

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

Claudia J. Walters d/b/a Pocatello Speedway, Inc., for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises.

American Legion Roland Evans Post #3 d/b/a Freddie's Road House for the sale of draught and bottled or canned beer and retail liquor to be consumed on the premises.

Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: American Falls School District #381 Grant Coordinator Kay Jones appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County School Resource Officer (SRO) Partnership grant. The Commissioners advised Ms. Jones that the School Resource Officer position will not be funded by Power County during fiscal year 2007. Following discussion, Ms. Jones indicated that School District #381 intends to continue to pursue replacement funding for the School Resource Officer position and the Commissioners agreed to include the SRO position as a grant funded expenditure line item in Power County's fiscal year 2007 budget so that the position can be filled in the event grant funding is secured.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SNAKE RIVER DISPOSE-ALL, INC.: The Commissioners reviewed the Agreement between Power County and Snake River Dispose-All, Inc., for the provision of solid waste disposal services, which Agreement expired on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to continue operating under the Agreement until such time as Snake River Dispose-All, Inc., contacts Power County to renegotiate the terms of said Agreement.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – BIG SKY DUMPSTER: The Commissioners discussed the concrete damage at the Eastern Power County dumpster site caused by trucks backing in too close to the retaining wall, and agreed to strategically place waste tires along the retaining wall to prevent and eliminate truck damage.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – ARBON VALLEY DUMPSTER: Commissioner Estep reported that several Arbon Valley residents are working on an Eagle Scout Award and have expressed a desire to assist Power County in constructing a concrete dumpster site in Arbon Valley, similar to the dumpster site in Eastern Power County, with construction to commence within the next sixty days. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the \$12,000 needed to purchase concrete could be paid from PILT funds.

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.

POWER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION (GRANT AGREEMENT): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Agreement Form as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL – PAVING: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Liddil Paving, LLC, Contract Proposal as presented and submit the required deposit of \$2,678.67. Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MUSEUM: Commissioner Estep reported that he had attended the most recent meeting of the Power County Historical Society Board. The Board is anxious to get started on the Museum and will be appointing a Power County Museum Board in the near future. This matter was tabled until August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT – TERMINATION AGREEMENT: The Commissioners then discussed the recent appointment of Power County Public Defender George Southworth to a Magistrate Judge position in Canyon County, after which it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Termination Agreement between Power County and Public Defender George Southworth effective July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Carried. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Conflict Public Defender Bob Eldredge could serve as Power County Public Defender from July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, until a new contract has been negotiated. This matter was tabled until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER: Craig Parrish appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the quote he submitted for Public Defender services for Power County during fiscal year 2007.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE: Power County resident Brian Torres appeared before the Commissioners to request that he be granted ownership of a junk vehicle that has been deposited at the

Power County Landfill. The Commissioners contacted Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward by telephone to discuss transferring the title from Power County to Mr. Torres. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to declare the 1986 Nissan junked vehicle, VIN #JN1HU11S0GT143670, currently on site at the Power County Landfill as surplus County property with a value less than \$250 and authorize Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht to execute the title to immediately transfer possession and ownership of said vehicle to Brian Torres. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVANCE ENERGY: Mike Ponkow, Becky Ponkow and Kent Hansen from Advanced Energy appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the construction of a dry mill ethanol plant in the Power County Heavy Industrial Zone near Lamb Weston. Also present was Power County Development Authority Board Chairman Kent Rudeen. Mr. Hansen reported that he had discussed natural gas availability with Intermountain Gas, and that Intermountain Gas is willing to run an additional gas line parallel to the current gas pipeline across the Snake River at a cost of approximately \$600,000. Mr. Hansen then reported that the ethanol plant would be able to operate as a co-generation facility to produce electricity from steam emissions. Ms. Ponkow then discussed the availability of tax increment financing to construct infrastructure and requested that Power County consider granting any and all tax incentives or industrial revenue bond options that may be available. Mr. Hansen then requested that the Board of Power County Commissioners issue two letters intent; the first indicating Power County's desire and intent to finance the construction portion of the project through tax increment financing, and the second indicating Power County's desire and intent to finance the extension of a natural gas pipeline to Power County's heavy industrial area just north of the Snake River Access. Following discussion, the Commissioners requested that Advance Energy discuss financing and infrastructure options with the Power County Industrial Development Board, who could then assist Advance Energy in making appropriate requests to the Board of Power County Commissioners.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT EASEMENT (RESOLUTION #2006-03): Power County Highway District Supervisor Steve Lusk appeared before the Commissioners to request that Power County grant a right-of-way or easement to the Power County Highway District for the purpose of constructing a road on a parcel of property owned by Power County. The subject property is a triangle shaped parcel located at the intersection of Fairground Road and Savage Road and located on the Northeast side of said intersection, lying south of the Power County Weed storage building and north of Savage Road. Mr. Lusk indicated that in exchange for said right-of-way, the Power County Highway District would agree to assist Power County with labor work at the Arbon Valley dumpster site. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioners Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to grant an easement to enable the Power County Highway District to straighten and correct the intersection of Savage Road as it enters Fairgrounds Road. Carried. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis will prepare the appropriate Resolution #2006-03 and this matter was tabled until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

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

General Fund	\$ 23,403.80
Ambulance	707.16
District Court	2,426.29
Justice Fund	2,619.95
Revaluation	863.33
Solid Waste	3.18
Waterways	1,166.30
PILT	135,398.23

FISCAL YEAR 2007 – CLERK’S BALANCED BUDGET: Pursuant to I.C. #31-1603, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Commissioners with the Clerk’s proposed and balanced budget for fiscal year 2007.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS – FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET: The following Power County elected officials appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the fiscal year 2007 budget:

Jim Jeffries – Power County Sheriff  
Chris Steinlicht – Power County Clerk  
Bobbie Mauch – Power County Treasurer  
Paul Laggis – Power County Prosecuting Attorney

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER – FISCAL YEAR 2007: Following discussion and a review of the bids submitted to Power County for public defender services and it appearing that the low bid was untimely submitted, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to allow all bidders to review and resubmit a written bid on or before July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Carried. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis will so advise all bidders and this matter was tabled until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Adjourned.

  
KEM ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk