

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 3rd, 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.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT – NOXIOUS WEED ENFORCEMENT: Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners to discuss noxious weed enforcement on Merrill and Brent Walker's CRP ground in Power County. Also present was Power County Farm Service Agency Board Chairman Gilbert Hofmeister. At the outset, Clerk Steinlicht reported that Brent Walker had called in and indicated that they would be complying with the five (5) day "NOTICE OF NEED FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND WAIVER" provided to him by Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk, and would not be appearing at the hearing today. The Commissioners agreed to postpone enforcement until Monday, October 10th, 2005, to allow voluntary compliance by the Walkers.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM – DONATION AGREEMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Historical Society Board will be discussing the benefits and/or liability of entering into donation agreements for items to be displayed at the Power County Museum, and the Commissioners agreed to remove this matter as an agenda item unless and until they hear back from the Power County Historical Society Board.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT – GEORGE SOUTHWORTH: The Commissioners reviewed the Public Defender agreement between Power County and George Southworth for fiscal year 2006, which has been amended from previous agreements at item #19, entitled "Termination of Agreement". Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Agreement between Power County and George Southworth regarding indigent legal services for Power County for fiscal year 2006 as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: The Commissioners reviewed the written requests for run-out and Third Party Administrator information received from MS Administrative Services. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to refer these matters to Barbara Steele at the Gem Plan.

CLOUD SEEDING: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that due to unpredictable prices and a limited supply of available acetone, Power County would need to order all cloud seeding supplies for the upcoming winter season as soon as possible.

Commissioner Estep will discuss this matter with Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for September 1st, 6th, 12th, 14th and 26th, 2005, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING: The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis reviewed the letter received from Power County Development Authority attorney Marc Nye of the firm Racine, Olson, Nye, Budge & Bailey, Chartered, advising that the firm would also be representing Lamb Weston on any future Power County Planning & Zoning issues that involve the plant; however, the Commissioners agreed that these representations do not create a conflict of interest.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES: Power County Probation/Court Services Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the operations of the Power County Probation office. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the probation department should return to the five day work week effective October 17th, 2005. The Commissioners then reviewed the Parent Project Facilitator Training costs and instructed Mr. Wheatley to submit the names of potential Spanish-speaking facilitators who would be willing to attend the training and assist with the Power County Parent Project.

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 #2005-20-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve indigent medical application #2005-20-I. Carried.


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

General Fund	\$ 41,212.70
Sick Bank	1,950.00
Ambulance	5,659.43
District Court	1,656.69
Justice Fund	32,912.40
Indigent	423.84
Revaluation	36.18
Solid Waste	151.28
Weeds	6,093.54
Waterways	6,390.08
PILT	174,442.29

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK ACCRUAL CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the County's accrual register of compensatory time, vacation time and sick time being carried over to the new 2006 calendar year by each Power County employee. The Commissioner instructed Clerk Steinlicht to send a memorandum to each County employee reminding them of the maximum accrual carry-overs allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. This matter was tabled until January 9th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects and Joe Reams of Brennan Construction appeared before the Commissioners to review the construction costs for the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project. Also present were Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk