

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on October 30, 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.

**CITY/COUNTY JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY:** City of American Falls Resource Coordinator Jerry Boyce and Chief Police Jerry Hubbs appeared before the Commissioners and suggested that the county and city have a joint Christmas party this year. They have a tentative date of December 2, 2000.

**DETENTION ADMINISTRATOR:** Commissioner Hoybjerg indicated that Seth Scott has been hired as new Juvenile Detention Administrator for the Juvenile Detention Center in Pocatello.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOWING POLICY:** Power County Sheriff Chief Deputy Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss problems the Sheriff's office is experiencing with the local towing companies. Also present were Mike & Lynette Speers d/b/a M&L Towing and Larry and Earl Nichols d/b/a Nichols Towing. Deputy Jeffries indicated that Larry Nichols and Earl Nichols are attempting to get double calls by claiming that they are two separate entities rather than a family business with two trucks. The towing companies each agreed to sign waiver to allow County Prosecutor Laggis to inquire into their respective liability insurance coverage. Prosecutor Laggis will review Power County's towing policy and issue written opinion for the Commissioners' consideration.

**POWER COUNTY JAIL FURNACE:** The Board of Power County Commissioners reviewed the quotes received for replacement of the rooftop furnace at the Power County Jail. Following a review of the quotes it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to accept the quote provided by Brower Heating & Cooling to replace the rooftop furnace at the Power County Jail in the amount of \$7,375.00.

**MUTUAL INSURANCE (ICRMP):** Grady Staley of Mutual Insurance Company appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's liability policy with ICRMP. Clerk Steinlicht provided an updated vehicle and equipment list. The Commissioners also advised Mr. Staley that the new Marine Patrol Boat and the Search & Rescue Storage Building would need to be placed on County's policy. Mr. Staley requested that Power County update the application on the Power County Airport.

**VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE:** Veteran's day is on Saturday, November

11, 2000. Following a review of the personnel policy, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Courthouse would close on Friday, November 10, 2000, in observance of Veteran's Day.

**SEARCH & RESCUE BUILDING:** The Commissioners discussed the status of the Search & Rescue storage building. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Deed from the City had not yet been recorded. Commissioner Rudeen indicated that Mayor Rudeen had signed the Deed last Wednesday. Clerk Steinlicht will contact City Clerk Carol Gilson to inquire if the Deed has been signed and when it will be recorded.

**GRAND CASCADE APARTMENTS:** Commissioner Rudeen followed up by telephone with John Riker of the USDA Rural Development Administration. Mr. Riker indicated that he will be sending out letters to Community leaders and residents of the Grand Cascade apartments letting them know that the USDA is researching alternate housing for those who may become displaced as a result of the refinancing on the apartment. Mr. Riker encouraged Commissioner Rudeen to respond to that letter once it has been received.

**HARDSHIP EXEMPTION:** Evelyn Roper appeared before the Commissioners and presented her Application for Hardship Exemption under Idaho Code #63-711. Also present was Power County Assessor Doug Glascock. Following a review of the application and financial information presented by Mrs. Roper, the Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement until November 9, 2000.

**CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT:** Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis advised the Commissioners that he and City Attorney Hank Boomer had discussed the financial breakdown between City of American Falls and Power County during the 2001 Fiscal Year. Mr. Laggis suggested that Power County audit the Dispatch salaries and benefits and provide those to the City of American Falls annually so that both parties would be aware of the actual costs.

**CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT:** County Attorney Paul Laggis advised the Commissioners that he and Public Defender George Southworth felt that they would be willing to work with John Souza as the Conflict Public Defender for an additional one year period. Mr. Laggis will prepare the new Contract.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Estep reported that he had been approached by the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the purchase brochures for Power County and the City of American Falls. Commissioner Estep will report back to the Chamber that Power County would be willing to participate. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to allocate up to \$500.00 from PILT recreation to fund the brochure project. Carried.

**INDIGENT:** Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up

indigent medical applications.

INDIGENT CASE #2000-09-I: The Commissioners agreed to continue paying the medical insurance premium at the increased cost for another year.

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

NOXIOUS WEED ENFORCEMENT: Merrill Walker and Brent Walker appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the noxious weed enforcement on their property. Also present was Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk. Brent Walker reported that there are approximately 170 acres which still need to be sprayed, 70 of which will need to be taken care of this Fall. Merrill Walker reported that they have already sprayed approximately 800 acres. The Walkers and Curtis have a difference of opinion on which chemicals and amounts thereof would best eliminate the noxious weed problem. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Rudeen, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to put a hold on the Noxious Weed Order against Merrill & Brent Walker upon the condition that the 70 acres be sprayed this Fall, weather permitting, with the balance of the spraying to be taken care of by a date and time certain in the Spring, which date and time will be negotiated between the Power County Weed Supervisor and the Walkers. Carried. The Walkers failure to meet the agreed upon Spring deadlines will result in Power County taking care of the noxious weeds and billing the Walkers for the costs thereof.

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCES: Following a review of the Amended Project Change Order, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Amended Project Change Order as presented in the amount of \$1,500.00. Carried.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$	786.53
Ambulance District		350.65
District Court		1,818.57
Justice Fund		1,468.27
Indigent		46.51
Solid Waste		501.86
PILT		4,698.00

COUNTY WEB PAGE: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that the Power County Web Page is in the works. The Commissioners discussed what information they would like made available for access through the County Web Page.

NOVEMBER AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Rudeen, to meet in November on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Carried.

COUNTY BOARDS: The Commissioners reviewed the appointments which will need to be made in January, 2001, to fill vacancies on the following County boards:

Airport Board  
Fairboard  
Guardianship Board  
Historical Society Board  
Planning & Zoning  
Snowmobile Board  
Waterways Board  
Weeds Board

Clerk Steinlicht will publish a list of the board openings to allow interested applicants to submit their name for service.

Adjourned.

  
KENT RUDEEN, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk