

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2002. Present were Power County 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.

NEXTEL – CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE: Jody Breeding of Nextel Cellular appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal to provide cellular telephone service to Power County. The Commissioners reviewed the County's account history and service agreements with the County's current cellular telephone provider, U. S. Cellular. This matter was tabled until January 28, 2002.

U. S. CELLULAR – CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE: Kay Penrod of U. S. Cellular appeared before the Commissioners to review the County's account history and current service agreements with U. S. Cellular. Mr. Penrod will work up a proposal for U. S. Cellular to continue providing cellular telephone service to Power County. This matter was tabled until January 28, 2002.

SNOWMOBILE PARKING LOT – EXCALIBUR RANCHES LEASE: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he had not received a response from Alan and Merrill Permann d/b/a Excalibur Ranches regarding the lease agreement for Power County to lease the 240' x 400' parking lot near Houtz Canyon. Prosecutor Laggis will follow up with Alan Permann. This matter was tabled until January 28, 2002.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

The Commissioners discussed ambulance response on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation with Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love. Mr. Decker of the Fort Hall Emergency Services Department contacted Mr. Love and advised that the Fort Hall EMTs should respond to all calls on the reservation, including Interstate 84 and County roads. The Commissioners discussed a possible Mutual Aid Agreement between Power County Ambulance District and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Prosecutor Laggis agreed to research this issue and report back on January 28, 2002.

Mr. Love indicated that the National Weather Service would like to make an official presentation to Power County, City of American Falls and City of Rockland for obtaining "Storm Ready Preparedness" certification. Commissioner Estep will contact City of Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs and City of American Falls Mayor Cecil Weisenburger and

advise them of the time and date scheduled for public presentation of the "Storm Ready Preparedness" certificates.

Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to recess as Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to deny indigent medical application #2002-12-I, since application was processed as incomplete pursuant to I. C. #31-3505(a). Carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Estep expressed his desire to continue as Commissioner Chairman during calendar year 2002. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to reappoint Ken Estep as Chairman of the Power County Commissioners until January, 2003. Commissioner Estep suggested that the Chairman move to the center position of the table. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table this discussion until January 28, 2002.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then discussed which County departments and boards they would each oversee or act as liaison with during calendar year, 2002. The Commissioners agreed to maintain the same appointments as 2001.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING: Commissioner Estep reported that he delivered the written offer of purchase to the American Legion Building last Friday, January 11th, 2002, but has yet to received a response. This matter was tabled until January 28, 2002.

PROBATION OFFICE DOOR QUOTES: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes for repair of the door on the office being occupied by Community Resource Officer Connie Shepherd. Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to accept the lowest quote submitted by Duffer Construction in the amount of \$475. Carried.

JR. COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve Certificates of Residency for Derek A. Smith to attend North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene and Brian R. Benson, Sandy J. Cates, Esteban M. Cardenas, and Christian B. Colonel to attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls during the 2002 Spring semester. Carried.

ECSI TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE – ENHANCED 911: Mike McGrath of ECSI Executone appeared before the Commissioners to review the Sales and Maintenance Agreement between Power County and ECSI Executone to upgrade the County's

telephone system and to include the Power County Sheriff's Office. Following discussion, Commissioner Estep, Chairman, signed the original Sales and Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$14,417 as presented. Installation of the system upgrade is scheduled to begin January 28th, 2002.

REAPPORTIONMENT: The Commissioners reviewed new legislative districts map provided by the Idaho Redistricting Commission, which has already been appealed by the Bingham County Commissioners. The new maps split Power County between Legislative District #27 and Legislative District #29. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Power County voting precinct lines would need to be adjusted.

DISTRICT VI JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER: Seth Scott of the District VI Juvenile Detention Center appeared before the Commissioners with the updated Juvenile Detention Center Joint Powers Agreement. Following a discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman to accept the Joint Power Agreement as presented. Carried. Mr. Scott will provide Power County with a signed copy when all signatures have been obtained.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION: Power County Extension Office Supervisor Stan Gortsema appeared before the Commissioners to present the resignation of Extension Office 4-H Secretary Jami Montross. Mr. Gortsema indicated that he and Extension Educator Lynette Riley would be re-writing the job description for this position to include 4-H assistant duties in addition to secretarial duties. The Commissioners will be provided a copy of the job description when it is completed. Mr. Gortsema will advertise the open position in the Power County Press and advise the Commissioners when a replacement has been hired.

RECESS: The Board of Power County Commissioners recessed at 2:45 o'clock p.m.

RECONVENE: The Board of Power County Commissioners reconvened at the Rockland City Council Chambers at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PLANNING & ZONING: Commissioner Hoybjerg questioned Commissioner Estep regarding the status of the ordinance being prepared by County Attorney Jerry Mason, to allow gas fired power plants in agricultural areas via a special use permit. Following discussion with Jerry Mason, Commissioner Estep reported that Mr. Mason expects to provide the Power County Commissioners with a rough draft ordinance before the end of this week. Commissioner Estep will advise the Planning & Zoning Board of the need for immediate review of the rough draft ordinance upon receipt.

CITY/COUNTY JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING: The Commissioners reviewed their calendar to schedule the next quarterly meeting between the City of American Falls Mayor and City Council and the Power County Commissioners. The next meeting should be held at the American Falls City Council Chambers. Tentative dates are Wednesday, February 20th or Wednesday, March 20th, 2002. Commissioner Estep will contact American Falls Mayor Cecil Weisenburger to schedule determine a date certain.

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

Current Expense (General)	\$ 80,651.04
Ambulance	13,480.17
District Court	2,848.14
Justice	106,051.84
Indigent	10,640.64
Jr. College	1,050.00
Revaluation	130.00
Solid Waste	18,523.28
Weeds	440.16
Waterways	16,991.15
PILT	6,439.45

DISASTER SERVICES – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EQUIPMENT/TRAINING:


The Commissioners discussed Disaster Services Director Mark Love's request to obtain first responder hazardous materials (HAZMAT) equipment and training via a reimbursement fund from J. R. Simplot Company. The County's upfront cost for purchase of first responder equipment and all required training is approximately \$25,000, all of which will be reimbursed by J. R. Simplot Company. Ongoing costs will amount to approximately \$3,000 per year, which will need to be budgeted in Emergency Services. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to authorize purchase of the first responder hazardous materials equipment and training to be paid from PILT, on the condition that Power County be reimbursed by the J. R. Simplot Company reimbursement fund. Carried.

BEVERAGE LICENSES: The Commissioners reviewed the Alcohol Beverage Licenses granted by Power County for 2002. The following businesses have failed to renew their 2001 Alcohol Beverage License with Power County:

1. Sylvia Alicia Gutierrez d/b/a La Rancherita Mexican Imports for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises.
2. Roland Evans Post #3 d/b/a American Legion Lounge for the sale of draught and bottled or canned beer and retail liquor.
3. Retha Cain and Blue Ribbon, Inc. d/b/a Hanger Lounge for the sale of draught and bottled or canned beer and retail liquor.

The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to send a letter to the above named potential applicants and request that they contact the Clerk's Office and advise of the current status of their alcohol beverage license. In the event any potential applicant fails to respond, the matter will be referred to the Power County Prosecuting Attorney.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk