

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 15th, 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.

569 BANNOCK AVENUE – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE LEASE: Power County building and grounds supervisor Gary Thomsen appeared before the Commissioners to review the janitorial and maintenance provisions of the Lease Agreement between Power County and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare for lease of the County building located at 569 Bannock Avenue, formerly occupied by the Power County Extension and Weed Departments.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE (COURTHOUSE ANNEX) – RENOVATION: Power County building and grounds supervisor Gary Thomsen appeared before the Commissioners to discuss renovation of the Power County Courthouse Annex. Mr. Thomsen indicated that he now has a complete set of keys to the building and will provide Clerk Steinlicht with a full set as well. The Commissioners then discussed the need to extend the parking area on the south side of the building; after which it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to hire Greg Olson d/b/a Olson Excavation to remove the basketball hoop and juniper tree and extending the parking area South of the Power County Courthouse Annex to the property line. Carried. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to obtain quotes to repair the storm water drain at the base of the lower handicapped access ramp. This matter was tabled until August 22nd, 2005.

ENHANCED 911 FEES – ANNUAL REVIEW: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to continue the \$1.00 enhanced 911 fee on cellular and telephone lines in Power County for an additional year. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – BACKHOE BIDS: (10:05:23) Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled to open sealed bids for the purchase of a backhoe for the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill. At the outset, Commissioner Zimmerman announced his intention to abstain from discussion or vote due to a conflict of interest, since he is employed by Pioneer Equipment Company. Also present was Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward. Commissioners Estep and Meadows received and opened the three sealed bids submitted. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to accept and approve the quote submitted by Scott Machinery Company to purchase a John Deere 410G Loader Backhoe for the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill. Carried.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS – WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT LEASE:

Robert Brammer, Eastern Idaho Area Supervisor for the Idaho Department of Lands appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Planning & Zoning Administrator Bob Steinlicht pursuant to I.C. #58-307(3) to discuss the Department's intention to grant a ten plus year lease to Windland Energy Corporation to construct a wind farm in Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners expressed their support of the project and requested that they be kept apprised as to the progress of the wind farm construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): At the request of Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of discussing legal issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL – COBRA BENEFITS: At the request of Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, the Power County Commissioners reviewed Section VIII(C)(2)(i) of the Power County Personnel Manual regarding sick leave benefits, which allows employees who are dismissed or retire to trade accrued sick leave for continued health insurance coverage at the rate of four (4) days sick leave for each month of continued coverage; however, the Power County Personnel Policy fails to address the issue of unused sick leave in the event of an untimely death of an employee. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that offering COBRA benefits to a surviving spouse or directly paying out unused sick leave to the deceased Power County employee's estate should be addressed on a case by case basis.

POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2005-04 – POWER COUNTY AIRPORT GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2005-04 accepting the grant offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics, in the maximum amount of \$14,550, to be used under the Idaho Airport Aid Program Project #SP-04134.A-09 for the development of the Power County Airport. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Grant Agreement between Power County and the State of Idaho, acting through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics on Project #SP-04034.A-08 to seal coat and mark the east taxiway and ramp. Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MUSEUM: The Commissioners reviewed the Donation Agreement between Lila Jane Curtis and the Power County Historical Society that was sent to Historical Society Vice-Chair Marjorie Glascock. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to review the agreement with the Power County Historical Society at their next regular meeting. This matter was tabled until September 12th, 2005.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – QUARTERLY REPORT:
Lisa Hansen and Shannon Johnson of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present their quarterly report for Power County.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to donate the sod removed from the Courthouse expansion area to the Falls View Cemetery District. Carried. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to store the topsoil at the Power County Landfill for future use by Power County. This matter was tabled until August 22nd, 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 #2005-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2005-19-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-18-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2005-18-I, since applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS: The Power County Elected Officials and Department Heads appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the move from the Power County Courthouse to the Power County Courthouse Annex during the Power County Courthouse expansion/renovation project.


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

General	\$ 26,337.88
Ambulance	3,267.89
District Court	3,647.14
Justice Fund	21,057.00
Indigent	1,328.46
Revaluation	412.92
Solid Waste	19,238.03
Weeds	22,351.34
Waterways	854.41
PILT	137,753.14

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – MERRILL GRAVEL PIT APPEAL:
(6:59:69) Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled for the appeal hearing on the Special Use Permit issued to Merrill Gravel Corporation, LLC, to develop a gravel pit in Eastern Power County. Appellant Shelly Lish appeared in person and with counsel Stephanie Bonnie, and applicant Merrill Gravel, LLC, appeared through

counsel John Bailey. Upon review of the evidence and testimony previously presented to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board and hearing arguments of counsel, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to take this matter under advisement until September 12th, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLIGHT, Clerk