

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 22nd, 2007. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht.

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 #2007-06-I: Pursuant to I.C. #31-3502(17), it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2007-06-I, since applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2007-05-I: Pursuant to I.C. #31-3505(c), it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to take Indigent Case #2007-05-I under advisement until February 2nd, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #1998-23-I: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that the offer of full and final settlement in Indigent Case #1998-23-I has been accepted by Applicant and that a subordination agreement from Applicant's lending institution is forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then agreed on which County Departments and boards each would oversee or act as liaison with during calendar year 2007.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – IDAHO PARKS & RECREATION GRANT (MARINE PATROL UNIT): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Application presented by the Power County Sheriff to purchase a marine patrol tow vehicle. Carried.

POWER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE – IDAHO PARKS & RECREATION GRANT (STORAGE BUILDING EXPANSION): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Application presented by the Power County Search & Rescue to expand the current Search & Rescue storage building. Carried.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Patty Porath to

serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2010). Carried.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: Following discussion and a review of I.C. #67-6504(a), it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Kevin Boyer and Jim Fitzgerald each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (January, 2010). Carried.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Elna Neu, Judy Wallace, Jim Morse, Barbara Eliassen, Carlene Savage, Donna Thornton and Cherylann Permann each to serve additional two (2) year terms on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2009). Carried.

POWER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Ron Morris to service an additional three (3) year term on Power County Snowmobile Board (January, 2010). Carried.

POWER COUNTY WEED BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Carl Hofmeister, Vince Fehringer and Bill Schatz each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Weed Board (January, 2009). Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COMPUTER CONNECTIVITY (HOMELAND SECURITY LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, American Falls Chief of Police Brandon Wilkinson, and American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn, appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones to discuss the status of the 2006 Idaho Department of Transportation (IDT) Broadband Network and 2005 Law Enforcement Enhancement Homeland Security Grants, which have been awarded to Power County to complete computer connectivity between the Sheriff's Office, the Emergency Operations Center and the American Falls Police Department. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mayor Wynn to present a copy of all bills paid by the City toward this project to Ms. Jones for reimbursement. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Ms. Jones, Sheriff Jeffries and Clerk Steinlicht should get together and prepare a project analysis, detailing the total cost of the project, the amounts awarded and covered by both grants, and the balance to be paid by each entity. This matter was tabled until February 12th, 2007.

GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER: Gerald Fehringer Youth Center Board Member Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to report that the recent water leakage at the Gerald Fehringer Youth Center, located inside the Power County Courthouse Annex, was caused by a defective furnace condensation line rather than storm water runoff as previously suspected. Mrs. Mauch indicated that the furnace condensation line has been repaired by Sierra Heating.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT: David Sleight and Gerald Towers from the U.S. Forest Service appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Crystal Summit parking lot located in the Mink Creek area of Power County. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Application as presented by the U.S. Forest Service, to install two new handicap accessible concrete SST toilets at the Crystal Summit parking lot in the Mink Creek area of Power County. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht reported that there remains in the Power County Auditor's Trust Account the amount of \$2,836.86, and Mr. Sleight indicated that Power County would be receiving an invoice for the lease payment portion of that amount, or \$1,050.00, from Bannock County since Bannock County oversees the maintenance and operation of the Crystal Summit parking lot; however, the parking lot grant portion in the amount of \$1,786.86 should remain in trust with Power County for future parking lot and adjacent road improvements. Mr. Towers then reported that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Crystal Summit Parking Lot between Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Power County, and the US Forest Service expired on September 30th, 2005, and the Commissioners agreed that renewal should include Bannock County as the maintenance entity. Mr. Towers agreed to prepare an updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Commissioners review and approval. This matter was tabled until February 26th, 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIGHTING: The Commissioners reviewed the two areas within the Power County Courthouse which may have inadequate or insufficient lighting and instructed Clerk Steinlicht to obtain a quote to install additional fluorescent lighting in the Magistrate Court records area. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the waiting area between the Power County Assessor and Power County Clerks offices may just need a replacement bulb, and this matter was referred to Power County Maintenance Supervisor Gary Thomsen. This matter was tabled until February 2nd, 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects has submitted the "Final Drawings" on the Power County Courthouse Expansion/Remodel project, which will be permanently stored in the Power County Clerk's records vault.

POWER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Commissioners contacted Power County Development Authority (PCDA) Vice Chairman Brett Crompton via telephone to discuss economic development opportunities within the heavy industrial areas of Power County.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Board of Power County Commissioners then reconvened as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to I.C. #63-501. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization was recessed until February 26th, 2007.

TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST – SCOLAR GRAIN COMPANY: Monte Scoular of Scoular Grain Company appeared before the Commissioners via telephone conference call to request cancellation of real and personal property taxes owing on the following parcels:

PPA0691-00 -- \$ 87.64
RPA0690-00 -- \$616.06
RPA0691-00 -- \$412.10

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to cancel real and personal property taxes owing by Scholar Grain Company on Power County Parcels #PPA0691-00, RPA0690-00 and #RPA0691-00 in the total amount of \$1,115.80, due to a loss in value caused by fire. Carried.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Certificate of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to submit four (4) delinquent Power County Transfer Station and Landfill accounts over to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis for collection. Carried. This matter was tabled until February 12th, 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – COURTROOM SECURITY: Power County Deputy Sheriff/Bailiff Brian Morris appeared before the Commissioners to report that he had not yet received the quotes from BGM Builders to renovate a portion of the Courtroom to enhance security during jury trials. This matter was tabled until February 2nd, 2007.

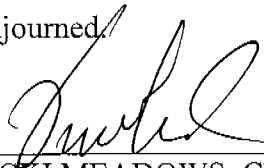
CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims as presented. Carried.

General Fund	\$ 29,019.01
Ambulance	1,842.44
District Court	3,749.24
Justice Fund	40,930.08
Indigent	644.00
Solid Waste	10,456.16
Weeds	11.44
Waterways	165.05
PILT	647.09

IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – IFFT TREE GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that Paula Jones of Three Rivers RC&D has submitted application to the Idaho

Community Foundation requesting that the project period and scope of the Ifft Foundation Fund Grant, which was secured by Power County to re-plant 90 trees from a field windbreak in Eastern Power County to several other location within Power County, be amended to increase the number of trees and the completion date. This matter was tabled until February 26th, 2007.

Adjourned.


VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk