

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 22nd, 2005, at the American Falls City Council Chambers. 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET: Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe appeared before the Commissioners with David Burt from the Power County Press to discuss the fiscal year 2006 budget and the County's policy regarding salary increases.

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

General	\$ 2,863.27
Ambulance	7.98
District Court	2,803.58
Justice Fund	15,709.13
Revaluation	56.71
Solid Waste	2,375.05
PILT	5,099.25

SAGE GROUSE COALITION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the final "Conservation Agreement for Sage Grouse in the Greater Curlew Valley Area in Southeast Idaho" and the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the State of Idaho and its affiliated agencies and the United States Bureau of Land Management and affiliated agencies, which was provided to the Commissioners by Power County Natural Resource Conservation Service office representative Roger Whitnah. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to increase cooperation among the parties, whereby the parties agree that cooperative efforts, consistent with applicable statutory requirements, are necessary to conserve sustainable healthy rangeland ecosystems to benefit sagebrush dependent species and the local economies that rely on them. The Commissioners agreed to review the documents in detail and table further discussion until September 12th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to increase mileage reimbursement rate to the State of Idaho approved mileage rate of 40.5 cents per mile. Carried.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING – HOME HEALTH AGENCY: Clerk Steinlicht reported that she had been contacted by Kim Saiz of the Area Agency on Aging regarding their

efforts to establish home health agents in Power County to assist Senior Citizens so that they are able to stay in their homes. The Commissioners suggested that she be referred to the Power County Guardianship Board and/or Power County Senior Citizens Center to determine need.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/RENOVATION: The Commissioners discussed the parking restrictions imposed by Brennan Construction, and it now appears that parking in the Courthouse current parking areas will be completely restricted, except for the south most edge of the Courthouse parking lot, which the Commissioners agreed will be first posted for County vehicles only. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the American Falls Assembly of God Church is willing to allow Power County employees to park in their parking lot during the Power County Courthouse expansion/renovation project and the Commissioners agreed that Power County would compensate the church by arranging and paying for snow removal during the winter months. The Commissioners further agreed that in the event of future citizen complaints, employees will be asked not to park on residential streets adjacent to the Courthouse Annex for any extended periods. Clerk Steinlicht will advise the employees of the parking available at the south most edge of the Courthouse parking lot on a first come basis, the Assembly of God Church parking lot and the diagonal parking along Idaho Street between the parks.

500 POCA TELLO AVENUE – RENO VATION: The Commissioners reviewed the quote submitted to repair the storm water runoff drain at the base of the lower handicapped access ramp at the Power County Courthouse Annex and installation of a sidewalk to prevent the water from entering the building. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve quote submitted by AJ Construction in the amount of \$1,625 to repair the storm water runoff drain at the Power County Courthouse Annex. Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman agreed to investigate the costs of getting rain gutter installed on the building. This matter was tabled until August 29th, 2005.

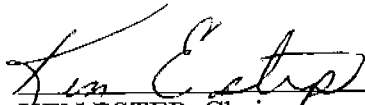
JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

EASTERN IDAHO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Independent Contractor Agreement between Power County and Robert J. Brock, MD, as provided by Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for services rendered to individuals received by EIRMC from Power County as “hold”. Following a review of the same by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Independent Contractor Agreement as presented. Carried.

The Commissioners recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. in the temporary Courtroom of the Power County Courthouse Annex.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING: Power County's fiscal year 2006 budget, as published, came on for public hearing before the Board of Power County Commissioners at 6:30 p.m. Following public hearing and comment and a change to the Power County Sheriff Office Capital Outlay Budget, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and adopt the Power County fiscal year 2006 budget as published. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk