

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 23rd, 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.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Power County Maintenance Supervisor Gary Thomsen appeared before the Commissioners to report that the drain system at the base of the handicapped access ramp is insufficient and allows flooding into the Youth Center portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building each time it rains. The Commissioners agreed to make the necessary arrangements to have the problem corrected. Following a request by Clerk Steinlicht, the Commissioners also agreed that a platform in the temporary Courtroom area of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building would also be a benefit for the museum. Clerk Steinlicht will contact Gary Ferguson at BGM Builders to arrange for the platform to be built before the carpet is installed.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/RENOVATION: Power County Assessor Doug Glascock and Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners, along with Clerk Steinlicht, to request that the Commissioners hire a professional moving and storage company to assist with relocating the Courthouse operations to the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Following discussion, Treasurer Mauch agreed to obtain price quotes from reputable moving companies and this matter was tabled until May 31st, 2005.

SOUTHEAST IDAHO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEICOG): Kathleen Lewis of Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG) appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the federal workforce investment funds program, which would now be administered through a State Board rather than regional Workforce Investment Boards if the State's plan is adopted; however, Ms. Lewis would like to see a push to keep the regional Workforce Investment Boards in tact. Ms. Lewis requested that the Power County Commissioners submit written comment supporting the SEICOG Board of Directors' Workforce Investment Area Designation Resolution dated April 28th, 2005. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to submit an application to Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne requesting that the regional Workforce Investment Boards remain in tact and continue to operate the federal workforce investment funds programs within their areas rather than at the State level. Carried.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – AUTOMOBILE SALVAGE: Commissioner Zimmerman reported that several titled automobiles have been disposed of by the owner and hauled to the Power County Landfill and that Power County Transfer Station/Landfill

Supervisor Craig Heward has received an inquiry to purchase the vehicles for parts. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward to follow through with a sale of the vehicles; however, Power County Search & Rescue should be given first opportunity to utilize the discarded vehicles for extrication practice. Commissioner Zimmerman will follow up with Mr. Heward and advise him of the Commissioners decision and the need for future junk vehicles to be either properly demolished or disposed of by other means on a case by case basis.

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

YOUTH SKATE PARK: Jayne Tucker and Rudy Pena of the William Thomas Middle School appeared before the Commissioners to provide additional information on their request for financial assistance from Power County to construct a Youth Skate Park. Ms. Tucker indicated that they are seeking grant funding, which will require matching funds and labor; however, the location has yet to be determined. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed submit letter of support for the project and appropriate the amount of \$5,000 in matching funds.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to I.C. #63-501. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until Monday, June 27th, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

ARBON VALLEY PROPERTY/GARBAGE DUMPSTER: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to remove this matter as an agenda item, since the water and sewer lines had already been installed by the Power County Highway District and Power County's adjacent property was not included in that water/sewer line upgrade. The Commissioners further agreed that the Arbon Valley garbage dumpster would not be moved to the County's Arbon Valley property at this time.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes 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 legal issues. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Ed Marugg of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the Health District's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request from Power County in the amount of \$57,818. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Southeastern District Health Department's

fiscal year 2006 budget request as presented. Carried. Also present was Lisa Hill and Shannon Johnson of the Power County Health Clinic to review the County's Quarterly Report for family and community health services provided.

POWER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Power County Development Authority Chairman Kent Rudeen appeared before the Commissioners to report that the PCDA will be submitting an application to receive the federal HUD grant which was previously appropriated through a congressional appropriation process. The PCDA is working up an annual budget for the period January 1st through December 31st, 2006; however, they have an immediate need for operating funds. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to loan the Power County Development Authority the sum of \$5,000 from PILT Economic Development funds, and allow the PCDA to execute a Promissory Note in favor of Power County in the amount of \$5,000, plus interest to be calculated by the Power County Treasurer in an amount equal to the average Idaho State Pool interest rate, due and payable in full on June 1st, 2007. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ASSESSOR – CIRCUIT BREAKER APPLICATIONS: Power County Deputy Assessor Elna Neu appeared before the Commissioners to present the Circuit Breaker Applications received by the Power County Assessor for the 2005 tax year. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to accept and approve the Circuit Breaker Applications as presented. Carried.

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

MEDICAL SOLUTIONS CONTRACT: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that the contract between the Ambulance District and Medical Solutions expires on June 30th, 2005; however, Ms. Armstrong and Lois Akers d/b/a Medical Solutions are working on a contract extension. This matter was tabled until June 27th, 2005.

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

DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the status of the Homeland Security Grant equipment purchase. Power County has received nearly all of the requested communication equipment purchased under the grant. Sheriff Jeffries and Ms. Armstrong indicated that Power County will be receiving additional Homeland Security Grant funds in the approximate amount of \$8,000, which will be used to purchase hand held radios and mobile telephones for local law enforcement officers. Ms. Armstrong indicated that an

additional \$5,000 may be available to secure high risk structures such as County Courthouses or City water systems, and the Commissioners agreed that those funds should applied for and used to upgrade the security camera system in the Power County Courthouse. Sheriff Jeffries then requested that Ms. Armstrong be appointed to replace him as the "Single Point of Contact" on the Homeland Security Grant. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong to serve as Power County's "Single Point of Contact" for the Homeland Security Grant Program. Carried.

DISASTER SERVICES – DEPUTY DISASTER SERVICES DIRECTOR: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to request that Power County resident Ray Henery be appointed to serve as Deputy Disaster Services Director. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Ray Henery to serve as Power County Deputy Disaster Services Director. Carried.

MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – APPEAL TO PLAN TRUSTEES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to appeal MS Administrative Service's denial of his stepson's medical claims. The Commissioners requested that Sheriff Jeffries obtain additional information from MS Administrative Services prior to making a ruling on the appeal, and this matter was tabled until June 6th, 2005.

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

General	\$ 17,118.73
Ambulance	2,813.47
District Court	960.15
Justice	19,206.08
Indigent	1,681.77
Jr. College	750.00
Revaluation	14,315.88
Solid Waste	160.00
Waterways	7,012.80
PILT	65,944.11

COUNTY CODE BOOKS – CODIFICATION: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Power County Ordinance #2002-04 through #2003-02, as well as Power County Resolutions #2003-01 through #2004-04, had been delivered to Sterling Codifiers in order that supplements could be prepared and included in the Power County Code Book. Clerk Steinlicht then presented the Commissioners with the question submitted by Rob Rollins of Sterling Codifiers dealing with Ordinance #2003-01 and the adoption of the International Building Code. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to refer Power County Ordinance

#2003-01 dealing with the International Building Code adoption over to Power County Attorney Paul Laggis for codification instructions. 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