

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on July 30, 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.

FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING: American Falls Mayor Deborah Rudeen appeared before the Commissioners and introduced Craig Thorogood from the Department of Commerce to discuss low interest federal loans that are available to public entities for building and/or remodeling projects, which loans would need to be secured by bonds. At the outset Mayor Rudeen indicated that the estimated costs to complete the community building would be \$300,000. Mr. Thorogood indicated that the City of American Falls would be eligible to receive up to 25% of the total amount needed to complete the project, probably not to exceed \$50,000; however, time is limited and application needs to be made as soon as possible. The application process would need to include the City and/or County's anticipated revenue to fund the remaining 75% needed to complete the project.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to submit additional bids for fencing at the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill. The Commissioners then discussed where the fence should be placed. Mr. Heward will obtain additional bids. Mr. Heward then discussed installing an above ground diesel fuel tank at the transfer station. The Commissioners authorized Mr. Heward to obtain quotes for the installation of an above ground diesel fuel tank. These matters were tabled until August 13, 2001. Mr. Heward then indicated that the Association of Idaho Recyclers has asked that the Power County Landfill/Transfer Station become a member of AIR. Mr. Heward will provide the Commissioners with the schedule for membership fees.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ray Burstedt of the Bannock Development Corporation appeared before the Commissioners to discuss development of the Pocatello Airport property. Mr. Burstedt would like Power County to join in on the grant application to place a water tank on the Pocatello Airport property to assist with fire suppression services in the event of a fire. Mr. Burstedt indicated that a major construction project is expected to commence after a water tank and other infrastructure has been put in place. Commissioner Hoybjerg suggested that the Power County Industrial Development Board might need to be involved in the grant request either instead of Power County or jointly with Power County. The Commissioners will also discuss development in eastern Power County with the Bannock County Commissioners. This matter was tabled until August 13, 2001.

JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners then completed their quarterly jail inspection at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

THREE RIVERS RC&D – FIRE PROTECTION/DEFENSIBLE SPACE: Kathy Morter And Kristen Fletcher of Three Rivers RCD appeared before the Commissioners to discuss fire protection and defensible space areas within Power County. They are prepared to assist Power County residents in obtaining information on making their property fire defensible. They asked that the Commissioners assist by spreading the word to County residents, especially those who are high-risk fire areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to move into executive session for the purpose of hearing an appeal on a medical indigent application. Carried.

CASE #2001-18-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2001-08-I on appeal. Carried.


CLERK'S FY 2002 BUDGET: Clerk Steinlicht presented the Clerk's FY 2002 balanced budget for the Commissioners review. Clerk Steinlicht reminded the Commissioners that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for August 27, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. The Commissioners' approved budget will be published on August 15th and 22nd.

PERSI CREDIT: Following discussion, it was agreed by the Commissioners that the employers' portion of the PERSI credit would be used to supplement the Power County Employees' Medical Benefit Trust. The transfer will be made after October 1, 2001.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk