

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on June 25, 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.

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

AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (EXTRICATION AGREEMENT): The Commissioners reviewed the Agreement for extrication services between Power County Emergency Medical Services and the American Falls Rural Fire District. Present were EMS Director Mark Love, and American Falls Rural Fire District Board Members Arnold Burgemeister and Lynn Scherer. Following discussion, it was agreed by the Commissioners and the Fire District Board members to renew the extrication agreement for a period of one year under the same terms and conditions. County Attorney Paul Laggis will prepare the written Agreement.

PROBATION OFFICE CARPET: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the quote submitted by Wall-2-Wall Carpet to replace the carpet in the probation office. Carried.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: The Commissioners reviewed copies of Harms Memorial Financial Packet for the period ending May 31, 2001, which were provided by Bob Brummond, Administrator of Harms Memorial Hospital.

BEVERAGE LICENSE: Commissioner Estep reported that it was the time and date set for consideration of an alcohol beverage license. Commissioner Estep read application into the record and there being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the alcohol beverage license of Tonna Edmo, AE Sales, LLC d/b/a Jet Sales for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises. Carried.

IDAHO LIQUOR CATERING PERMIT: Commissioner Estep reported that it was the time and date set for consideration of an Idaho Liquor Catering Permit. Commissioner Estep read application into the record and there being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Idaho Liquor Catering Permit of Craig L. Caudill d/b/a McDermott's to cater for the Pocatello Trap Club at the Pocatello Airport from June 25th through June 29th. Carried.

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

SNAKE RIVER ACCESS – PARKING: Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis regarding the parking and traffic control problems at the Snake River Access, the Commissioners determined that the Snake River Access area is located within the City of American Falls city limits and, as such, the City of American Falls maintains complete traffic control authority.

LANDFILL – PUBLIC ACCESS: Following discussion with Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis the Commissioners agreed to complete close off the access area immediately adjacent to the existing fence line along the old landfill area currently marked “sportsmen access”. The Commissioners have authorized Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward to post the appropriate sign on the closed access area. The Commissioners also agreed to post an “authorized use only” sign on the lower river access road along the bank of the Snake River.

RESOLUTION #2001-07 (CAFO MORATORIUM): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, that a 120-day extension of the emergency 120-day moratorium be imposed, by Resolution #2001-07, on the issuance of permits for Confined Animal Feeding Operations pursuant to I.C. #67-6523. Carried. The Board of Power County Commissioners finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare exists specifically as follows:

1. That waste from confined animal feeding operations (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 concludes that an imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare exists and that current zoning ordinances must be amended to address these concerns. The extension of the moratorium hereby imposed will allow appropriate address of matters pertinent to these issues and protection for the citizens of Power County.

CITY/COUNTY PICNIC: City of American Falls Council Member Amy Wynn and City Parks & Recreation Supervisor Jason Hess appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a joint City/County picnic. It was agreed to have the picnic on Tuesday, July 24th, at the American Falls City Park beginning at 6:00 p.m., with a City vs. County softball game to follow at Magnuson Field at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Wynn will ask Chief Police Hubbs to

help with dutch oven meat and potatoes. City employees will bring desserts, rolls and butter. County employees will bring side dishes, salads and drinks. County and City will split costs of meat, potatoes, plates, cups, napkins and utensils. Clerk Steinlicht and Councilman Wynn will arrange for any purchases.

IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION: Kari Soderquist and Nanook Tuefferd from Idaho Central Credit Union appeared before the Commissioners to discuss meeting one on one with employees to educate them regarding benefits available through Idaho Central Credit Union. Ms. Soderquist contact the Power County Clerk's Office to arrange a date when the Commissioners Office will be available for these one-on-one sessions. Memos will be sent to all County employees advising them of the opportunity to voluntarily meet with Ms. Soderquist.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO: The Commissioner discussed the option of County employees being able to contribute to a 401K-retirement account through PERSI. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to limit requested employee adjustments on PERSI 401K contribution accounts to June and December of each year. Carried.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and adopt amendment #7 to the Employee Medical Benefit Plan to delete the substantive requirements of continuation coverage (COBRA) from the Master Plan Document of Power County Employee Benefit Plan, effective retroactive to July 1, 1995, and is intended to correct an error in the original Master Plan Document. Carried.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA: The Commissioners agreed to meet in July on the 9th, 23rd and 30th.

The Board of Power County Commissioners recessed at 3:30 p.m.

The Board of Power County Commissioners reconvened at the Rockland City Hall at 4:00 p.m.

ROCKLAND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: Rockland Rural Fire District Members David Robinson and Mike Matthews appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a possible expansion or annexation of the Rockland Rural Fire District. The Commissioners referred them to I.C. #31-1411 and suggested they contact the Rockland Rural Fire District Attorney. The Rockland Rural Fire District also advised the Power County Commissioners of their intent to impose fees for fire suppression services outside of their District's boundaries, which they will also discuss with their attorney.

CITY OF ROCKLAND BUILDING INSPECTION AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Agreement for building inspection services between Power County and the City of Rockland with Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs. Following

discussion it was agreed to renew the building inspection agreement until September 30, 2002. County Attorney Paul Laggis will prepare the renewed agreement.

ROCKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #383: Rockland School District Trustee Garrin Bott questioned the Commissioners regarding the County's Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) fund. Mr. Bott would like to see the PILT funds shared with other taxing districts in Power County.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 4,061.23
Ambulance District	3,372.96
District Court	3,126.48
Justice Fund	5,752.17
Indigent	1,445.03
Revaluation	12.00
Solid Waste	1.68
Weeds	36.55
Waterways	21.14
PILT	471.39

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk