

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special joint session with the American Falls Mayor and City Council at the American Falls City Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. Present were the following Power County officials and department heads:

Ken Estep, Commissioner Chairman  
Ray Zimmerman, Commissioner  
Paul Laggis, Prosecuting Attorney  
Chris Steinlicht, Clerk  
Jim Jeffries, Sheriff  
Craig Heward, Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor

Also present were the following City of American Falls officials and department heads:

Cecil Weisenburger, Mayor  
Norm Wright, Council Member  
Amy Wynn, Council Member  
Stuart Pankratz, Council Member  
Chuck Chadbourne, Council Member  
Kristen Jensen, Council Member  
Dean Weaver, Council Member  
Randy Kline, City Attorney  
Betty Huse, Clerk  
Jerry Hubbs, Police Chief  
Ron Anderson, Street Department Supervisor

POWER COUNTY/CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COOPERATIVE DRUG INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: The Commissioners and City Council reviewed the Cooperative Drug Investigation and Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding between the Power County Sheriff's Office and the City of American Falls Police Department which has been executed by Sheriff Jeffries and Police Chief Hubbs. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperative drug investigation and enforcement between the Power County Sheriff's Office and the American Falls Police Department as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY/CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RE: LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (DISPATCH): The Commissioners and City Council reviewed the Cooperative Agreement between Power County and the City of

American Falls Re: Law Enforcement Services. At the outset, Clerk Steinlicht reported that she has completed the audit of fiscal year 2005 salaries and fringe benefits of the Power County Dispatch Center and has provided the American Falls City Council with a copy of the audit report summary. Sheriff Jeffries and Chief Police Hubbs reported that the agreement has been successful and no problems have been reported. The Commissioners and City Council agreed that the Cooperative Agreement should continue as previously negotiated.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – SOLID WASTE/GARBAGE (SPECIAL ENFORCEMENTS): Commissioner Estep reported that the recent special enforcement proceedings undertaken by the City of American Falls to clean up a trailer site resulted in an additional 45 tons of waste being shipped from the Power County Transfer Station. Following discussion, the Commissioners and City Council agreed to negotiate a per ton fee on all future special enforcements which result in an undue burden on the Power County Transfer Station/Landfill. This matter was tabled until the next joint quarterly meeting.

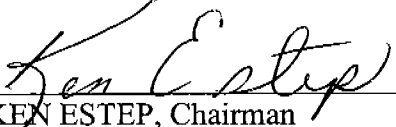
POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX – 500 POCATELLO AVENUE (PARKING ISSUES): Commissioner Estep advised the City Council that Power County is considering extending the south parking area at the Power County Courthouse Annex located at 500 Pocatello Avenue to the property line, and the City Council agreed that no additional City permits would be required for that project; however, City Attorney Kline recommended that Power County contact the City of American Falls Tree Committee prior to removing any trees from that area, which the tree committee may want to transplant. Commissioner Estep then reported that the Power County Courthouse operations would be moved to the Power County Courthouse Annex beginning Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, to allow the existing Courthouse to be expanded and remodeled, and questioned the City Council regarding any parking restrictions or limitations on the residential streets adjacent to the Courthouse Annex. Following discussion, the City Council advised the Commissioners that no parking restrictions are currently effect along any residential streets surrounding the Power County Courthouse Annex, and further agreed to assist Power County by investigating other possible parking options, i.e. diagonal parking on the West side of Bannock Avenue in front of the Courthouse and/or Idaho Street between the parks. This matter was tabled until the Power County Commissioners meeting scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

REGIONAL RECREATION DISTRICT – SNAKE RIVER PLAIN: Commissioner Estep reported that he had been contacted regarding possible formation of a regional recreation district, which it is anticipated would include all counties and cities within the Snake River plain. The regional recreation district would be funded through a household fee and would be administered by an equal representative Board. Following discussion, the City Council agreed that a county-wide recreation district would be preferable to the City of American Falls and probably more beneficial to Power County. The Commissioners and City Council agreed that either option would require voter approval.

VEHICLE TOW/IMPOUND POLICY: Prosecuting Attorney Laggis and City Attorney Kline indicated that they had reached an impasse regarding two issues of the proposed vehicle tow/impound policy, which they feel should be referred to the City Council and Commissioners for negotiation and concession. Following discussion, the City Council and Commissioners agreed that Power County would allow rent free use of the impound area, and in exchange the City of American Falls would construct the required impound fence at their sole expense. The City Council agreed to obtain quotes for fencing. The parties further agreed that their respective insurance policies through the Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) would cover any liability issues which might arise during the normal course of business or use of the premises.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Commissioner Estep then requested that the American Falls City Council allow the Power County Commissioners to hold their meetings at the City Council Chambers each and every Monday during the Power County Courthouse expansion/remodel project, which is expected to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The City Council agreed that the City Council Chambers are not being used on Mondays and would be available, free of charge, to the County beginning Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk