

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – RIDGELINE ENERGY SPECIAL USE PERMIT (POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2011-10): Power County Building/Planning & Zoning Administrator Robert Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to review proposed Power County Resolution #2011-04, which the Power County Planning & Zoning Board has unanimously recommended be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-10, which is a resolution to accept the information and plans from Ridgeline Energy and Idaho Power for the construction of the substation and transmission line in compliance with the State of Idaho and Power County Codes. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – SPECIAL USE PERMITS (POWER COUNTY ORDINANCE #2011-04): Power County Building/Planning & Zoning Administrator Robert Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to review proposed Power County Ordinance #2011-04, which the Power County Planning & Zoning Board has unanimously recommended be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Ordinance #2011-04, which is an ordinance to amend Section 10-2-2L of the Power County Code to allow for Special Use Permits to be valid for two (2) years from the date of approval. Carried. The Commissioners then instructed Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht to cause Power County Ordinance #2011-04 to be published as provided by I.C. #31-715 to complete effect.

POWER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY/COMMISSIONERS – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (POWER COUNTY RESOLUTIONS #2011-03 THROUGH #2011-09): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline appeared before the Commissioners to review proposed Power County Resolutions numbered #2011-03 through #2011-09.

Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-03, a Resolution to employ outside counsel, Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the purpose of representing Power County in all civil jurisdictional dealings, relations and matters with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-04, a Resolution to employ outside counsel, Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the purpose of representing Power County in all aspects pertaining to the Mountain States Transmission Intertie Project, which creates a

transmission line that goes from Montana, through Power County, Idaho, and west to the Midpoint Substation near Jerome. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-05, a Resolution to employ outside counsel, Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project, which creates a transmission line starting in eastern Wyoming, through Power County and Cassia Counties in Idaho, and terminating in western Oregon. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-06, a Resolution to employ outside counsel, Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the Southeast Idaho Energy Coal Gasification Project pending before the Power County Planning & Zoning Commission. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-07, a Resolution to employ Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the Ridgeline Wind Farm Project pending before the Power County Planning & Zoning Commission. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-08, a Resolution to employ Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the Windland Wind Farm Project pending before the Power County Planning & Zoning Commission. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2011-09, a Resolution to employ Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, for the LS Power Project, which is one transmission line that follows the Gateway route, connects to a pre-existing LS Power corridor coming up from Las Vegas, and then continues on to the Midpoint Substation near Jerome, and another transmission line that comes out of Montana and would likely parallel the Mountain States line and continues on to Midpoint or Borah. Carried.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – 2011 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: The Board of Power County Commissioners, Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht and Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry, then participated in a telephone conference and webinar with the Dan Chadwick, Tony Poinelli and Seth Griggs of the Idaho Association of Counties to review the 2011 Idaho Legislative Session.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk