

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, January 10, 2002. 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.

WILLIAMS NORTHWEST PIPELINE: Representatives from Williams Northwest Pipeline met with the Commissioners and Prosecutor Laggis to discuss gas fire electrical generation facilities being proposed in Power County. Present from Williams Northwest Pipeline were:

Evan Hanson -- Governmental Affairs
Jeff N. Leishman -- Project Manager
Hank Henrie -- Project Manager in charge of business development
Barry Orgill -- District Manager in charge of local distribution of natural gas.

The Commissioners and Prosecutor Laggis discussed the problems associated with the County encouraging industrial development in the current heavy industrial area near Lamb Weston given the current unavailability of natural gas to that area, and questioned Williams Northwest Pipeline representatives regarding the potential costs associated with extending the Northwest Pipeline to that area in order to entice co-generation facilities to the heavy industrial zone. Mr. Henrie advised the Commissioners that Williams Northwest Pipeline could prepare a feasibility study with an estimate of costs for extending the existing pipeline to provide appropriate gas delivery pressure to the area. Mr. Henrie then explained that there would be several options for payment of the line extension cost including, but not limited to, amortizing payments over a specific time period with developers sharing the costs as they connect to the power line. Northwest Pipeline will review the area and submit a feasibility study to Power County within thirty (30) days.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING: Following discussion and a review of the recent appraisal, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to offer the Roland Evans Post of the American Legion up to \$120,000 for purchase of the American Legion building located at 500 Pocatello Avenue, American Falls. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to amend Commissioner Hoybjerg's motion to make the offer of purchase contingent upon the American Legion's ability to vacate the premises by April 15, 2002. Carried. Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed architectural services on the American Legion Building with Pocatello Architect Jerry

Meyers in the event that the Roland Evans Post of the American Legion accepts the offer of purchase.

ECSI TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE – ENHANCED 911: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes received from ECSI Executone for a stand-alone system at the Power County Sheriff's Office verses connecting with the County Courthouse's telephone system. Commissioner Estep reported that Paul Clark of Clark Radio will send Power County a check in the amount of \$4,872 to assist with the purchase of the telephone upgrade system for the Courthouse with the Sheriff's Office connected. Clerk Steinlicht will contact ECSI Executone to advise that the Commissioners are ready to sign the Sales Agreement for the purchase of the Toshiba system in the amount of \$14,417.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C.#67-2345): 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 issues. Carried.

ROCKLAND CITY BOUNDARIES: The Commissioners discussed the corrected Rockland City boundaries map with special County Attorney Jerry Mason. Mr. Mason advised the Commissioners that Power County has no authority to ratify, authorize or approve the new Rockland City boundaries.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk