

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 4th, 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.

GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER BOARD – 500 POCATELLO AVENUE: Gerald Fehringer Youth Center Board members Bob Schreiber, Bobbie Mauch, Tim Mauch, Mary Annen, Gerald Fehringer, Jason Henderson, Steve Wingert, and Art Meadows appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the Youth Center relocating its operation during the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project to allow the County to utilize that space. Also present was School District #381 Administrator Roger Johnston. Mr. Johnston indicated that the Youth Center, in conjunction with School District #381, has been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in the amount of \$160,089 to provide for after school and summer activities, and relocating the Youth Center would make it very difficult to comply with the provisions of the grant; however, the Youth Center Board agreed that the Youth Center computer room could be available for Power County to utilize during the Courthouse expansion project. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Youth Center should not be relocated during the Courthouse expansion project.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Brennan Construction Co., Inc.'s Application and Certificate for Payment of the pre-construction phase assessment in the amount of \$2,000. Carried. Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Annen, and Extension Office Secretary Barbara Burge then appeared before the Commissioners to review the main floor plan of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building and determine which areas could be utilized by each County department during the Courthouse expansion and remodel project. At the outset, the Commissioners indicated that the Youth Center would not be relocating during the Courthouse expansion project; and, therefore, the Power County elected officials and department heads would need to negotiate a compromise in order to insure that each department had enough space to accommodate its employees and operate efficiently. This matter was tabled until April 11th, 2005.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for March 2nd, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 2005, as presented. Carried.

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 discussing real property acquisition. Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BAILIFF AGREEMENT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioner to discuss the Power County Bailiff position. Following his discussions with Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe and Probation/Court Services Office supervisor Russ Wheatley, Sheriff Jeffries agreed that the Power County Probation/Court Services Office could continue to oversee and supervise the Courtroom Bailiff duties as negotiated between the Commissioners and the former Sheriff, Howard Sprague, on April 1st, 2002.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – DISPATCH SERVICES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to request that Power County Ambulance District/Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong be allowed to volunteer as a Power County dispatcher in order to maintain her Emergency Medical Dispatch license. Ms. Armstrong would need to volunteer twenty-four (24) hours during a three (3) year period in order to maintain certification. Sheriff Jeffries assured the Commissioners that Ms. Armstrong's volunteer service would not replace a regular scheduled employee. The Commissioners agreed that Sheriff Jeffries should discuss this matter with an ICRMP representative to insure that Ms. Armstrong's volunteer service would not conflict with her position as Power County Ambulance District/Disaster Services Director.

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

AMBULANCE – PART-TIME HELP: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to request that she be allowed to hire part-time office help for two to three hours per day, which could be paid from the Ambulance District's part-time employee funds. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Ms. Armstrong's request to hire part-time office assistance.

EMERGENDY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT) APPRECIATION WEEK: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that the National EMT Week is scheduled for May 15th through 21st, 2005. Following discussion, Ms. Armstrong and the Commissioners agreed that notice of National EMT week should be published in the Power County Press; and, further, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Ambulance District should purchase one advertisement expressing thanks to Power County's volunteer EMTs and a second advertisement thanking and acknowledging area businesses and merchants for making special arrangements that allow their employees to serve as Power County EMTs.

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.

DISASTER SERVICES – DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that she is putting

together a job description for Deputy Disaster Service Director, and anticipates getting a deputy hired once the description has been finalized.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINSTRATOR – CELLULAR TELEPHONE

TOWERS: Power County Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the requirements for cellular telephone tower owners and operators to submit annual reports of individual cell tower ownership and usage to the Power County Building Administrator. Mr. Steinlicht reported that the cellular telephone tower owners have not been complying with that requirement and, following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Steinlicht contact the owners and/or operators of cell towers in Power County and request that cell tower reports and fees be submitted in a timely manner pursuant to County ordinance.

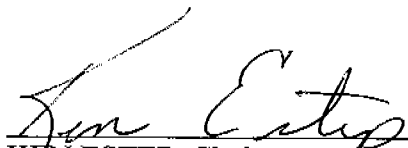
POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINSTRATOR – BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Power County Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to question whether churches are exempt from building construction permit fees. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the construction of church buildings is subject to inspection by the Power County Building Administrator and the appropriate building permit fees should be imposed.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – PROPANE EDUCATIONAL

SEMINAR: Power County Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to request that he be allowed to attend a propane inspection and education seminar in Bozeman, Montana, next week in order that he may inspect propane hookups in Power County. Bingham Cooperative is willing to pay the registration fee for Mr. Steinlicht to attend. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Steinlicht to attend the propane inspection seminar.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk