

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on April 30, 2001. Present were Commissioner Ken Estep, Chairman, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

PROBATION OFFICER: The Commissioners reviewed the applications received for the full-time and part-time positions open in the Power County Probation Office. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to hire Russell Maxwell Sprague as the part-time Power County probation officer at rate of \$10.00 per hour, not to exceed a total of 19.5 hours per week, including his part-time bailiff position, unless approved by supervisors. Carried. Interviews for the full-time probation officer candidates will be conducted on Wednesday, May 9th.

POWER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE: Power County Extension Agents Stan Gortsema and Linette Riley appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal to hire a part-time 4-H aide during the summer months. The Power County Extension Office would like to coordinate with the American Falls Parks & Recreation Director to plan six weeks of day camps in June and July for students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Each of the day camps will include a 4-H project that will be displayed at the Power County Fall Fair. Mr. Gortsema indicated that he would be willing to turn over the Extension Office's remaining "C" budget balance if the Commissioners would allow the request for part-time summer help. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to hire a part-time 4-H aide during the summer on a contract basis to be paid from PILT Recreation funds, not to exceed \$2,500. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Hoybjerg informed the Commissioners that Mr. Jack Palmer would not be able to personally meet with the Power County Commissioners to discuss the Health Department's FY 2002 Budget Request. Commissioner Hoybjerg presented the figures for Power County's portion of funding which has decreased \$3,942 due to 2000 Census figures being lower than anticipated. Commissioner Hoybjerg indicated that Health Department will be sending the Commissioners and Clerk the District's FY 2002 Budget Request packet for further consideration.

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

JAIL EXPANSION/REMODEL: R. Craig Thurgood, Rural Development Specialist of the USDA Rural Development Program appeared before the Commissioners to discuss monies that may be available for the Power County jail expansion/remodel. Mr. Thurgood indicated that there are low interest (approximately 5%) loans available through the USDA for public and/or community buildings. Mr. Thurgood also reported that Power County would be eligible for a Federal Emergency Area grant if the County's population and median income levels meet the requirements under the grant. Mr. Thurgood indicated that he would send the Commissioners more information on grants available through the USDA.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County Part-time Bailiff/Probation Officer Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's safety and evacuation plan in the event of an emergency. Mr. Sprague also discussed possible first aid training for County employees.

AIRPORT HOUSE TOUR: The Commissioners then toured the Airport house to determine repairs or other maintenance needs.

CREDIT CARDS: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the proposed Wells Fargo credit card account would require that each card be used twelve times per year or would be subject to the annual fee. Following discussion, the Commissioner agreed to maintain their current credit card accounts with Key Bank.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to pay the claim as presented for the annual credit card fees on the Commissioner Credit Card accounts with Key Bank. Carried.

General (Current Expense)

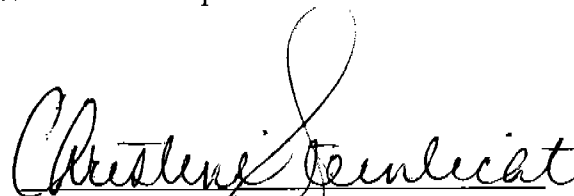
\$ 55.00

BUDGET HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to hold Power County's public budget hearing on Monday, August 27, 2001, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioner Office of the Power County Courthouse. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed the possibility of obtaining an Economic Development Grant with Chamber of Commerce Director Jeanne Wride. The grant is available from the State of Idaho to Cities with populations less than 10,000 only when initially or jointly pursued by the County officials wherein the City is located. The purpose of the grant would be to hire an Economic Development Coordinator to pursue rural development.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk