

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 11th, 2010. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for December 2nd, 14th and 28th, 2009, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Doris Garrison and Marjorie Glascock each to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Historical Society/Museum Board (January, 2013). Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Doris Garrison to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Historic Preservation Board (January, 2013). Carried.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Edith Kopp and Nancy Fitch each to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2013). Carried.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Stan Gortsema to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Waterways Board. Carried.

LANCE FUNK D/B/A PLEASANT VALLEY AVIATION, LLC – COMMERCIAL AIRPORT HANGER LEASE: Lance Funk and Mike McDonald of Pleasant Valley Aviation, LLC, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the option of leasing the Commercial Airport property formerly occupied by Brian Haynes d/b/a American Air LLC. Mr. Funk reported that he intends to operate an aviation related business on the premises. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline to prepare the proposed lease documents and this matter was tabled until February 8th, 2010.

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT: Power County Soil Conservation District Board Supervisors Roger Whitnah and Ivan Permann appeared before the Commissioners with their Administrative Assistant Pegi Long, to present the

District's Annual Report for the period July 1st, 2008, through June 30th, 2009. Mr. Whitnah then requested that the Commissioners submit their letter of intent to provide the Power Soil Conservation District with a contribution from Power County's fiscal year 2011 budget. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to submit a letter of intent to allocate \$6,250 to the Power County Soil Conservation District from the County's fiscal year 2011 budget. Carried.

DAVE SAVAGE D/B/A SAVAGE AIR – AIRPORT LEASES: Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until February 8th, 2010.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD – BUILDING USE AGREEMENT: Commissioner Meadows reported that the Power County Fairboard has reviewed the amended Building Use Agreement prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline. The Fairboard has indicated that the amended Agreement will be used from and after January 1st, 2010.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL – EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS (AMENDMENTS): The Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the Power County Personnel Manual to properly reflect the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho's (PERSI) definition of "employee", specifically in regard to temporary employees, i.e. "casual" versus "seasonal". Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Power County Personnel Manual as amended. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss staffing issues at the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Mr. Heward agreed that two Power County Transfer Station/Landfill employees should be reclassified.

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

2010 PRIMARY/GENERAL ELECTIONS – DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES (I.C. #34-302): Pursuant to I.C. #34-302, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to designate the following Power County Precinct Polling Places for the 2010 Primary and General Elections:

- Power County Precinct #1 – Power County EMS Building
560 N. Oregon Trail, American Falls
- Power County Precinct #2 – American Falls Public Library
308 Roosevelt, American Falls
- Power County Precinct #3 – Power County Courthouse Annex
500 Pocatello Avenue, American Falls

Power County Precinct #4 – Rockland City Hall
135 S. Main Street, Rockland
Power County Precinct #5 – Arbon School
4405 Arbon Valley Highway, Arbon
Power County Precinct #6 – Pocatello Municipal Airport
Airport Terminal, Pocatello
Power County Precinct #7 – Power County Courthouse
(Absentee) 543 Bannock Avenue, American Falls

Carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY – COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to declare any and all used computer equipment currently on site at the Power County Courthouse and Annex as surplus County property, with each item having a value of less than \$200, to be disposed of in accordance with Idaho Law at the discretion of the elected official or department head possessing the used equipment, with the understanding that a list of the equipment shall be presented to the Board of Power County Commissioners within ten days of it's disposal. Carried.

EMPLOYEE ACCRUAL REGISTER – VACATION/COMPENSATORY TIME CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation and compensatory time being carried over to calendar year 2010 by each County employee. Following discussion and a review of Sections VIII B(5), VIII C(1)(d) and VIII C(2)(e) of the Power County Personnel Manual, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reduce vacation accrual balances on all employees to the maximum carry-over allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS: The following individuals appeared for the Power County Elected Officials Meeting:

Vicki Meadows, Commissioner Chairman
Ken Estep, Commissioner
Ron Funk, Commissioner
Chris Steinlicht, Clerk
Doug Glascock Assessor
Jim Jeffries, Sheriff
Randy Kline, Prosecuting Attorney

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY): The following individuals met with the Power County elected officials to discuss the Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry's draft legislation for the elimination of personal property taxes, which IACI intends to pursue during the 2010 Legislative Session:

American Falls School District #381

Ronald Bolinger – Superintendent
Dallas Clinger – Trustee

City of American Falls

Norm Wright – Council President
Kristen Jensen – Council Member
Kathy Robertson – Council Member

Harms Memorial Hospital District

Dallas Clinger – Administrator
Jim Chapman – Trustee
Richard Wallace – Trustee
Wayne Thomas – Trustee

Power County Highway District

Gilbert Hofmeister – Commissioner
Wade Povey – Commissioner
Don Haskins – Supervisor
Steve Lusk – Supervisor
James McLean – Supervisor

American Falls Rural Fire District

Pete Williams – Fire Chief
Lynn Scherer – Commissioner

American Falls Library Board

Kryst Krein – Trustee
Harriett Newlin – Clerk

Power County Development Authority

Kent Rudeen – Chairman
Valorie Watkins – Executive Director

Following discussion with Seth Grigg of the Idaho Association of Counties, the local taxing entities agreed to coordinate efforts to oppose the proposed legislation in its current form.

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

Current Expense	\$ 29,265.72
Ambulance District	1,094.19
District Court	3,844.28
Justice Fund	18,695.29
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	1,707.23

Enhanced 911 Services	956.79
Indigent Services	6,219.03
Revaluation	6,068.00
Solid Waste	15,880.14
Weeds	359.35
Waterways	25.43
PILT	1,580.60

AMERICAN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #381 – ADULT SPANISH GED CLASSES:

Rudy Pena and Kay Jones of American Falls School District #381 appeared before the Commissioners with Angela Carpenter, GED Education Coordinator from the Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA), to discuss the adult Spanish GED classes being offered in Power County.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT: Power County Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners to report that Bannock County’s mental health coordinator Deanna Smith has been appointed by the Sixth District Trial Court Administrator to replace Kerry Hong as Power County’s Drug Court Coordinator.

POWER COUNTY LAW LIBRARY: Power County Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis and Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioner to report that, due to on-line availability, all current and future billings for Power County Law Library subscriptions will be carefully reviewed for continuation or cancellation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under 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 Estep – Aye
 Commissioner Funk – Aye

Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2010-15-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to deny indigent medical application #2010-15-I, since the Idaho State Catastrophic Board has determined that pursuant to I.C. #69-7901(1), applicants who are illegally residing in United States will not be considered eligible for indigent medical assistance. Carried.

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – REPORT: Former State Senator, Power County Commissioners and American Falls Mayor Ralphs “Moon” Wheeler appeared before the Commissioners to report on his contacts with Idaho Legislators over the past weekend, specifically regarding the proposed personal property tax exemption legislation being drafted by the Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI).

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 and update the proposal to replace the Power County Search & Rescue's 2007 Thunder Jet Boat with a 2009 Thunder Jet Boat, to be purchased through an Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation grant, which will require matching funds in the total amount of \$8,688 (\$4,344 to be paid from Power County PILT funds and \$4,344 to be paid from Power County Waterway Fund). Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize Power County Marine Patrol Deputy Pete Williams to proceed with the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Grant Application and to submit a letter of support to provide \$4,344 from Power County's PILT fund as grant match. Carried. The Commissioners then suggested that Sheriff Jeffries and Deputy Williams meet directly with the Power County Waterways Board to obtain its letter of support for the balance of the match.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS (POINT OF CONTACT): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he has determined that it would be unproductive and unfeasible to split the duties of Homeland Security "Point of Contact" between the Power County Sheriff and Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones. Following discussion, Sheriff Jeffries suggested that Ms. Jones continue as "Point of Contact" for the Idaho Department of Homeland Security until further notice.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COMMUNICATIONS: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioner to present a quote from Clark Radio & Wireless in the amount of \$10,486.00 to install a communication tower on Driscoll Elevator in American Falls; however, Sheriff Jeffries has requested that Clark Radio provide more detail on the quote. Following discussion, Sheriff Jeffries reported that he would be reviewing this matter with other taxing entities to discuss the best way to proceed.

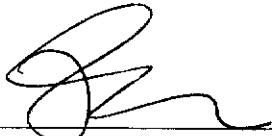
POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – CELLULAR TELEPHONE PLAN: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler appeared before the Commissioners to report that Power County's cellular telephone service throughout the County has become more sporadic and less reliable since the Verizon/Alltel merger. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed that the service problems appear to be system-wide rather than unique under Power County's plan. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Sheriff Jeffries to obtain quotes or information to upgrade Power County's cellular telephone plan.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – IDAHO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (GRANT): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the ECC Grant Award Document #2010-0275-1 in the amount of \$130,000 to purchase emergency communications equipment. Sheriff Jeffries reported that he will either be publishing a call for bid or

"piggy backing" on Franklin County's recent equipment purchase, and will keep the Commissioners advised as this process proceeds.

POWER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - COMMUNITY BUILDING (EVENT SECURITY): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss security for events taking place at the Community Building at the Power County Fairgrounds. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed that the Power County Fairboard should be notified that the Power County Sheriff and his deputies are the only individuals authorized to provide security at fairground events and that all security event fees should be paid directly to the Power County Sheriff prior to the event.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk