

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on June 11th, 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.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Minutes for May 14th, 16th and 29th as presented. Carried.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 9,662.41
Ambulance	1,324.42
District Court	3,736.50
Justice	15,719.02
Indigent	36.38
Revaluation	130.63
Solid Waste	8,539.27
Weeds	406.80
Waterways	4,466.10
PILT	877.87

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen and Diane Hill of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the Southeastern District Health Department's quarterly report.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS: Mark Semons of Semons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to discuss expanding benefits to Power County employees under the County's self funded insurance program. The Commissioners agreed to offer homeopathic and other alternative procedures to County employees with a maximum benefit of \$500 per insured, which benefit would include a \$5 co-pay on homeopathic herbal remedies. The Commissioners also agreed to pay 90% of the initial wellness exam for all persons insured under the County's policy and apply the amount of that wellness exam toward the \$500 maximum benefit. It is anticipated that these additional benefits will become effective July 1st, 2001. Clerk Steinlicht and Mark Semons will schedule information sessions for employees and their families regarding these new benefits.

CELL TOWER - DISPATCH: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report on the frequent interference with the

County's emergency radio frequencies due to cell towers. Mr. Jeffries would like to see it become the financial responsibility of the cell tower companies to remedy these interferences. Commissioners advised Mr. Jeffries that this matter would be referred to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board, who will address this issue under the current cell tower moratorium.

TRAIL CREEK – NO SHOOTING ZONE: Commissioner Estep reported that Bannock County has posting a no shooting zone in the Trail Creek Area of Bannock County. Commissioner Estep discussed the possibility of Power County likewise creating a no shooting zone on the Power County side of Trail Creek and into the Michaud Creek areas to protect the County residents and their property. Prosecutor Laggis will investigate the proper channels and report back on June 25th, 2001.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Cooperate Agreement between Power County and the City of American Falls Re: Law Enforcement Services as prepared and presented by County Attorney Paul Laggis. Carried.

TAX CANCELLATIONS: The Commissioners reviewed the Order for Cancellation of Taxes presented by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes as presented. Carried.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2001-10-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to deny indigent medical application #2001-10-I since it appears that applicant has other resources for payment of the medical bills pursuant to I.C. #31-3502(17). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2001-09-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to deny indigent medical application #2001-09-I, since it appears that applicant has other resources for payment of the medical bills pursuant to I.C. #31-3502(17) and since the application was processed as incomplete under I.C. #31-3505A. Carried.

LANDFILL – FINANCIAL ASSURANCE: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented a letter to the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality regarding financial self insurance against landfill post-closure costs. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the written notification of financial self-insurance to the State Division of Environmental Quality as presented. Carried.

PROBATION OFFICE (REMODEL): Commissioner Hoybjerg has directed Probation Office Russ Wheatley to schedule the painting of the probation offices with the SCILD workers. Clerk Steinlicht will obtain quotes for blinds in the Probation Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up potential legal matters. Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Special Prosecuting Attorney Guy Price appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his legal opinion regarding minor utilities in agriculture areas. Mr. Price indicated that the proposed power plant does not fit the definition of minor utility under the County's current zoning laws in agricultural areas. Also present were Power County Planning & Zoning Chairman Jim Fitzgerald and Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles. The Commissioners discussed a possible rezone of the area by the Power County Planning & Zoning from an agricultural area to a light industrial area.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Hospital report for the period ending May 31, 2001.

ENHANCED 911 – BID OPENING: Commissioner Estep reported that it was time and date set for opening of the bids for the enhanced 911 equipment. The bid opening was recorded. Power County Dispatch Supervisor Di Armstrong also appeared for the bid opening. At the outset, Ms. Armstrong indicated that several vendors have requested an extension for the bid opening. Following a review of the law for extending bid opening with County Attorney Paul Laggis, the Commissioners decided to deny any extension and open the five sealed bids that have been received from. The bids were opened from the following vendors:

Clark Radio
Qwest
Nine One One, Inc.
Bramic
XYBIX Systems, Inc.

The Commissioners will review the bids in greater detail and this matter was tabled until July 9th at 10:00 a.m. The bids are all good for ninety days.

SHERIFF OFFICE CONSTRUCTION QUOTES: Commissioner Estep then reported that it was the time and date set for consideration of the quotes for expansion of the Power County Dispatch area. Present were Power County Dispatch Supervisor Di Armstrong and Architect Ken Douglas. Following a review of the quotes with County Attorney Paul Laggis, the Commissioners determined that under Idaho Law, a "Call For Bids" should be published. Architect Douglas will provide the Power County Clerk with

detailed specifications. Clerk Steinlicht will publish a CALL FOR BIDS for this project once the specifications have been received.

RESOLUTION #2001-05 – CELL TOWER MORATORIUM: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Power County Resolution #2001-05 placing a 120 day moratorium on the construction of cell towers, which was passed and approved on May 29th, 2001. Carried.

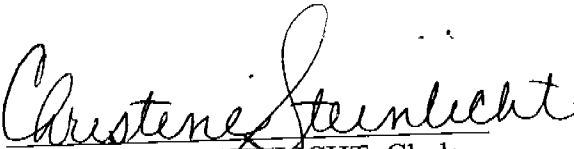
RESOLUTION #2001-06: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Power County Resolution #2001-06, amending the 120-day moratorium on the construction of cell towers. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, 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