

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on February 26, 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.

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) MORATORIUM: Following discussion with County Attorney Paul Laggis, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to impose an emergency 120-day moratorium on the issuance of permits for confined animal feeding operations (CAFO's) pursuant to Idaho Code #67-6523 based upon the findings and conclusions of the Commission that an imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare exists, specifically as follows:

1. That waste from confined animal feeding operations (hereafter CAFO's) poses a substantial hazard to water quality;
2. That odors emanating from CAFO's pose a substantial nuisance to public welfare;
3. That the citizens of Power County have legitimate concerns regarding the permitting of CAFO's based on public health risks, environmental degradation, public welfare and residential property values.

Therefore, based upon these findings, the Board of Commissioners conclude that an imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare exists, and that current zoning ordinances must be amended to address these concerns. The moratorium imposed hereby will allow appropriate address of matters pertinent to these issues and protection for the citizens of Power County. Carried.

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

General Fund (Current Expense)	\$ 5,336.31
Ambulance	82,488.61
District Court	1,294.05
Justice Fund	491.09
Indigent	477.50
Solid Waste	1,509.34
Weeds	30.47
Waterways	24.53
PILT	20,041.88

COUNTY BOARDS: The Commissioners then discussed the appointments which need to be made to various County Boards.

Waterways: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Ron Anderson to the Power County Waterways Board for a one-year term (Jan. 2002) and to appoint Ted Wagner and Galen McMasters to the Power County Waterways Board for three-year terms (Jan. 2004). Carried.

JAIL KITCHEN REMODEL: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners to present their proposed plans for remodel and expansion of the kitchen at the Power County Jail. Sheriff Sprague and Deputy Harms will be working on a grant to help pay for the jail expansion and remodel, which is estimated to cost between \$180,000 and \$200,000. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to authorize the Power County Sheriff's Office to pursue grant funding for the expansion and remodel of the Power County Jail. Carried.

SHOOTING RANGE PROPERTY: The Commissioners discussed the purchase of the shooting range property owned by the Power County Highway District. The purchase would be contingent upon the sale of the Johnson Street property. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize Deputy Harms to contact Kelsey Company to obtain an appraisal on the Johnson Street property. Carried.

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

Power County Ambulance Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the new ambulance will arrive on Friday, March 2nd, 2000.

The Commissioners then discussed the possible uses of ambulance #4, which has been designated as surplus property and offered for public auction. Mr. Love then suggested that since there has been no public interest in ambulance #4, that it be donated to the Power County Search & Rescue Dive Team. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to donate surplus ambulance #4 to the Power County Search & Rescue Dive Team. Carried. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to donate the surplus radio in ambulance #4 to the Rockland Rural Fire District. Carried.

The Commissioners and Mr. Love then discussed the feasibility of using ambulance #2 for on-site ambulance service in Arbon Valley. Mr. Love suggested that he and the Commissioners organize a community meeting in Arbon Valley to discuss ambulance service and solicit volunteers to be trained as first responders. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would look for available storage facilities in the Arbon Valley area to keep ambulance #2. This matter was tabled until March 12, 2001.

Mr. Love then advised the Commissioners that watershed from the West side of the EMS building has created frost heaves in the sidewalk outside the back training room, restricting the door movement. The Commissioners reviewed the blue prints on the EMS building and found that gutters were not included in the original specifications. Mr. Love will obtain quotes for the purchase and installation of rain gutters on the West side of EMS building. This matter was tabled until March 12, 2001.

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.

DISASTER SERVICES: Mark Love, Power County Disaster Services Director, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss grants available to fire districts through FEMA. Mr. Love is encouraging the Rockland Rural Fire District and the American Falls Rural Fire District to pursue those FEMA grant monies, which are only available to rural and/or remote fire departments.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization. There being no business to come before the Board; the Power County Board of Equalization was adjourned.

AMERICAN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL: American Falls High School baseball coach Kevin Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented his request for a \$100.00 donation from Power County to help fund the high school baseball program. Following discussion, the Commissioners approved his request.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward indicated that he had been selling and loading wood chips from the landfill. Mr. Heward indicated that he would need a front-end loader if Power County continues to provide wood chips to the public. Mr. Heward indicated that there is mounds of piled up topsoil that Power County could sell. Attorney Laggis suggested that Craig call a nursery or possibly the new school and see if they would be interested in purchasing the topsoil.

FIBERS INTERNATIONAL (RECYCLING PROJECT): Mashelle Pappin of Fibers International appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the statistics for recycling at the Power County Transfer Station from January through December, 2000. Ms. Pappin indicated that Fibers International is losing money on it's Power County recycling project and questioned the Commissioners offering incentives to large volume businesses like Lamb Weston to separate their cardboard. Attorney Laggis indicated that he would contact Lamb Weston supervisors to discuss their cardboard recycling efforts. Mr. Laggis also suggested that Fibers International provide education and information to Power County residents and businesses on the benefits of recycling.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital District Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the

financial conditions of Harms Memorial Hospital and to present the hospital's Balance Sheet Statement for January, 2001.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his request that the Commissioners allow him to work over-time until he can get caught up. This matter was tabled until March 12, 2001.

POWER COUNTY YOUTH CENTER: Youth Center Board Members Bob Schreiber, Jerrie Boyce, Bobbie Mauch and Jane Mehlhaff appeared before the Commissioners to discuss their new building project. Also present was Youth Center Coordinator Rob Cobby. Mr. Schreiber addressed the Commissioners, indicating that the Youth Center has outgrown its existing facility, and the projected costs involved with the purchase and remodel of a new building. The Commissioners advised the Youth Center Board that the County would like to purchase the American Legion Building for use as a combination Youth Center and Historical Museum. The Youth Center Board indicated that they would like to pursue that alternative. This matter was tabled until March 12, 2001.

VACATION/COMP CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register for vacation and comp time carry over. This matter was tabled until March 5, 2001.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Following a review of the Clerk's Annual Financial Report previously presented to the Commissioners, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Clerk's Annual Financial Report as prepared by County Clerk Christine Steinlicht for the period ending September 30, 2000. Carried.

INDIGENT - CLAIMS PRICING: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht then advised the Commissioners that EDS, Inc., in Boise will no longer be pricing medical bills for Power County. Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that Chief Deputy Clerk Linda Annen has attended and completed a claims pricing education program offered through EDS and was qualified to price the County indigent medical claims; however, her current workload didn't allow for extra work. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Chief Deputy Clerk Linda Annen to work over-time to price indigent claims. Clerk Steinlicht agreed to limit Mrs. Annen's total work hour (regular and over-time) to less than 40 hours per week.

ASSESSOR COPIER LEASE: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Power County Assessor Douglas Glascock would like to take over payments on a leased copier from Boomer Law Office. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to pay the lease payments from Current Expense General Miscellaneous.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk