

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on May 29, 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.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 5,946.25
Ambulance	6,201.03
District Court	551.82
Justice Fund	530.00
Indigent	1,968.32
Solid Waste	117.42
Weeds	24.69
Waterways	19.89
PILT	3,239.00

WEEDS – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve Weed Assistance Agreements #DAA000205 and #DAA000228 between Power County and the Bureau of Land Management numbered. Carried.

LANDFILL GROUNDWATER MONITORING – CASCADE EARTH SCIENCE: The Commissioners reviewed the most recent groundwater testing reports. Following discussion with Rich Galluci of Cascade Earth Sciences, Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that there appears to be contamination in the spring that is not showing up in the monitoring wells. Tom Mulligan of the State's Division of Environmental Quality is aware of the spring contamination and will continue to review this matter.

NATURAL RESOURCE LITIGATION FUND: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to contribute Power County's share of \$3,239 into the Natural Resource Litigation Fund, which is being administered by the Idaho Association of Counties. Carried.

SEARCH & RESCUE BUILDING: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed the completion of the new Search & Rescue Building with Parks & Recreation Grant Specialist Jill Murphy. Ms. Murphy has received all the required information from

Power County Search & Rescue member Pete Williams. Power County will be receiving a reimbursement check within the next several days.

DROUGHT DECLARATION REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Drought Declaration request as prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht indicated that Governor Dirk Kempthorne issued an Order on May 22, 2001, declaring a drought emergency in Power County, a copy of which has been received by the Power County Clerk's Office.

CELL TOWER MORATORIUM: Following a finding by the Board of Power County Commissioners that an imminent peril to the public safety and welfare exists, specifically as follows:

1. That cell tower construction and maintenance may pose a substantial safety hazard to air traffic;
2. That aesthetic displeasure poses a substantial nuisance to public welfare;
3. That the citizens of Power County have legitimate concerns regarding the permitting of cell tower structures based on public safety risks, environmental degradation, public welfare and residential property values;

Therefore, based on these findings, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, that an emergency 120-day moratorium be imposed on the issuance of permits for cell tower structures pursuant to I.C. #67-6523. Carried. The moratorium imposed hereby will allow appropriate address of matters pertinent to these issues and protection for the citizens of Power County.

UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Sprague indicated that fuel inspector Steve Martin will be conducting an inspection of the underground fuel tanks at the Sheriffs Office. Mr. Martin will be inspecting the tanks on a regular basis, either monthly or quarterly.

EXTENSION OFFICE FENCE: The Commissioners discussed the damage to the chain link fence at the extension office. Clerk Steinlicht will contact the SCILD crew to see if they can repair the fence.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles and Planning & Zoning Chairman Jim Fitzgerald appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming Public Hearing on the proposed natural gas fired power plant at Mayer Road and Highway 37 in Power County. The Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 5th, 2001. The Commissioners discussed the definition of "minor utility" on agricultural zoned property.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Power County Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on May 29, 2001, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization adjourned.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS: The elected officials test group agreed that they should follow through with the treatments recommended by Dr. Jason West of the West Health Clinic. The Commissioners discussed possible amendments to the County's medical insurance plan with Mark Semons of Semons Financial via speaker telephone. This matter was tabled until June 11th, 2001.

COMMISSIONER MEETING SITES: Commissioner Estep reported that he had arranged to use Rockland City Hall for a Power County Commissioner Meeting on Monday, June 25th, 2001, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners will meet on September 24, 2001, at the Pocatello Airport in Eastern Power County from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the current City/County Law Enforcement agreement expires on September 30, 2001. This matter will be referred to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

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

Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, that Mark Love's official title shall be "Power County Ambulance District Director", rather than "Power County Ambulance District Coordinator". Carried.

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

RESOLUTION #2001-03 (SOLID WASTE): Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2001-03, allowing surplus topsoil at the Power County landfill to be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, at the rate of twenty (\$20.00) dollars per fifteen (15) yards. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2001-04 (SOLID WASTE): Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2001-04, allowing wood chips accumulated at the Power County landfill to be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis at the rate of \$1.00 per yard. Carried.

SHERIFF OFFICE REMODEL/EXPANSION: Architect Ken Douglas and Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners with the blue prints for expansion of the Dispatch Center and remodel of the Driver's License department.

Mr. Douglas and Sheriff Sprague will solicit Requests for Proposals for completion of the project, to be reviewed by the Commissioners on June 11th, 2001, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

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.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk

