

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 10th, 2006. 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.

COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for March 13th and 27th, 2006, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Laurie Ward to serve a three (3) year term on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2009). Carried. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Doris Garrison to fill the position vacated by Marjorie Glascock on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2007). Carried.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2005: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and accept the Audited Financial Statements and other financial information for Power County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2005, prepared by Power County's independent auditor Charles Clark of the firm Deaton & Company. Carried.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and accept the Power County Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2005, prepared by Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – WARRANTS OF DISTRAINT: Following discussion, and a view of each parcel by the Commissioners, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to proceed with Sheriff's sale of the properties as set forth in the Warrants of Distraint issued by the Power County Treasurer. Carried.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT – COST SHARE GRANT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Idaho Department of Agriculture's Cost Share Weed Grant as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: The Commissioners reported that Brennan Construction Company is reviewing options for dealing with the mismatched brick on the exterior of the Courthouse addition. This matter was tabled until April 24th, 2006.

AMBULANCE: 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.

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 potential litigation. Carried.

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

EASTERN POWER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT: The Commissioners reviewed the request submitted by Eastern Power County Fire District questioning whether the fire district is required to enforce fire building codes and any liability they may have for failing to do so. Commissioner Meadows reported that she had discussed this matter with former American Falls Fire Chief Gary Ferguson, who has suggested that the Eastern Power County Fire District direct their questions and concerns to District 3 Deputy State Fire Marshal Terry Edwards in Idaho Falls, and the Commissioners agreed to provide Eastern Power County Fire District Commissioner Connie Rowland with Mr. Edwards' contact information.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT #27 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE (POSITION B): Legislative District #27 State Representative (Position B) candidate Fred Wood appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his candidacy and campaign issues.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to review and discuss employee definitions and classifications under the Power County Personnel Manual.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SOUTHERN COUNTIES COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE (SCCC): Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to report that the next meeting of the Southern Counties Cooperative Committee (SCCC) is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th, 2006, at 12:00 noon at the Stardust Café in American Falls.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – RODENT CONTROL: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to request that the Commissioners authorize him to expend funds to

maintain rodent control at the transfer station and landfill. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Heward to make rodent control purchases from the Solid Waste "miscellaneous" expenditure line during the balance of the current fiscal year and possibly include a "rodent control" expenditure line in next year's budget; however, the Commissioners requested that Mr. Heward also submit a projection of the monthly costs for rodent control.

IDAHO GROUND WATER USERS – SNAKE RIVER AQUIFER (RECHARGE): Tim Deeg of the American Falls-Aberdeen Ground Water District appeared before the Commissioner to discuss the Idaho Ground Water User Associations' efforts to seek a recharge of the Snake River Aquifer to protect irrigators in Power and Bingham Counties. Mr. Deeg reported that a compromise is being negotiated with Idaho Power and other surface water users to allow recharge without impinging water rights or other necessary uses.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT #27 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE (POSITION B): Legislative District #27 State Representative (Position B) Candidate Tim Deeg, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his candidacy and campaign issues.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION – DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT: Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to report that he is pursuing grant funding to assist with drug and mental health court for fiscal year 2007, which, if awarded, would fund the dual diagnosis Court through fiscal year 2009. The Commissioners agreed to address this matter further during the fiscal year 2007 budget process.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER/BAILIFF: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Probation Office supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss school resource officer and court bailiff funding. At the outset, Sheriff Jeffries advised the Commissioners and Mr. Wheatley that in the event additional funds cannot be allocated for the School Resource Office program, he will eliminate or make changes to that position to reduce the number of hours s Sheriff Deputy spends on site at the schools. Mr. Wheatley indicated that in the event the Bailiff duties are returned to the Sheriff on October 1st, 2006, a probation officer may be able to perform school resource officer functions on a limited basis. The Commissioners agreed to address this matter further during the fiscal year 2007 budget process.

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

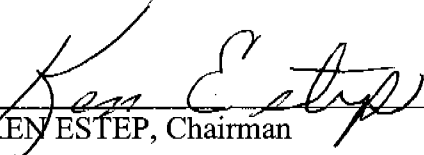
General	\$ 26,371.37
Ambulance	6,919.54
District Court	2,689.77
Justice	27,279.63
Indigent	499.58

Revaluation	72.95
Solid Waste	3,062.11
Tort	33,625.00
Weeds	590.13
Waterways	1,267.47
PILT	943.00

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING: Commissioner Meadows reported that, for a fee of \$10,800, the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG) is willing to meet with the Power County Planning & Zoning Board, and appear at any Commissioner or community meetings to coordinate and update Power County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan with overlay maps. The Commissioners agreed that the Power County Development Code would also need to be addressed. The Commissioners agreed to review this option with the Power County Planning & Zoning Board and Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht.

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 discussing real estate acquisition. Carried.

Adjourned.



 KEN ESTEP, Chairman



 CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk