

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 28th, 2009. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline.

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LEGISLATION

(IACI): The Commissioners reviewed a copy of Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry's (IACI) draft legislation relating to taxation of personal property to be presented during the upcoming Legislative Session. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review the proposed legislation in greater detail, and this matter was tabled until January 11th, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Meadows – Aye
Commissioner Estep – Aye
Commissioner Funk – Aye

Carried.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – LAND USE PLAN (SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

ORDINANCE): Commissioner Meadows reported that the Commissioners had met with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and other local governments a/k/a “interested parties” to discuss the provisions of the Tribe's proposed Land Use Plan, and specifically the solid waste disposal ordinance, which meeting was held at the Pocatello City Council Chambers on December 16th, 2009.

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, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent medical applications. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Meadows – Aye
Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Estep – Aye

Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2009-18-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2009-18-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2010-13-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2010-13-I, since applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN – GEM PLAN: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to make the following adjustments to Power County's employee medical benefit plan through the Gem Plan, effective January 1st, 2010:

- Increase annual employee/family deductible to \$350
- Increase generic prescription drug co-pay to \$5.00 for 30 day supply
- Increase generic prescription drug co-pay to \$10.00 for 90 day supply
- Increase all formulary prescription drug co-pay to \$25.00
- Increase all non-formulary prescription drug co-pay to \$25.00 base plus 30%

Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – MONTHLY REPORT (I.C. #31-2113): Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to present her monthly Statement of Treasurer's Cash for the period ending November 30th, 2009.

EASTERN IDAHO STATE FAIR – ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING: Commissioner Funk reported that the annual budget hearing for the Eastern Idaho State Fair is scheduled for January 29th, 2010, at 12:00 noon at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds in Blackfoot, Idaho.

AMERICAN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #381 – GRADUATION EQUIVALENT DIPLOMA (GED) PROGRAM – SPANISH: Rudy Pena of American Falls School District #381 appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the adult Spanish GED program in Power County. The Commissioners reported that they had discussed the concept of creating a "Community Education Foundation" to privately fund the GED program. The Commissioners further reported that they have approached several of the major employers in the Power County area, and all have expressed an interest in referring employees to the program; however, additional information will be required before any corporate or business funds could be appropriated. Following discussion, the Commissioners requested that Mr. Pena provide a detailed synopsis of the adult Spanish GED program, including an emphasis on English language education, to be included in a package/proposal and presented to area businesses and industry for funding consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht to

establish the "Community Education Foundation" trust fund and to transfer \$15,000 into said trust from PILT contingency to operate the adult Spanish GED program in Power County for a period of twelve (12) months, or until a "Community Education Foundation" is properly created and funded, whichever first occurs. Carried. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Meadows, Prosecutor Kline and Rudy Pena will lead the effort to coordinate community outreach and this matter was tabled until January 11th, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – MARINE PATROL (BOAT GRANT/MATCH): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Marine Patrol Deputy Pete Williams appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of trading in the Power County Sheriff's 2007 Thunder Jet boat for a new 2010 Thunder Jet Boat, which would allow the Power County Search & Rescue to more safely patrol the Angel Falls area of the Snake River in Power County. Mr. Williams reported that the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation is offering boat/equipment grants, which if approved would require \$10,344.60 in matching funds from Power County. Sheriff Jeffries suggested that if the grant were awarded for the 2010 Thunder Jet Boat, the match could be paid equally by the Power County PILT and Waterways Funds. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement until January 11th, 2010.

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

Current Expense	\$ 12,412.48
Ambulance District	2,018.20
District Court	2,806.71
Justice Fund	6,584.10
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	1,323.00
Enhanced 911 Services	27.69
Indigent Services	7,719.41
Revaluation	40.15
Solid Waste	2,291.28
Weed Department	2,651.53
PILT Fund	15,374.70

Adjourned.


VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEENLICHT, Clerk