

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, and Ron Funk. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Commissioner-Elect Delane Anderson.

COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as presented. Carried.

The Board of Power County Commissioners recessed 9:15 o'clock a.m.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS – OATH OF OFFICE: Power County Commissioner Ron Funk administered the Oath of Office to the following duly elected Power County officials:

Vicki Meadows – Commissioner District #2  
Delane Anderson – Commissioner District #3  
Christine Steinlicht – Clerk of the District Court  
Douglas Glascock – Assessor  
Deanna Curry – Treasurer  
Mark Rose – Coroner  
Paul Laggis – Magistrate Judge

The Board of Power County Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline.

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN: Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Commissioner Vicki Meadows to serve as chairman of the Power County Commission until January, 2013. Carried.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then agreed on which County Departments and boards each would oversee or act as liaison with during calendar years 2011 and 2012.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – NOTICE OF MEETINGS (I.C. #67-2343(1): Following a review of I.C. #67-2343(1), it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Notice of Commissioner Meetings for 2011 prepared by Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht, and to post said Notice in a

prominent place at the Power County Courthouse and on the Power County Website. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS MEETING:

Present for the Power County elected officials and department heads meeting were the following individuals:

Vicki Meadows – Commissioner Chairman  
Ron Funk – Commissioner  
Delane Anderson – Commissioner  
Christine Steinlicht – Clerk  
Douglas Glascock – Assessor  
Deanna Curry – Treasurer  
Jim Jeffries – Sheriff  
Randy Kline – Prosecuting Attorney  
Connie Shepherd – Juvenile Probation Department Supervisor  
Craig Heward – Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor  
Di Jones – Ambulance District/Disaster Services Supervisor  
Robert Steinlicht – Building Department Supervisor  
Curtis Munk – Weed Department Supervisor  
Reed Findlay – Extension Department Supervisor

2011 IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SESSION: The Power County elected officials and department heads discussed issues of legislation pertinent to Power County that may be introduced during 2011 Legislative Session, including the Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI) proposed legislation to eliminate personal property from taxation. Following discussion, the elected officials agreed to discuss these legislative issues further at the Idaho Association of Counties' Mid-Winter Conference which begins February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET: The Commissioners reported to the Power County elected officials and department heads regarding their Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, meeting with the Idaho Legislative District #27 Delegation, at which they discussed future legislative issues and economic concerns that may negatively impact Power County's Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Following discussion, the Commissioners suggested that all elected officials and department heads practice due diligence when submitting budget requests for fiscal year 2012.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN – GEM PLAN: The Power County elected officials and department heads then discussed the Power County employee medical benefit plan through the Gem Plan. Commissioner Meadows reported that the Gem Plan Board of Trustees has suggested that no changes be made to Power County's benefit plan at this time.

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 2011 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, the Commissioners agreed to grant all Power County employees an additional thirty (30) days to use excess vacation hours to avoid annual benefit reductions.

GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER – OUTDOOR SIGN: Jennifer Rupp and Mary Annen of the Gerald Fehringer Youth Center appeared before the Commissioners to further discuss the placing of a larger outdoor sign at the Power County Courthouse Annex to clearly and publicly identify the location and hours of operation for the Youth Center. Following discussion, Ms. Rupp and Ms. Annen agreed to obtain quotes if and when the Youth Center Board determines that a new sign is necessary.

2011 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS – DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES (I.C. #34-302): Pursuant to I.C. #34-302, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to designate the following Power County Precinct Polling Places for 2011 consolidated 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.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – MINORITY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD: Following a review of the letter dated November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes inviting Power County to designate an individual to serve on the Tribe's Minority Communications Board, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to appoint Ken Estep as Power County's representative to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Minority Communications Board, with the understanding that the appointment is made based upon Power County's willingness to cooperate, and not intended to cede jurisdiction in any way. Carried.

HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Anderson reported that the Power County Human Relations Advisory Committee, which was established

pursuant to Ordinance #89-03 and is codified in Chapter 3, Title 2, of the Power County Code, is a defunct committee with no activity since January, 1990. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to refer this matter to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, with instructions that an ordinance be prepared to repeal Power County Ordinance #89-03 and dissolve the Human Relations Advisory Committee. This matter was tabled until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE (CES): George Spinner of Cascade Earth Sciences and Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to review CES's revised proposal for storm water pollution prevention planning and mandatory greenhouse gas reporting at the landfill, at a total estimated project cost of \$10,100. Mr. Spinner then presented the Commissioners with a copy of CES's proposal for a study to place a final cover at the Power County Landfill, at a total estimated project cost of \$30,000. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would need additional time to review the proposals and this matter was tabled until January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – ROCKLAND DUMPSTER SITE: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's Rockland dumpster site, which is situated on property owned by the City of Rockland. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Kline agreed that Power County and the City of Rockland should enter into a formal, written agreement for Power County's use of the property and this matter was tabled until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

LANCE FUNK D/B/A PLEASANT VALLEY AVIATION – DELINQUENT TAXES/LEASE AGREEMENT: The Commissioner reviewed the letter from Prosecuting Attorney Kline to Lance Funk d/b/a Pleasant Valley Aviation dated January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 demanding tax payment in full and production of purchase documents on Power County Parcel #RPD0872-15. At the outset, Prosecutor Kline reported that Mr. Funk is interested in negotiating a long-term lease; however, no purchase documents have been provided to date. Also present was Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry, who reported that a property tax payment in the amount of \$1,605.68 was received by her office on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and applied to the 2009 taxes owing, leaving a balance of \$766.16. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Commissioner Funk then reported that the Power County Guardianship Board has determined that its courtesy supervision of a Bannock County ward has been unduly burdensome and should be transferred back to the Bannock County where the subject resides. Prosecuting Attorney Kline reported that the Bannock County Guardianship Board has refused to accept the supervision transfer; however, Mr. Kline will continue to investigate all available options to return supervision of this ward to Bannock County. The Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – TABLE MOUNTAIN REPEATER SITE:

Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline and Power County Highway District Commissioner Gilbert Hofmeister, the Commissioners agreed that any easement with private landowners to access the Table Mountain Repeater Site should be restricted to approximately 20 feet and should allow ingress and egress to the Power County Highway District to perform limited and minor road maintenance when necessary.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the claims as presented. Carried.

Current Expense	\$ 14,509.92
Ambulance District	2,940.52
District Court	2,176.20
Justice Fund	49,573.53
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	321.98
Enhanced 911 Services	1,627.08
Elections	81.97
Indigent Services	6,227.34
Revaluation	2,005.00
Solid Waste	16,624.01
Tort	3,773.00
Weeds	103.87
Waterways	33.26
PILT	40,778.85

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, 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 Anderson – Aye

Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2011-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to deny indigent medical application #2011-12-I, since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by I.C. #31-3502(12). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2011-10-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to deny indigent medical application #2011-10-I, since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by I.C. #31-3502(12), since there are other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred as provided by I.C.

#31-3502(23), and since the application was processed as incomplete under I.C. #31-3505A(2). Carried.

ENHANCED 911 SERVICES – DIRECT COMMUNICATION: Brigham Griffin of Direct Communications appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's current enhanced 911 system and to present a proposal to upgrade the system to a redundancy 911 model, which would increase the number of 911 calls that could be received by the Power County Dispatch Center, especially from the more remote areas of Power County, i.e. Rockland and Arbon Valley, and would require Power County to purchase additional 911 circuits. Also present were Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler, who reported that Power County's current E-911 system allows up to three 911 calls at any one time and is at maximum capacity for a single on-duty dispatcher to handle. Following discussion, the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Griffin and Sheriff Jeffries collaborate on a joint proposal to upgrade Power County's enhanced 911 if that is deemed necessary.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – IDAHO JAIL STANDARDS (JAIL MODIFICATIONS): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler appeared before the Commissioners to review the Jail Standards Committee Minutes dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, regarding modifications to Idaho Jail Standards. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that since negotiations for jail standards are on-going, further consideration of this matter will be tabled until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS – MARINE PATROL GRANT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler and Marine Deputy Robert Williams appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's marine patrol program for the 2011 boating season. At the outset, Clerk Steinlicht reported that since the close out of Fiscal Year 2010 on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Power County has received \$12,573 from the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation for 2010 boat registration fees. The Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries then reviewed the report from Bannock County Waterways detailing the contributions to Power County during 2008, 2009 and 2010. Sheriff Jeffries then reported that he had received notice from the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation that the statewide RBS grant allocations will be reduced over last year due to decreased Federal Coast Guard funding; accordingly, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed to table further consideration of this matter until April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

GRADUATION EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA (GED) PROGRAM (ADULT SPANISH) – COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Rudy Pena and Katy Ramirez appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the adult Spanish GED program in Power County. At the outset, Mr. Pena presented the Commissioners with statistical information from the 2010 calendar year, i.e. enrollment, graduates, etc. Following discussion and the opportunity for input from many of the GED students and graduates, the Commissioners agreed that Power County will continue to fund the adult Spanish GED program until further notice.

POCATELLO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD:  
Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to appoint Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht to serve as Power County's representative to the Pocatello Municipal Airport's Regional Development Board, which Board oversee economic development opportunities at the Pocatello Municipal Airport in Eastern Power County. Carried.

IDAHO CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE BOARD – BOARD MEMBER BALLOT (AT-LARGE): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to cast Power County's vote for Twin Falls County Commissioner George Urie to fill the at-large member position on the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Board. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES:  
Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$1,130.48 as presented. Carried.

Adjourned.

  
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VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk