

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 16th, 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.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute Order for Cancellation of Taxes as presented by Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IFFT GRANT (TREES): American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn, American Falls Parks & Recreation Supervisor Jeremy Peirsol and Rockland City Clerk Denise Ralphs appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Idaho Community Foundation Ifft Grant to transplant trees from a wind break in Eastern Power County to several locations throughout Power County. Mr. Peirsol reported that the project is scheduled for the week of October 23rd, 2006. Mayor Wynn and Commissioner Estep reported that they had arranged for a suitable number of transport trailers and volunteer labor to be available to assist with removing the trees from the ground, securing the trees for transport and then transporting the trees to their final destinations. Commissioner Estep further reported that the City of Chubbuck has offered to provide all the tree removal equipment in exchange for trees, and the Commissioners agreed that the Ifft grant funds could be used to cover any and all fuel expenses. The Commissioners also suggested, and Mr. Peirsol agreed that he could arrange for the donated trees to be appraised, with each entity submitting an "in-kind" receipt to the owner for the value of the trees. This matter was tabled until October 30th, 2006.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COMPUTER CONNECTIVITY (HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS): Disaster Services Director Di Jones and Regional Homeland Security Director Ken Fagnet appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn to discuss computer connectivity between the City of American Falls Police Department and Power County Sheriff's Office, and the possibility of completing that project with Homeland Security Grant funds specifically designated for broadband connectivity and/or law enforcement. At the outset, Mr. Fagnet reported that, pursuant to the Idaho Transportation Department's recent assessment for broadband connectivity from the Power County Courthouse to the Power County Emergency Operations Center, Power County could be eligible for Homeland Security Grant funding in the amount of \$20,050. Following questioning, Mr. Fagnet also confirmed that the 2005 Homeland Security Grant also

includes law enforcement enhancement funds in the approximate amount of \$58,800, which could be used to complete the project, if the Board of Power County Commissioners agreed that this would be the most beneficial use of those funds. Also present was Kelvin Taysom from Direct Communication in Rockland, who questioned whether the project could be expanded to allow future fiber connectivity to area schools, Harms Memorial Hospital or any other taxing entities. Mr. Taysom also indicated that Direct Communications may wish to purchase any extra fiber strands that might be available from the 24-strand fiber connection. The Commissioners agreed to table discussion of this matter until October 30th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE – HOME SEARCHES (BALLISTIC VESTS): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to request that he be allowed to purchase bullet proof vests for the Power County Probation Officers to use for home visits. Following further discussion with Power County Probation Office Supervisor Connie Shepherd, the Commissioners agreed to allow Sheriff Jeffries to assist the probation office in obtaining bullet proof vests, and further suggested that Sheriff Jeffries and Ms. Shepherd determine the number of vests needed and the cost to purchase those vests.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to present his daily log sheets detailing the number of dirt loads being purchased and hauled from the Power County landfill, which Mr. Heward is required to load with a rented loader. The Commissioners discussed the various options available to decrease the use and/or rental costs of the loader, and agreed to continue further discussion of this matter until October 30th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – DELINQUENT TAXES: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to report that she and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis had met with Power County's special tax attorney Craig Christensen regarding delinquent property taxes. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis reported that he and Craig Christensen are researching Power County's obligation to collect delinquent taxes within the statute of limitations period or take the necessary steps to get the taxes cancelled and this matter was tabled until October 30th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – BUILDING CODE/LAND USE PLAN UPDATES: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG) has scheduled a town meeting in American Falls during the first week in November, 2006, to begin the process of updating and amending Power County's Building Code and Land Use Plan. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until November 13th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – ASSIGNMENT OF NON-COMMERCIAL AIRPORT HANGER LEASE: The Commissioners reviewed the draft Assignment of Non-Commercial Airport Hanger Lease from Rick Farnsworth d/b/a Economy Cash Stores to

Ron Miller, Will Rowe and Klaren Kooppin. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would need additional time to review this matter with the parties and this matter was tabled until October 30th, 2006.

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 #2006-17-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2006-17-I. Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 39,677.46
Ambulance	2,551.60
District Court	2,947.57
Justice Fund	47,285.91
Indigent	1,082.25
Revaluation	8,444.03
Solid Waste	13,431.23
Weeds	878.45
Waterways	734.67
PILT	4,753.10

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL – COBRA BENEFITS: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the provisions of the Power County Personnel Manual would not prohibit Power County from offering monetary compensation to separated employees for unused sick leave when continued medical insurance coverage through COBRA is not beneficial to the separated employee. The Commissioners further agreed that the monetary compensation should be considered on a case by case basis and not via an amendment to the Power County Personnel Manual.

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

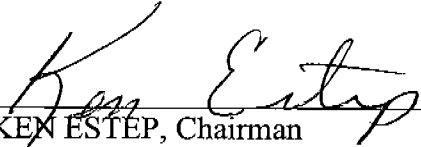
CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE FUND – BOARD ELECTION: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to vote for Latah County Commissioner Jack Nelson to fill the “AT-LARGE” position on the Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board. Carried.

IDAHO COUNTIES RECIPROCAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ICRMP) – DISTRICT V BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATION: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to nominate Power County

Commissioner Ken Estep to represent IAC District V on the Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) Board of Trustees. Carried.

COUNTY TRAVEL VEHICLES: The Commissioners discussed the need to purchase an additional vehicle for Power County employees to use to attend training sessions and/or conferences, and the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until October 30th, 2006.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINEICHT, Clerk