

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on March 13, 2000. Present were Power County Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz.

**POWER COUNTY BAILIFF:** Power County Court Bailiff Dan Thaxton appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the bailiff policy which is being prepared by County Attorney Rob Naftz. Following discuss, it was agreed that Commissioner Rudeen would be Bailiff Thaxton's immediate supervisor. Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague advised the Commissioners that effective October 1, 2000, his office would no longer provide bailiff services in Thaxton's absence. At the request of the Commissioners, Power County Reserve Deputy Max Sprague appeared and indicated his willingness to work with Bailiff Thaxton to fill in as relief bailiff when necessary. The Commissioners would like to have Bailiff Thaxton and relief Bailiff Sprague attend the Training for Court Marshals which is being sponsored by the Fourth District Trial Court Administrator's Office to be held November 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000, in Boise.

**LANDFILL PROPRETY:** County Civil Attorney Rob Naftz presented the Commissioners with a proposed Warranty Deed for the transfer of the landfill property from the City of American Falls to Power County.

**EXTENSION OFFICE:** The new Power County Extension Agent Linette Riley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss her new position.

**BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR:** Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his annual Building Administrator report.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Power County Planning & Zoning Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to report on the public hearing held March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, regarding proposed expansion of the area of City impact. Mr. Wiles reported that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board has tabled any decision on the proposed expansion.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commission Rudeen, to approve the Minutes for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> as presented. Carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the claims. Carried.

Current Expense (General)	\$ 32,393.61
Ambulance	14,555.72
District Court	6,929.79
Justice	15,568.22
Indigent	1,408.79
Jr. College	1,500.00
Revaluation	33.28
Solid Waste	14,450.03
Weeds	91.54
Waterways	31.81
PILT	10.43

PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS: Pursuant to I.C. #34-902, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to authorize the Power County Clerk to purchase 3,480 ballots for the Primary Election on May 23, 2000. Carried.

SAVAGE AIRPORT LEASE: Commissioner Rudeen reported that Dave Savage d/b/a Savage Air would like to increase the square footage he is leasing so that he can install an above ground fuel tank for aviation fuel. The Commissioners will review his current lease and discuss the necessary amendments with County Attorney Rob Naftz.

WINDOW BIDS: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes received for replacement of several Courthouse windows. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the quote from Yellowstone glass to replace seven Courthouse windows at a cost of \$375.00 each. Carried.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS: Commissioner Hoybjerg will discuss with Mike Barnard the possibility of including with his quote the extra work which needs to be done at the Extension Office. Commissioner Estep will check with Wall to Wall about ordering carpet for the Commissioner office, Extension office and Assessor office.

CENSUS 2000: Commissioner Estep reported that he will be contacting the school to send fliers home with Hillcrest Elementary students. The fliers, which will be provided in both English and Spanish, will explain how Census 2000 will work. Commissioner Estep reported that Census information would also be mailed to all Power County residences. The Census will pick up mailing costs.

AFLAC INSURANCE: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Amended Reimbursement Agreement with AFLAC to increase the employer's contribution to \$5.00 per month per participant. Carried.

FLOOD SPOTLIGHT: Power County Resident Al Wetherbee donated a flood light to Power County to spotlight the flag which flies in front of the Courthouse. Commissioner Rudeen will discuss getting the spotlight hooked up with Gary Thompson.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT CEMETERY PROJECT: Commissioner Estep indicated that the Power County soil Conservation District would

like a donation for their tree planting project at Falls View Cemetery. Commissioner Estep will attend the next Soil Conservation District Board meeting to get more details.

JAIL EXPANSION: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Deputy Harms appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a Federal Department of Justice Grant to expand the Power County jail. The Board of County Commissioners requested that Sheriff Sprague explore possible alternatives.

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

INDIGENT (CASE #2000-07-I): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to deny indigent medical application #2000-07-I since applicant has resources sufficient to pay these medical bills over the next three years. Carried.

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

AMBULANCE FEE RESOLUTION: The Commissioners reviewed the proposed Ambulance Fee Resolution as presented by County attorney Rob Naftz. The proposed fee resolution will be published and set for public hearing on Monday, April 10, 2000, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Adjourned.

  
KENT RUDEEN, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk