

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on August 23, 1999. Present were Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to pay the claims as submitted. Carried.

Current Expense	\$ 20,691.03
Ambulance	849.05
District Court	305.34
Justice Fund	4,681.24
Indigent	324.92
Revaluation	943.02
Solid Waste	127.47
Weeds	31.58
Waterways	15.91

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial Group appeared before the Commissioners and presented his observations for renewal of the County's self funded medical insurance plan administered through MS Administrative Services.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Hospital Administrator Anne Ogelvie appeared before the Commissioners to discuss use of County parking facilities for hospital employees. Commissioner Rudeen indicated that written approval had been granted previously to allow employees of the hospital to park on County property during working hours.

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE: The Commissioners then discussed the proposed solid waste ordinance to impose fees to city residences and businesses. Mayor Deborah Rudeen read a letter setting forth the City's concerns. Also present were City Council Members George Udy and Ray Zimmerman and City Attorney Henry Boomer.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to discuss

education required to obtain certification. The Commissioners granted his request to obtain certification training.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

Mark Love, Ambulance Director, appeared before the Commissioners and presented a bid from BGM Builders to finish the upstairs at the EMS Building, which bids were approved by the Commissioners to be paid from the Ambulance District's FY 2000 budget.

Mark Love then reported that the Power County EMTs have received advanced certification from the State. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg that advanced EMTs receive \$30.00 per run, \$15.00 for advanced EMTs on call and \$40.00 for advanced EMTs per ambulance transfer, effective August 28, 1999. Carried. Basic EMTs will stay at current rates.

Love reported that he has fifteen students signed up for basic EMT classes to begin September 1, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to recess from Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

DISASTER SERVICES (CIVIL DEFENSE): Mark Love, Disaster Services Director, reported that he had been contacted by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA has received an indication that there may be toxic waste spillage at FMC. EPA would like to meet with Mark Love and Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague in an effort to identify potential or alleged spillage problems at FMC. Love indicated that LEPC should also be advised when spills occur at FMC. Commissioner Rudeen indicated that Bannock County has been called in on FMC spills.

INTERNET POLICY: Moved by Hoybjerg, seconded by Estep, to approve the proposed Power County Information Systems Policy as presented. Carried. The policy will be sent to employees with their paychecks on Friday, August 27.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hoybjerg, seconded by Estep to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

RECYCLING EQUIPMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the letter received from City of American Falls regarding closure of recycling center. Commissioner Rudeen will contact the City and ask them to deliver the County's baler to the Power County

Transfer Station as soon as operations cease at the recycling center.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Rudeen will contact Anne Ogelvie to see if Harms Memorial Hospital District would be interested in the surplus computer equipment owned by Power County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Estep to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

AUDITOR: Moved by Estep, seconded by Hoybjerg, to accept Letter of Understanding from the Count's independent auditor Scott Jones as presented. Carried.

FEEDLOT COMPLAINT (FRANCO): The Commissioners reviewed the anonymous complaint regarding Franco's feedlot in Eastern Power County. The Commissioners will refer this matter to the Power County Planning & Zoning Administrator for investigation and possible referral to the County Prosecuting Attorney.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: The Commissioners reviewed the bids submitted for public defender services effective October 1, 1999. The Commissioners will review the proposed bids and schedule interviews.

Adjourned.



KENT RUDEEN, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEENLICHT, Clerk