

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 26th, 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.

IDAHO COUNTIES RECIPROCAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ICRMP) – FISCAL YEAR 2006 RENEWAL: Grdyn Staley and Julie Larsen of Mutual Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss renewal of Power County's ICRMP insurance policy for fiscal year 2006. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Joint Powers Subscriber Agreement as presented and to approve and execute Fiscal Year 2006 Renewal Confirmation effective October 1st, 2005. Carried.

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

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

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE: Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled for consideration of an alcohol beverage license. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the following alcohol beverage license:

19. Pocatello Trap Club, Inc., d/b/a Pocatello Trap Club for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: Commissioner Meadows presented a proposed addition that she feels should be included in the Power County Personnel Manual at Section VII(B)(19) entitled "Workplace Loyalty". The Commissioners requested that Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis review the proposed addition with ICRMP and this matter was tabled until October 3rd, 2005.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE TOWERS: Power County resident Hans Hayden appeared before the Commissioners to report on his discussions with U. S. Cellular representatives to place a cellular telephone tower in Eastern Power County to service the Arbon Valley and other "dead" areas in Eastern Power County. Mr. Hayden would propose that the Power County Commissioners recognize that the "dead" areas may result in emergency services response deficiencies and as such that Power County should pursue homeland security grant or fire mitigation funding to get a tower placed; however, he is still investigating the costs associated with this endeavor. Mr. Hayden further indicated that the optimum site for tower placement falls within the boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation and requested that the Power County Commissioners inquire into the possibility of entering into a long term lease agreement with the Fort Hall Tribal Council. The Commissioners agreed that a cellular telephone tower could also benefit the Fort Hall Indian Reservation with their emergency services. Following discussion, Commissioner Estep agreed to contact the Fort Hall Tribal Council and make arrangements for the Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to attend the next meeting of the Tribal Council to discuss this matter. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that any grant funding being pursued should also include a plan for cellular telephone tower enhancements in the Rockland Valley. This matter was tabled until October 24th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT – ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Merrill Walker CRP ground in Power County and the ongoing and continuous noxious weed control problems. Also present was Power County Farm Service Agency Director Norman Wright who has been involved with Power County on the Merrill Walker weed enforcement efforts. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Munk to prepare the proper and legal notice to be delivered to Merrill Walker advising him that he has five (5) working days from the date of delivery in which to control or eradicate the noxious weeds and failure to do so will result in the Power County Weed Department taking whatever action may be necessary to control and/or eradicate the noxious weeds. This matter was tabled until October 3rd, 2005.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN – AMENDMENT #14: The Commissioners reviewed proposed Amendment #14 to the Master Plan Document of Power County Employee Medical Benefit Plan, which was prepared and submitted by

Mark Semons of Semons Financial. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute Amendment #14 to the Power County Employee Medical Insurance Benefit Plan as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: The Commissioners agreed that they would like to schedule a meeting with Architect Keeven Shropshire and Construction Supervisor Joe Reams for Monday, October 3rd, 2005, to discuss the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project, and this matter was tabled until that time.

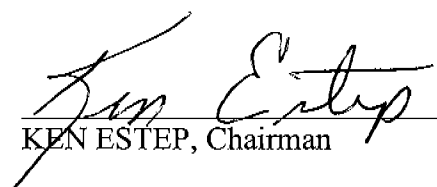
SICK LEAVE BANK DONATIONS – HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF: Power County employee Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioners to request that Power County employees be allowed to donate one day of sick leave, the value of which could be paid from the Power County Sick Leave Bank as a charitable contribution for Gulf Coast hurricane disaster relief. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize County employees to donate one day of sick leave, in an amount not to exceed \$75 per employee, to be paid from fiscal year 2005 sick leave bank funds, upon the condition that the Power County Sick Leave Bank Committee also approves of this request and agrees on the recipient charities. Carried.

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

General	\$ 65,041.59
Sick Bank	2,500.00
Ambulance	6,560.35
District Court	9,690.59
Justice	96,141.61
Indigent	1,084.02
Revaluation	4,703.52
Solid Waste	28,249.29
Weeds	12,331.54
Waterways	3,631.06
PILT	35,869.71

JAIL INSPECTION: Commissioner Estep then conducted the quarterly jail inspection of the Power County Jail.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINDICHT, Clerk