

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT – COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS: Power County Drug Court Officer Tina Chavez appeared before the Commissioners to request that a drug court participant be allowed to perform forty (40) hours of Court ordered community service at the Power County Courthouse so that Ms. Chavez can personally supervise the performance. The Commissioners indicated that they would discuss the matter with Power County Buildings & Grounds supervisor Gary Thomsen and report back to Ms. Chavez with a schedule for custodial and/or grounds work.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that a regional meeting to discuss mosquito abatement has been scheduled for Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Bannock County Courthouse. Commissioner Estep further reported that he would be attending that meeting, along with representatives from Bannock and Bingham Counties, Fort Hall Indian Reservation and Southeastern District Health Department.

POWER COUNTY CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Pursuant to Idaho Code #31-2307, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Clerk's Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Report. The Commissioners agreed that they would need additional time review the report and this matter was tabled until April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – SCHINDLER ELEVATOR COMPANY: Phil Martin of Schindler Elevator Company appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the State of Idaho's requirements for annual inspection of the Power County Courthouse elevator. Mr. Martin then provided the Commissioners with elevator maintenance and extended warranty options available through Schindler Elevator Company. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review the options with Power County Maintenance supervisor Gary Thomsen and this matter was tabled until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 – SCOTT JONES REPORT: Accountant Scott Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report that the September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Amended Statement of Treasurers Cash which was prepared and submitted by the Power County Treasurer on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, contains misstatements and needs to be corrected. Mr. Jones further reported that a Second Amended Statement of Treasurers Cash for Power County's fiscal year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, will be submitted within the next several days. The Commissioners then reviewed Mr. Jones' written findings, which were prepared pursuant

to his investigation into fiscal year 2006 discrepancies as reported by Deaton & Company on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This matter was tabled until April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – FISCAL YEAR 2007 ACCOUNTS: Accountant Scott Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Power County Treasurer will be implementing appropriate month end statement comparison and reconciliation procedures for all of Power County's Investment and Bank Accounts to insure that Statements of Treasurers Cash submitted during Fiscal Year 2007 are correct. Mr. Jones then provided the Commissioners with copies of the Multi-Bank Securities, Inc., investment statements from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, to date, which Mr. Jones has corrected and re-reconciled. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the monthly Statements of Treasurers Cash required by Idaho Code #57-135 have not been provided by the Power County Treasurer since October, 2006. Mr. Jones indicated that he would monitor the Power County Treasurer's month end statement comparisons and reconciliations through April, 2007, and this matter was tabled until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – INVESTMENT POLICY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, that all future investment revenue be deposited with the Idaho State Investment Pool until a Power County Investment Board is appointed and a formal investment policy is adopted. Carried.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – I-86 EASTERN AMERICAN FALLS INTERCHANGE PROJECT (EXIT 40): The Board of Power County Commissioners hosted a luncheon meeting with representatives from various Power County entities to review the Idaho Department of Transportation's alternatives for the I-86 Eastern American Falls Interchange Project at Exit 40. Present were:

Power County Development Authority:

Brett Crompton, Vice Chairman  
Ben Strand, Board Member  
Valorie Watkins, Executive Assistant

City of American Falls:

Amy Wynn, Mayor  
Marc Beitia, Councilman  
Stuart Pankratz, Councilman  
Norm Wright, Councilman  
Dan Hammond, Councilman

American Falls School District #381:

Ronald Bolinger, Superintendent

Power County Highway District:

Wade Povey, Commissioner Chairman  
Gilbert Hofmeister, Commissioner

Bob Wetzel, Commissioner  
Gina Rienstra, Clerk  
Don Haskins, Supervisor  
Steve Lusk, Supervisor  
James McLean, Supervisor

Power County Planning & Zoning:  
Robert Steinlicht, Administrator

Following discussion, the entities unanimously agreed that the 1500' West alternative would be optimum; however, Mayor Wynn expressed the City of American Falls' desire to include a plan to deal with the increase in traffic along the Pocatello Avenue by-pass. The Commissioners requested that each entity set forth in writing their recommendations and concerns for the interchange project and submit the same to the Board of Power County Commissioner; after which the Commissioners will compile the information and present the same to the Legislative District 27 State Senator and Representatives.

PUBLIC HEARING – POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2007-02 (OPENING FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET): Commissioner Meadows announced that it was the date and time scheduled for public hearing on proposed Power County Resolution #2007-02. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2007-02 and instruct Power County Auditor Chris Steinlicht to reopen Power County's fiscal year 2007 budget to account for unanticipated grant revenue from the University of Idaho in the amount of \$6,000 to the Power County General Fund, Extension Agent Account. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Board of Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

REPEATER SITE – PAPS MOUNTAIN: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Access Agreement & Easement between Power County and Raymond Scherer and Mark Scherer for ingress and egress of the Paps Mountain Repeater Site. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will provide recorded copies of the Access Agreement & Easement to Mark Scherer, the Power County Highway District Commissioners and Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries.

CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Crystal Summit Parking Lot between Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, U.S. Forest Service and Power and Bannock Counties, as discussed on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, has not yet been received. Clerk Steinlicht agreed to follow up directly with David

Sleight and Gerald Towers of the U.S. Forest Service and this matter was tabled until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LANDSCAPING/SECURITY FEATURE:

Commissioner Estep reported that Gary Thomsen has questioned whether additional landscaping will need to be done in front of Courthouse expansion area to match the existing landscape; and whether the time had come to construct the security feature that was deleted from the original Courthouse Expansion and Remodel project. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to postpone further discussion on the security feature until after the Jail Master Plan has been completed by Rocky Mountain Corrections. The Commissioners also agreed to discuss the additional landscaping needs with Gary Thomsen and this matter was tabled until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING & GROUNDS – SCILD HOUSE (528 GIFFORD):

Commissioner Estep reported that Power County Building & Grounds supervisor Gary Thomsen has expressed an interest in purchasing and relocating the County's building located at 528 Gifford, more commonly referred to as the "SCILD house". The Commissioners agreed that disposal and/or demolition of the structure might be considered only after the Jail Master Plan has been completed by Rocky Mountain Corrections.

GEM PLAN – BOARD OF TRUSTEES (NOMINATION FORM): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk to nominate Power County Commissioner Ken Estep to represent District V on the Gem Plan Board of Trustees. Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 5,249.11
Ambulance	2,630.95
District Court	4,940.87
Justice Fund	6,556.13
Indigent	1,270.80
Jr. College	4,700.00
Revaluation	6,037.06
Solid Waste	2,154.46
Tort	34,630.39
Weeds	73.44
Waterways	123.06
PILT	1,311.13

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 #2007-13-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to take Indigent Burial Case #2007-13-I under advisement until May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2007-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny Indigent Medical Case #2007-12-I, since applicant is not a resident of Power County as set forth in I.C. #31-3502(12). Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – SECURITY DOORS: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss updating the locking mechanism on the exterior door located at the southeast corner of the Power County Courthouse and to install a card reader/key pad lock on the Power County Magistrate Court work area door. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed that the existing door into the Magistrate Court area may need to be replaced as well. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to accept the quote submitted by Scott's Lock & Key to install a dual purpose card reader/key pad locking mechanisms on the southeast exterior door to the Courthouse as well as the Magistrate Court work area door, and take all other actions necessary to upgrade the door to secure the Magistrate Court work area. Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SEARCH & RESCUE FEES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries reported that the Search & Rescue commander Pete Williams is of the opinion that fees for Search & Rescue operations cannot be charged since searches are accomplished completely with volunteer labor; however, Sheriff Jeffries agreed to investigate this matter further and will address Search & Rescue fees and/or donations during the fiscal year 2008 budget process.

POWER COUNTY WEB PAGE – TETON MULTI-MEDIA: Peter Jensen of Teton Multi-Media appeared before the Commissioners to discuss setting up a web page for Power County with links to other Power County entities. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter further with other Department heads and elected officials and this matter was tabled until April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Adjourned.

  
VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk