

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioner met in regular session on May 10, 1999. Present were Chairman Kent Rudeen, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep to approve the Minutes for April 6, 12, 15 and 26, 1999, as presented. Carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims as presented with the following changes:

1. Joe Werenka's reimbursement check will be paid from 01-21-439-00 instead of 23-00-439-00.

2. The County's insurance agent, Grayden Staley of Mutual Insurance Company, will be contacted to see if the County can be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in repairing the docks which were storm damaged.

Motion carried.

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 21,046.51
Ambulance	28,858.60
District Court	6,028.74
Justice	24,411.86
Indigent	11,415.42
Revaluation	2,984.36
Solid Waste	19,353.49
Weeds	2,862.56
Waterways	14,978.97
PILT	232.95

EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Agent Stan Gortsema appeared before the Commissioners and indicated that Bette Hovey's replacement will not be placed in Power County until sometime after October 1, 1999.

Gortsema requested that funds be made available to hire temporary help during the summer months until the full-time agent is placed in Power County. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to allow Gortsema to hire temporary 4-H help at \$7.50 per hour to be paid from 01-18-406-00 (not to exceed \$1,500) and 01-13-041-00 (not to exceed \$750). Carried.

MISSING DOGS: Senator Crapo's assistant, Jeff Allen (telephone 664-5490) contacted Power County regarding the dogs which have come up missing from Power County residents. Mr. Allen has a resource in Boise, Idaho, who's willing to donate black, yellow or chocolate

Labs to replace any Labs which were stolen and are now missing from County residents. This matter will be referred to the City's animal control officer, Judy Fehringer, for further action.

SIXTH DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Susan Fletcher, Power County Health Nurse, appeared before the Commissioners to present the Southeastern District Health Department's Quarterly Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Power County Welfare Director Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications at 11:05 o'clock a.m. Carried. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to recess from executive session and return to open session at 11:50 o'clock a.m. Carried.

INDIGENT (#99-11-I): Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve the indigent medical application in Case #99-11-I. Carried.

INDIGENT (#99-10-I): Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep to deny the request for appeal hearing in Case #99-10-I. County Attorney Rob Naftz will make written notification to appellant's attorney that the Commissioners order to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction is not an appealable order.

INDIGENT (#98-09-I and #98-19-I): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to deny the applications in Case #98-09-I and #98-19-I, due to applicant having other resources since he filed Bankruptcy last fall and the debts applied for have been discharged, and also that applicant has filed a request to withdraw any pending indigent medical applications. Carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to send a letter to the Power County Soil Conservation District setting forth the County's intention to budget \$3,000 for County Fiscal Year 2000. The District may request the funds at the appropriate time designated by the County Commissioners.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR: Juvenile Probation Tracker Jerrie Boyce and Power County Probation Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the commissioners to discuss the need for a Community Resource Coordinator to be funded through grants. The full time position would expand Jerrie Boyce's current tracker program to include parenting projects, mentoring programs, after school monitoring, short term juvenile crisis beds, woman's advocate, and other programs which become necessary. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep to increase Jerrie Boyce's position to full time Community Resource Coordinator at an annual salary of \$20,500 which will increase to \$21,500 upon successful completion of the six month probation period, which position will be on a one year trial basis. Carried.

FAIRBOARD: Fairboard members Deborah Rudeen, Diane Deeg, Bill Schroeder and Harry Batterton appeared before the Commissioners to discuss funding of the proposed Community Building at the fairgrounds.

PROBATION OFFICE: Probation Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners and asked for an increase in Probation Secretary Carol Wilding's salary. The matter was taken under advisement.

TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Jim Meurer of Waste Connections, Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to report on the transfer of waste from the Power County Transfer Station to Milner-Butte. Jim Meurer indicated that he had been contacted by private businesses within the City limits of American Falls to haul their waste. The City/County Solid Waste Contract may need to be amended to take care of these accounts.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC): Chris Howell-Webb appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the appointment of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the LEPC. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to appoint Ward Miller as Chairman, Chad Brokens as Vice Chairman and Fern Lewis as Secretary of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Carried. The next meeting of the LEPC will be Thursday, May 14, 1999.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: Pastor Kenneth B. Young appeared before the Commissioners and presented his Application for Property Tax Exemption requesting that the Arbon Valley Bible Church property be granted property tax relief. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Application For Property Tax Exemption to forgive all taxes currently owing against the Arbon Valley Bible Church property and exempt all future property taxes since Arbon Valley Bible Church is a religious corporation or society. Carried.

IDAHO RURAL WATER: Ed Springman of Idaho Rural Water appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the costs involved to the County and/or the City for hauling waste from the Power County Transfer Station, as well as options available for the transport of solid waste by Idaho Waste Systems to Mt. Home instead of Southern Idaho Solid Waste to Milner-Butte. Also present was Craig Heward, Power County Transfer Station Supervisor. The Commissioners will review their contract with Southern Idaho Solid Waste and discuss other options with Idaho Waste Systems.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER: County Attorney Rob Naftz indicated that Ken Lyon, the County's conflict public defender, is moving out of state and needs to be replaced effective July 1, 1999. The Commissioners will solicit bids for the position and the matter will be tabled until May 24, 1999.

CIRCUIT BREAKER APPLICATIONS: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen,

seconded by Commissioner Estep to approve the Circuit Breaker Applications as presented. Carried.

IDAHO CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE FUND JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the amendments to the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Fund Joint Powers Agreement as presented by the Idaho Association of Counties. Carried.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess from Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance Board at 5:00 o'clock p.m. Carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the notice from Intermountain Billing that the collection percentage will be increased. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to increase Intermountain Billing's collection percentage from 6% to 9% effective May 1, 1999, with all other terms of the previous agreement to remain in effect. Carried.


Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess from Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Board of Power County Commissioners at 5:15 o'clock p.m. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel issues at 5:16 o'clock p.m. Carried. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to recess from executive session and return to open session at 5:25 o'clock p.m. Carried.

PROBATION OFFICE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep to increase Carol Wilding's salary \$1,000 per year effective May 10, 1999. Carried.

Adjourned.


KENT RUDEEN, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEENLICHT, Clerk