

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on August 28, 2000. Present were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

SCILD: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and SCILD Director Brian Morris appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County inmate labor detail program. To avoid any further misunderstandings, Mr. Morris would like to develop a policy to "assist" only, rather than performing services without an agency representative available. Mr. Morris then expressed his desire to charge agencies for excessive travel expenses. Mr. Morris then indicated that the SCILD program needs a new lawn mower.

JAIL EXPANSION: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners and presented a plan for remodeling the Power County Jail prepared by Architect Ken Douglas. The Commissioners suggested that Sheriff Sprague obtain an estimate for the construction costs involved. Commissioner Rudeen will also discuss the proposed expansion with the Idaho Sheriff's Association Jail Consultant Bill Lynn.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY PROGRAM: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to request financial assistance for a motor vehicle safety program to place crosses along the roadways in Power County. The Commissioners felt that the Sheriff had sufficient funds budgeted to pay these expenses.

DISASTER SERVICES: Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners and advised that he had received a \$1,000 grant to assist with the costs of the Rockland Repeater upgrade.

ROCKLAND FIRE DISTRICT: Commissioner Rudeen reported that Mike Matthews of the Rockland Fire District had approached him. The District is in need of new radios. Commissioner Hoybjerg indicated that she might be able to donate used radios to the Rockland Fire District.

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

Mark Love, EMS Director, appeared before the Commissioners and advised that his grant application for assistance with the purchase of a new ambulance has been denied. Mr. Love estimates that a new ambulance would cost approximately \$95,000. The Commissioners agreed that a call for bid should be published on

September 13th and 20th, 2000. Mark Love will furnish the Clerk's Office with specifications. The Power County Clerk will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. on October 13th, with bids to be opened October 16th, 2000, at 11:00 a.m.

Mark Love presented Memorandum of Understanding for Great Rift Rural Health Network. Commissioner Rudeen signed the original and returned it to Mark Love.

Mr. Love would like to reimburse Dr. James F. Shaw for travel expenses associated with his position as Director of Medical Services for the Power County EMS. The Commissioners authorized Mark Love to submit claims for Dr. Shaw's travel beginning October 1st, 2000. Mr. Love was also authorized to submit a claim for Dr. Shaw's travel for FY 2000 in the amount of \$300.00.

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

PLANNING & ZONING: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed obtaining surveys on land splits with attorney Jerry Mason. Commissioner Estep feels that Power County's code may be too restrictive, since it's not the County's intention to interfere with private property transfers unless there is a building going up. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis will look at the County ordinances and policies and clarify those. Commissioners then discussed with Prosecutor Laggis and Building Administrator Richard Wiles the Zimmerman occupancy permit. Mr. Laggis will write a letter to advise Mr. Zimmerman to provide verification that the building has been approved safe for human occupancy.

BUDGET HEARING: The FY 2001 Budget as published came on for public hearing before the Commissioners at 12:00 o'clock noon. Clerk Steinlicht indicated that item #01-05-480-00 (contracted legal services) should be moved to a salary line since the new Deputy Prosecutor, Jeremy Downs, will be paid through the County's payroll, with benefits, rather than through a contract. The Commissioner agreed to split the \$15,000 budgeted in item #01-05-480-00 between salary item #01-05-405-00 (\$7,000) and 08-03-402-00 (\$8,000). There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Fiscal Year 2001 budget. Carried.

ANNUAL COUNTY DUTCH-OVEN PICNIC: The annual Power County Dutch oven picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, 2000. Building Maintenance Supervisor Gary Thomsen will be doing the Dutch oven cooking. The Commissioners will present Mr. and Mrs. Thomsen with a \$25.00 gift certificate from Applebee's.

AUDIT REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve the Letter of understanding between Scott Jones, the County's independent auditor, and Power

County which was prepared by Scott Jones. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING (SPECIAL USE FEE RESOLUTION #2000-06): Power County Resolution #2000-06 came on for public hearing at 1:00 o'clock p.m. Following a review of the wording of the ordinance, this matter will be referred to the Prosecuting Attorney to be rewritten.

PUBLIC HEARING (DEAD LIVESTOCK DISPOSAL FEE RESOLUTION #2000-07): Power County Resolution #2000-07 came on for public hearing at 1:30 o'clock p.m. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Rudeen, to approve and pass Resolution #2000-07, imposing a fee for the disposal of dead livestock at the Power County Landfill and Transfer Station. Carried.

SEARCH & RESCUE BUILDING BID: Commissioner Rudeen announced that it was the time and date set for opening of the Search & Rescue Building bids. Two sealed bids have been submitted. M&H Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$45,013 and BGM Builders submitted a bid in the amount of \$46,576. Following opening and review of the bids, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Rudeen, to accept lowest responsible bid as submitted by M&H Construction. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION: Probation Supervisor Russ Wheatley and County Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd appeared before the commissioners. Parent Project classes begins again on September 19th. Mrs. Shepherd has been working with JoAnn Reece in Bannock County to start an "Our Girls" program here in Power County. "Our Girls" projected start up date is February 1st, 2001. Mrs. Shepherd is attempting to get Grant funding for the start up costs.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 23,926.11
Ambulance	1,517.19
District Court	880.78
Justice	27,744.08
Indigent	3,242.65
Revaluation	1,834.28
Solid Waste	20,374.74
Weeds	19.00
Waterways	2,567.17
PILT	1,450.00

PITNEY BOWES: Clerk Steinlicht indicated that the Pitney Bowes Postage machine used by the County is outdated and needs to be replaced. Following a review of the options, the Commissioners authorized Mrs. Steinlicht to rent the Pitney Bowes Galaxy 180 Mailing System for the sum of \$375.00 per month.

JR. COLLEGE TUITION (COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO): Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, as presented for Herlinda S. Huerta, Sandy J. Cates, Misty D. Brown, Esteban M. Cardenas, Maria E. Torres and Deborah A. Skaar. Carried.

OCTOBER AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to meet in October on the 2nd, 16th and 30th, rather than on the regular meeting dates of October 9th and 23rd. Carried.

STORAGE SHELVES: Clerk Steinlicht indicated that storage shelves are needed in the Court storage area of the Courthouse, and presented three bids for the purchase of shelving. The commissioners authorized Mrs. Steinlicht's request to purchase storage shelves for Court records.

BEVERAGE LICENSE: Commissioner Rudeen then announced that it was the time and date set for consideration of a beverage license. Commissioner Rudeen read the application into the record. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to approve application of Leonel Brambila d/b/a Tres Hermanos for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises. Carried.

Adjourned.



KENT RUDEEN, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk