

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on September 11, 2000. Present were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

BAILIFF TRAINING: The Commissioners reviewed Dan Thaxton's request to attend a Court Security Training Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada, in December, 2000. The Commissioners denied the request since Mr. Thaxton is attending similar training in Boise in November.

BUDGET/LEVY: The Commissioners will meet on Friday, September 15th to certify the levies for the Power County taxing districts.

PLANNING & ZONING: Commissioner Estep reported on the Planning & Zoning Enforcement being pursued by Building Administrator Richard Wiles against Phil Bernal who is attempting to place a trailer house under unsafe conditions in the Arbon Valley area.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected officials meeting were Commissioners Kent Rudeen, Ken Estep and Valerie Hoybjerg, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, Power County Assessor Doug Glascock and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: County Attorney Laggis indicated that Judge Smith has agreed to mediate the Law Enforcement Agreement dispute between Power County and the City of American Falls on September 27th, 2000.

SCILD PROGRAM: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg to purchase the surplus Arbon School District #383 Bus for the SCILD program in the amount of \$2,500, to be paid from PILT. Carried.

MINK CREEK PROPERTY LEASE: Commissioner Estep indicated he had contacted the Forest Service regarding the Fitch life tenure lease on the Mink Creek Crystal Summit property. The Forest Service has indicated that they would like the County to negotiate the lease on the 40 acre parcel (18 acres of dry land farm ground and 22 acres of pasture ground). Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to lease the Mink Creek Crystal Summit Property (40 acres) to Larry and Todd Fitch for \$300.00 per year. Carried. County Attorney Laggis will prepare a proposed lease agreement.

RESOLUTION #2000-06: Prosecutor Laggis reviewed County Resolution #2000-06 as amended and indicated that changes would not require a second public hearing. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Power County Planning & Zoning Fee

Resolution #2000-06. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Southeastern District Health Department Board Member Judy Meline appeared before the Commissioners to discuss her position on the Southeastern District Health Department Board. Mrs. Meline submitted her verbal resignation. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to accept Mrs. Meline's resignation and to appoint Commissioner Hoybjerg as her replacement to the Southeastern District Health Department Board of Directors. Carried.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Rudeen reported that Dan Neu had resigned from Power County Airport Board. Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to appoint Ron Miller to the Power County Airport Board until January, 2002. Carried.

SHOOTING RANGE: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Highway District may be wanting to sell shooting range property South of American Falls. Sheriff Sprague would like Power County to purchase that property if it comes up for sale. Sheriff Sprague indicated that he would be willing to sell the Johnson Street property to fund the shooting range property purchase.

WEED ENFORCEMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that Merrill & Brent Walker are still having noxious weed problems. Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk has a meeting with Walkers today to begin the formal weed enforcement proceedings.

LOT PURCHASE: Sheriff Sprague has advised the Commissioners that Clee Heaney is now willing to sell his lot adjacent to the Power County EMS Building for \$25,000. Commissioners are not interested at this time.

FAIRBOARD REPORT: Commissioner Estep reported that the Community Building Committee raised an additional \$1,600 during fair week. Good Sam's Club may be granting additional funds to upgrade the camping area with hook ups and install restrooms with showers.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 12,971.16
Ambulance	1,330.38
District Court	7,964.95
Justice	37,464.48
Indigent	3,844.38
Revaluation	3,196.81
Solid Waste	2,033.62
Weeds	5,423.66
Waterways	2,751.65
PILT	764.77

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to approve the Minutes for August 7th, 11th and 28th, 2000, as presented. Carried.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Pete Williams of the Power County Search & Rescue appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Search & Rescue building. Commissioner Rudeen reported that he had discussed the proposed Deed for transfer of the property with City Attorney Hank Boomer. Pete will contact Bill Davidson at Bannock County Waterways to inquire about the \$5,000 donation.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2000-15-I: Moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2000-15-I since applicant has sufficient income to pay the necessary medical expenses over a three year period. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2000-17-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to deny indigent medical application #2000-17-I since applicant has other resources to pay the necessary medical expenses, i.e. Medicaid. Carried.

MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS: Mark Semons of Semons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's Employee Medical Health Insurance Plan for Fiscal Year 2001. Following a review of the Health Renewal Proposal prepared for Power County by Semons Financial, the Commissioners agreed to the following Plan changes for FY 2001:

1. Increase the County's specific stop-loss from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

2. From October 1, 2000, forward, the Group Benefit Plan will pay 90% coinsurance for all "In-Network Providers" and 70% for all "Out-of-Network Providers" after the calendar year deductibles have been met. Any Out-of-Network services that are received due to the Networks inability to provide services due to an emergency situation, will be paid at the "Neutral Benefit Level" of 80%. All services at Harms Memorial Hospital will be covered at the 80% Neutral Benefit Level until such time as Harms Memorial becomes a member of the CCN Network, at that time they will be covered at the 90% level.

Adjourned.


KENT RUDEEN, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk