE EDUCATION PROGRAM: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to present information on the Three Rivers RC&D Wildland Fire Education Program (WFEP). The WFED operates several projects that would provide homeowners living in high fire risk areas with assistance for reducing fire hazardous vegetation around their homes. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that this information should be published in the Power County Press, and Ms. Armstrong agreed to contact the Press to discuss this matter.

DISASTER SERVICES – SEVERE STORM TRAINING WORKSHOP: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioner to report that the National Weather Service will be hosting a severe storm training workshop on May 4th, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. and the Power County Emergency Services Building. The training workshop is open to the public at no cost.

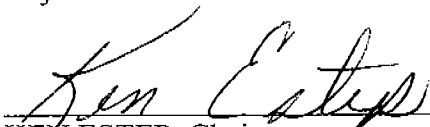
IDEACOM/ECSI – TELEPHONE SERVICE PLAN: John Roberts of IdeaCom/ECSI appeared before the Commissioners with the original Qwest Centrex 21 Rate Stability Service Agreement. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the 60-month Qwest Centrex 21 Rate Stability Service Agreement between Power County and Qwest as presented. Carried.

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 discussing land acquisition. Carried.

CITY OF POCATELLO – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FMC SITE): City of Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County Development Authority's agreement with Southeast Idaho Energy to construct a next generation power facility at the site of FMC's former phosphorus plant near the City of Pocatello. Mayor Chase expressed his concerns with "clean coal technology" also known as Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC). The Commissioners encouraged Mayor Chase to attend the public hearings that will be scheduled by the permitting authorities for the purpose of taking public comment to address these concerns.

JAIL INSPECTION: The Board of Power County Commissioners then conducted their quarterly inspection of the Power County Jail.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk