

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 25th, 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.

CAPITAL PURCHASE – OFFICE SHREDDER: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that the office shredder shared by all Power County Departments is no longer functional and replacement parts are no longer available. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and accept the quote submitted by Bangs Office Product to purchase a GBC 1757600 Office Shredder in the amount of \$1,739.40. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN – COLONIAL INSURANCE: Matt Waldram of Colonial Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the insurance opportunities available to Power County employees through Colonial Insurance. The Commissioners advised Mr. Waldram that AFLAC Insurance Company currently offers similar benefits to Power County employees, and that duplicate and/or alternative insurance options for employees would not be considered at this time.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificates of Residency to attend the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Power County resident Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his dismantling of the Sheriff's Office car port and stair well cover on the back of the Courthouse. The Commissioners advised Mr. Sprague that he has been granted authority to remove the car port; however, the "dog house" over the stair well which leads into the basement of the Courthouse would need to remain intact and should not be removed. Mr. Sprague agreed to replace the "dog house" roof, which he has already removed.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: The Commissioners conducted a walk through of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building with Architect Ken Douglass to discuss interior doors to be installed in the museum portion of the Building.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until May 23rd, 2005.

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

General Fund	\$ 18,562.06
Ambulance	2,719.64
District Court	2,878.44
Justice Fund	9,324.35
Indigent	892.64
Revaluation	12,425.59
Solid Waste	16,758.35
Waterways	121.10
Weeds	41.97
PILT	37,895.44

YOUTH SKATE PARK: Janie Tucker and Rudy Pena from the William Thomas Middle School appeared before the Commissioners with several WTMS students to report on their efforts to get a Youth Skate Park constructed at the Lee Street Park in American Falls. Ms. Tucker indicated that she and Mr. Pena, with the assistance of American Falls Parks & Recreation Supervisor Jason Hess, are putting together a cost estimate, which they will present to Power County, the City of American Falls, and School District #381 to request that the entities allocate funds to assist with the project. The Commissioners agreed to table discussion of this matter until May 9th, 2005.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Zimmerman presented the figures for Power County's portion to fund the Southeastern District Health Department during fiscal year 2006, which has decreased \$374 over fiscal year 2005 due to census and market value changes within Power County. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that Power County's total distribution for fiscal year 2006 is \$57,818.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the School Resource Officer Program being administered through the Power County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with American Falls School District #381. Also present was American Falls School District #381 Administrator Roger Johnson who indicated that since the grant was previously awarded to Power County, the County has been paying the matching funds. Sheriff Jeffries indicated that his budget has been set up to pay those matching funds and he has no objection to continuing that arrangement. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the School Resource Officer grant application as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) GRANT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss grant funding he receives from the Bureau of Land Management to patrol BLM ground in Power County. Sheriff Jeffries indicated that he will allow his Deputies to

patrol BLM ground at over-time pay, after which BLM will reimburse Power County for those salary costs plus any additional vehicle expense.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BOND FEE: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that, pursuant to authority granted by Idaho Code, the Power County Sheriff's Office will be charging surety bonding companies a \$10 fee to process each surety bond posted at the Power County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Jeffries will charge the \$10 fee, accept the surety bond and turn the same over to the Power County Magistrate Court. Clerk Steinlicht will receive the \$10.00 bond fee, which will be deposited to the Justice Fund, and transfer the surety bond to the proper County. The Commissioners agreed that the surety bonding fee should be imposed effective immediately.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SHERIFF/COMMUNITY INMATE LABOR DETAIL (SCILD) PROGRAM: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that due to the high inmate population at the Power County Jail, the jailers, who also serve as part-time SCILD officers, have been unable to leave their station at the Power County Jail; therefore, the SCILD program has been limited to the five working days that the full-time SCILD officer is on duty, rather than operating seven days per week.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2004: Independent auditors Charles Clark and Brandi Young of the firm Deaton & Company appeared before the Commissioners to present the Audited Financial Statements and other financial information for Power County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2004. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to accept and approve the Power County Audit Report for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2004, as presented. Carried.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2004. The Commissioners requested time to review the report and this matter was tabled until May 2nd, 2005.

PIONEER TRAVEL COUNCIL – ADVERTISEMENT: Emily Wright from the American Falls Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Commissioners with a copy of the full page advertisement prepared by the Pioneer Travel Council for use in the Southeast Idaho Travel Guide. Ms. Wright indicated that the bill for the advertisement, which totals \$1,495, should be shared between Power County, the City of American Falls and the Chamber of Commerce as previously agreed. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Power County would share those advertising costs; however, they would like to see a firm commitment from the City of American Falls prior to making an offer for payment. This matter was tabled until May 9th, 2005.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request information has been prepared and provided to all elected officials and

department heads, with a request that the completed requests be returned to the Power County Clerk's Office on or before Friday, April 29th, 2005. This matter was tabled until May 2nd, 2005.

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.

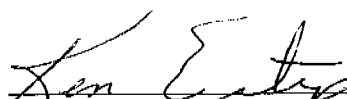
INDIGENT CASE #2005-14-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve indigent medical application #2005-14-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-04-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2005-04-I, since the application was untimely filed. Carried.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Power County resident Vicki Gibbs appeared before the Commissioners to request that 2003 and 2004 Real Property taxes owing on Parcel #RPD1017-01A in the amount of \$1,801.78 be forgiven pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Also present was Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Upon review of the evidence and testimony presented, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to take this matter under advisement until Monday, October 24th, 2005, to allow applicant to make regular monthly payments. 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 taking up personnel issues. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk