

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on January 22, 2001. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to request that he and his full time landfill employee, Ron Lee, be allowed to obtain Hepatitis A vaccines through the Southeastern District Health Department. The Hepatitis A vaccine consists of two shots, each costing \$27.00. The Commissioners approved Mr. Heward's request for he and Ron Lee to obtain Hepatitis A vaccines.

CITY/COUNTY DISPATCH MEETING: City Resource Coordinator Jerrie Boyce appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the agenda items for the joint dispatch meeting to be held on February 7, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Topics of discussion will include the Power County Dispatch Center, computer connectivity and jail fingerprint cards.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected Officials meeting were Commissioners Ken Estep, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, Power County Assessor Douglas Glascock, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

SHOOTING RANGE: At the request of Commissioner Estep, Assessor Doug Glascock will provide the Commissioners will a list of the property owners adjacent to the shooting range property South of town, which is currently owned by the Power County Highway District. The Commissioners are negotiating with the Power County Highway District to purchase the property to be used as a shooting range for law enforcement.

SALARY EVALUATION: The Commissioner discussed with the County Elected Officials the benefits of Power County obtaining a salary evaluation and salary schedule for County employees based on job descriptions and length of service for each employee. Following a discussion, it was agreed that a salary evaluation is not necessary at this time. The Elected Officials then discussed possible additional benefits that could be made available to 20 year plus employees.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO: The Commissioners then discussed with the County Elected Officials the options for use of the credit Power County will receive from PERSI in the amount of \$59,470.31. Possible options include, but are not limited to, increasing the Power County Employee Benefit Trust fund to prevent possible increases in the County's self funded medical insurance plan, making a

one-time capital building purchase, refunding the credit to the Power County employees or applying the credit to the FY 2002 budget. This discussion was tabled until February 12, 2001.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – SECURITY REQUEST: Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch then requested that since she and her employees routinely handle large amounts of cash at their desks, the County purchase blinds for her windows as an extra security measure. The Commissioner suggested that Mrs. Mauch obtain quotes for the costs of blinds. This matter was tabled until February 12, 2001.

LANDFILL – CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE: Managing Scientist George Spinner and Project Director Rick Galluci from Cascade Earth Science appeared before the Commissioners to give a report on the progress of the monitoring wells and surface water control system at the Power County Landfill. Mr. Galluci then presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Statistical Analysis of Ground Water Quality Data for August 2000 at the Power County Landfill as prepared by Cascade Earth Sciences. Mr. Galluci requested that the Commissioners review the document and call him with any questions or concerns. Mr. Galluci indicated that he would also be providing a copy of this report to the State of Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Power County Commissioners met as the Power County Board of Equalization at 1:30 o'clock p.m. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization adjourned.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 3,831.06
Ambulance	1,288.75
District Court	1,385.09
Justice	3,499.68
Indigent	155.50
Revaluation	33.20
Solid Waste	1,421.62
Weeds	51.60
Waterways	26.71
PILT	9,455.00

POWER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Fairgrounds Manufactured Home Agreement, allowing a manufactured home to be placed at the Power County Fairgrounds and to waive the Code requirement that it be placed on a permanent foundation so long as placement complies otherwise with Idaho State Code, not to exceed a period of two years. Carried.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2001-04-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2001-04-I, since applicant has resources sufficient to pay the medical bills incurred over a period of three (3) years. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2001-02-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2001-02-I, since applicant has resources sufficient to pay the medical bills incurred over a period of three (3) years. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2001-03-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2001-03-I. Carried.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then discussed local County Boards and appointments that need to be made this year.

Guardianship Board: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to appoint Jolene Hofmeister, Judy Wallace and Brenda Havlicak to two-year terms on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2003). Carried. One vacancy still exists on the Power County Guardianship Board.

Planning & Zoning: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Gilbert Hofmeister to a two-year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (January, 2003).

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the financial condition of Harms Memorial Hospital and the plans for future expansion. Mr. Brummond indicated that he would like to meet with the Power County Commissioners on a monthly basis regarding the financial condition of Harms Memorial Hospital.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his annual report showing a breakdown of building permits issued in Power County during Fiscal Year 2000. Mr. Wiles presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Division of Building Safety Certificate of Competency certifying him as a Certified Building Inspector issued on January 12, 2001. Mr. Wiles requested that the Commissioners allow him to work overtime in order to complete investigation of the Astaris project, as well as other duties that are currently taking a great deal of time. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to allow Building Inspector Richard Wiles to work up to five hour per week overtime, paid at time an a half, from January 29, 2001, through February 26, 2001. Carried. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Wiles meet

with them again on February 26, 2001, to discuss the overtime effectiveness. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to rescind the previous motion to allow overtime until the Commissioners and Mr. Wiles had an opportunity to investigate the cost effectiveness of hiring an engineering assistant with professional expertise to help perform the Astaris inspections. Carried. The Commissioners then advised Mr. Wiles that Power County has several road signs down, and suggested that Mr. Wiles meet with SCILD director Brian Morris to discuss which road signs are down and get the SCILD crew to put them back up.

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 District Director Mark Love advised the Commissioners of a new EMT training being offered in March to recruit more EMTs from the Rockland area. The cost of the class is \$275 per person; however, those individuals interested in taking the class cannot afford the \$275 fee. The Commissioners and Mr. Love discussed setting up a scholarship for partial payment of the course for those interested in the training, with the stipulation that they sign an agreement to perform EMT services in the Rockland area for a period of one year, to pay the money back. Mr. Love indicated that he has a \$2,600 grant available to the Power County Ambulance District that could be used for the training scholarships.

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

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT: Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners and advised them that he has applied to the Department of Agriculture for five different grants totaling \$12,000 which could be used for equipment and wages.

COUNTY WEB PAGE: The Commissioners discussed that they would like all the elected officials and department heads to submit ideas for information that should be available on a County Web Page.

BUILDING SAFETY REPORT: Commissioner Estep reported that he would be drafting a response Building Safety Report prepared for Power County by the State of Idaho Division of Building Safety. This matter was tabled until February 12, 2001.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STENLICHT, Clerk