

**COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 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.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Susan Fletcher and Craig Madsen appeared before the Commissioners to present the Southeastern District Health Department's Quarterly Report. Mrs. Fletcher suggested that the Commissioners consider getting new carpet for the basement of the clinic within the next year.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR: Commissioner Hoybjerg expressed her desire to fill the position of Power County Community Resource Coordinator recently vacated by Jerrie Boyce as soon as possible in order to maintain County programs without interruption.

MINUTES: Moved by Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the minutes for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000, as presented. Carried.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 35,901.07
Ambulance District	4,211.35
District Court	4,939.26
Justice Fund	17,247.37
Indigent	3,189.11
Revaluation	4,577.64
Solid Waste	22,025.27
Weeds	1,161.34
Waterways	17,705.95
PILT	5,693.20

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Notice of Special Hearing prepared by the City of American Falls to be published in the Power County Press. The Commissioners have not received a counter offer and have previously advised the Mayor and City Council that they do not intend to attend the special meeting on May 10th. Commissioner Rudeen called the Power County Press to let them know that the City's Notice of Special Hearing should not have included Power County officials.

PLANNING & ZONING: Richard Wiles, Power County Planning & Zoning Administrator appeared before the Commissioners, at which time Commissioner Rudeen indicated that it was the time scheduled for

public hearing on Wes Leisy's subdivision application. Mr. Wiles confirmed that all the proper publications and paper work had been completed prior to the Planning & Zoning Board's approval of the Leisy application. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve Wes Leisy's subdivision application under the same terms and conditions as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board, plus the additional condition that Mr. Leisy comply with the recommended bonding requirements. Carried. County Attorney Naftz will prepare the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Commissioners' signatures. Richard Wiles then presented the Commissioners with Robert Zimmerman's request to build an outdoor horse arena. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to approve the Zimmerman application as presented by Mr. Wiles. Carried. County Attorney Naftz will prepare the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Commissioners' signatures. Mr. Wiles then requested that the Commissioner allow him to work two extra hours a day for over-time compensation (time and a half) through the summer in order to avoid accumulation of further comp time. The Commissioners took the request under advisement.

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

AMBULANCE DISTRICT AUDIT: Power County's independent auditor Scott Jones appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his audit of the Power County Ambulance District. Also present were Mark Love, Ambulance District Director, and Deputy Clerk Rhea Kent. Mr. Jones suggested that the County formalize a procedure for writing off account receivables, which should also include a detailed explanation of the reason for any write-off. Scott Jones suggested that any administrative fee paid to Kari Garrison (9% of collection) should coincide with a specific deposit. Commissioner Rudeen and Mark Love will draft a letter to Kari setting forth the County's procedure.

AMBULANCE BUILDING RENT: Commissioner Rudeen then reminded Mark Love of the need to bill Search & Rescue \$100.00 per month rent plus actual telephone costs since February 1, 2000.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT/FIRE DISTRICT: The Commissioners and Mark Love then discussed compensation to the Fire District for back up fire and extrication on calls outside the boundaries of the American Falls Rural Fire District.

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

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION: Phil Christiansen of South Fork Produce filed an application to exempt one-half of the 1999 taxes

owing against South Fork Produce. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the exemption application submitted by South Fork Produce to forgive one-half of the taxes owing for 1999. Carried by Commissioner Rudeen and Commissioner Estep. Commissioner Hoybjerg abstained. County Attorney Naftz will prepare the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Commissioners' signatures.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER: Jerrie Boyce appeared before the Commissioners and presented to report on the Governor's conference she attended in Boise on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

BUDGET HEARING: Following discussion, it was agreed that the Commissioners will conduct their annual budget request hearings on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

INDIGENT: Linda Annen, Power County Welfare Director, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss past due indigent accounts. County Attorney Naftz will send demand letters on all past due indigent reimbursement accounts. Mrs. Annen then advised the Commissioners that she is being billed for services which should be provided under the County's Contract with Behavior Health Center in Idaho Falls. County Attorney Rob Naftz will write a letter to Behavior Health Center setting for the County's position with regard to these additional billings.

SOLID WASTE TRANSPORT: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the waste disposal contract between Power County and Waste Connections. The Commissioners have not yet received formal notice from Waste Connections that they have been bought out by Allied Connections (a subsidiary of BFI). County Attorney Naftz indicated that Waste Connections is in default of the solid waste transport contract for assigning Waste Connections' interest to Allied Connections and BFI without prior Commissioner approval. Also present were Jim Meurer, a former employee of Waste Connections and Shawn Perkins, who have formed their own waste transport company (Garbage Guys). Garbage Guys would like to contract with Power County in the event the Waste Connections Contract is defaulted. County Attorney Naftz will put Waste Connections on formal notice that they are in default. Commissioner Rudeen then indicated that Southern Idaho Solid Waste would also like to submit a proposal to the County for waste transport services.

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

COMMISSIONERS & CLERKS: Commissioner Hoybjerg will be the only elected official from Power County attending the Commissioners & Clerks training to be held in Coeur D'Alene on June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

BEVERAGE LICENSES: Commissioner Rudeen then announced that it was the time and date set for consideration of two beverage licenses.

Commissioner Rudeen read the applications into the record. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve the beverages licenses for (1) Sylvia Alicia Gutierrez d/b/a La Rancherita for bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises; and (2) Claudia J. Walter d/b/a Pocatello Speedway for bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises. Carried.

WORKMANS COMPENSATION: Commissioner Estep indicated that he had discussed the County's Workman's Compensation Policy with Jim Spinelli from State Insurance Fund. Commissioner Estep feels we need to protest bills submitted by the State Insurance Fund when they perform an audit and then charge us extra for independent contractors who do not carry workman's compensation policies. Clerk Steinlicht indicated that Power County may be liable to pay under its workman's compensation policy if an independent contractor were injured while working for Power County whether the County picks up those premiums pursuant to the audit or not.

COUNTY POLICIES: The Commissioners then reviewed the County's policy which requires each office or department to obtain Commissioner approval prior to any purchase over \$500.00. The Commissioners discussed possibly increasing that amount to \$1,000.00. The matter will be tabled until June 12<sup>th</sup>.

TITLES & REGISTRATION WORKSHOP: The Power County Assessor has requested that the Commissioners allow County Bailiff Dan Thaxton to attend the State's Title & Registration Workshop in Pocatello on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> so that he can assist in the assessor's office in his spare time. The Commissioners agreed to allow Thaxton to attend the workshop and to assist in the assessor's office in his spare time. Commissioner Rudeen will remind Thaxton that Court duties and Magistrate Court need always comes first since the District Court Fund pays his salary.

WEEDS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the noxious weeds Assistance Agreements between Power County and the U. S. Department of Interior as presented. Carried. Commissioner Estep took possession of the original agreements, which he will discuss with Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk prior to them being returned.

Adjourned.

  
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KENT RUDEEN, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk