

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 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.

SNOW REMOVAL: Clerk Steinlicht indicated that she had been unable to contact Ziebach Excavation to confirm that they would be providing snow removal services to Power County during the 2001-2002 Winter season. Clerk Steinlicht reported that Greg Olson of Olson Excavation who is ready and willing to provide snow removal services to Power County had contacted her. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to contract with Greg Olson of Olson Excavation to perform snow removal services for Power County during the 2001-2002 Winter season. Carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman to approve the minutes for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001, as presented. Carried.

SAFETY AWARD: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that a dividend check from the State Insurance Fund is being processed and should be received within the next few weeks. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to grant the Power County employees a safety award equal to the amounts given last year (\$75.00 for elected officials and full-time employees and \$35.00 for part-time employees). Carried.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING: Commissioner Estep reported that he had met with Gary Ferguson of BGM Builders to discuss the American Legion Building. Mr. Ferguson indicated that the building is structurally sound; however, handicap access needs to be available to both the upper and lower sections of the building. Mr. Ferguson felt that the most readily immediate solution would be to install general public access along with handicap access through the existing east entrance and use the current entrance to the lounge as a fire exit. Commissioner Estep will contact the American Legion to discuss the estimated costs for building repair.

JAIL POPULATION REPORT: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Sheriff's jail population report. Sheriff Sprague reported that all prisoners currently being held at the Power County Jail are either work release or drug court prisoners and not subject to transfer. The Commissioners will ask the Sheriff to provide detailed prisoner reports to Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe and the Commissioners on a weekly basis.

COUNTY BOARDS: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to set aside a meeting date in January or February, 2002, to meet with the various County Boards or to update the Commissioners on issues and to discuss any concerns.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO – AUDIT: The Commissioners reviewed the PERSI audit report conducted on Power County Sheriff's Office employee Cora Wegner. Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that amounts owing PERSI following the audit must be paid by June 1, 2002. Mrs. Wegner has advised Clerk Steinlicht of the serious financial burden she would face in the event she were forced to pay her portion by the June 1, 2002, deadline. It was agreed by the Commissioners that Power County would pay both the employer and employee's portions owing and allow Cora Wegner to repay the County through an appropriate payroll deduction. The County's portion is \$48.52 and Ms. Wegner's portion is \$460.05.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – AMENDED ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL): Commissioners reviewed the Bureau of Land Management's Amended Assistance Agreement #DAA000228. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Amended Assistance Agreement between Power County and the Bureau of Land Management. Carried.

TRINITY TREASURERS – TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION: Assessor Douglas Glascock appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a tax exemption request on the building and property owned by Trinity Christian School. The 2000 taxes owing on the property in the amount of \$1,642.98 remain due and owing. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to grant the tax exemption application of Trinity Christian School on Parcel #RPA0800-00 in the amount of \$1,642.98, which represents the taxes owing for 2000. Carried.

SCILD BIKE PROGRAM: Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that the SCILD crew is collecting and repairing bicycles for SEICAA to distribute to needy families at Christmas. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to pay for the repair of the bicycles from PILT Recreation funds. Carried. Jim and Jan Chapman's 1942 Montgomery Ward bicycle will be restored and donated to the Power County Historical Society.

FAIRGROUNDS – RV PARK & BATHROOM FACILITIES: Fairboard member Deborah Rudeen and Paula Jones of the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments appeared before the Commissioners with an update on the progress of the Power County RV Park and bathroom facilities at the Power County Fairgrounds. They would like to re-apply for the Idaho Parks & Recreation RV Grant. Paula Jones is asking for a letter of support from Power County Commissioners stating support and financial assistance.

ECSI – COUNTY TELEPHONES: Ted A. Kasper from ECSI appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the future telephone needs of Power County. ECSI would like

to upgrade the County to a digital phone system. Mr. Kasper will prepare and submit a bid for the upgrade.

JANUARY AGENDA: The Commissioners agreed to meet on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners conducted their quarterly jail inspection of the Power County Jail.

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 legal matters. Carried.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk