

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 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.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 7,300.14
Ambulance	325.27
District Court	1,043.65
Justice	4,796.83
Indigent	343.07
Solid Waste	290.88
Weeds	135.54
Waterways	21.27
PILT	775.06

SNOWMOBILE BOARD – PARKING LOT LEASE (EXCALIBUR RANCHES): Prosecuting Attorney Laggis presented an amended Lease Agreement between Power County and Excalibur Ranches for Power County to lease the 240' x 400' parking lot near Houtz Canyon. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and sign the original Lease Agreement as amended. Clerk Steinlicht will send the original signed Lease Agreement to Alan and Merrill Permann d/b/a Excalibur Ranches for their consideration. Commissioner Hoybjerg will contact Snowmobile Board Chairman Linda Morris to discuss the \$50.00 lease payment due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN: The Commissioners discussed the Supreme Court's order to overturn the latest reapportionment plan. Clerk Steinlicht reported that upon the advise of the Idaho Secretary of State's Office, she had prepared a potential precinct boundaries map on the most recent reapportionment plan, which splits Power County into two different Legislative Districts. This matter will be tabled pending approval of a new Legislative District Reapportionment plan by the State's independent reapportionment commission.

U. S. CELLULAR – COUNTY CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES: Bob Wilson of U. S. Cellular appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's cellular telephone service agreement with U. S. Cellular. Following discussion, it was moved by

Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Service Agreement between Power County and U. S. Cellular for cellular telephone service for a term of twelve months. Carried.

WOMEN'S ADVOCACY HOUSING: Commissioner Estep reported that carpeting is scheduled to be installed in the Women's Advocacy house adjacent to the Sheriffs Office, formerly referred to as the SCILD house. Wall 2 Wall will install the carpeting on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002. County Resource Officer Connie Shepherd will be available to unlock the house for the carpet installers at 9:00 a.m. on January 29th.

WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to reappoint Wade Povey and Jeff Stewart to the Power County Weed Board for two-year terms (Jan. 2004). Carried.

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

FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION AMBULANCE SERVICE: Prosecuting Attorney Laggis reported that he and Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love met with the Fort Hall Ambulance crew regarding ambulance response within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation boundaries. Fort Hall Ambulance Service is not interested in expanding services to respond to all calls for ambulance services within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation boundaries. Mr. Laggis then advised the Commissioners that any report that the Fort Hall Ambulance Service intended to respond to all calls within the reservation boundaries is a result of miscommunication and is definitely a non-issue.

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

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – ANNUAL REPORT: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners and presented his annual report for 2001. Mr. Wiles also advised the Commissioners of the education and training he has received during his tenure as Power County Building Administrator. Commissioner Hoybjerg advised Mr. Wiles that the Commissioners had not yet received any written report of public contacts as previously requested be provided on a monthly basis. Mr. Wiles suggested that perhaps the list of contacts should be submitted as the projects are completed rather than each individual contact. The Commissioner requested that the report be provided monthly and as previously directed. Mr. Wiles indicated that he would be providing the requested report as soon as possible.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hospital's Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants and Financial Statement for fiscal year 2001. Mr. Brummond also

presented Harms Memorial Hospital District's Financial Packet for the month of December, 2001.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Power County Commissioners met as the Power County Board of Equalization at 1:30 o'clock p.m. There being no business to come before the Power County Board of Equalization, the Board of Equalization adjourned.

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

INDIGENT APPEAL (CASE #2001-19-I): Following hearing of sworn testimony and a review of exhibits as submitted, the Board of Power County Commissioners agreed to continue the appeal hearing for an additional forty-five days to allow Power County Indigent Services Director Linda Annen to obtain additional information and documentation on applicant's ability to pay the medical bills incurred over a period of three years.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: Commissioner Estep reported that he had not yet received any official response to the Commissioners written offer to purchase the American Legion Building. This matter was tabled until Monday, February 11, 2002.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY TIME CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation time, compensatory time and sick time carried over to calendar year 2002 for each County employee. Following discussion, and a review of Sections B(5), C(1)(d) and C(2)(d) of the Power County Personnel Manual, the Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to adjust the vacation time and sick time carried over by County employees to strictly comply with the provisions of the Power County Personnel Manual.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to amend Section VIII(C)(1)(d) of the Power County Personnel Manual, to require "written" department head or commissioner approval for the carry-over of unused annual leave by County employees to the succeeding calendar year and any accumulated annual leave being carried over not approved in writing by the Department Head or Commissioner, or accumulated annual leave in excess of a maximum of one year's accumulation shall be forfeited, without right of compensation, at the conclusion of the calendar year in which it became excess. Carried.

WILLIAMS PIPELINE APPLICATION: Commissioners reviewed the "Request For New Tap, Meter, Lateral, or Upgrade of Existing Facilities" received from Williams Pipeline. Williams Pipeline would require Power County, or a potential developer, to complete and submit the application in order to obtain a feasibility study on running a natural gas pipeline to the County's existing heavy industrial area. The Commissioners

will keep a copy of the application on file in the event a future developer is interested in constructing a natural gas pipeline to service the County's existing heavy industrial area near Lamb Weston.

PLANNING & ZONING – DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING ORDINANCES: The Commissioners reviewed a proposed rough draft ordinance prepared by Power County Planning & Zoning attorney Jerry Mason regarding additional special uses to be allowed in the A Zoning Districts (agricultural areas). A special use permit for any additional use could be granted following public review for compliance with the applicable performance standards. The Commissioners also reviewed Attorney Mason's suggested changes to Chapter 2 of the Power County Code dealing with Administrative Procedures. The proposed draft ordinance, as well as the suggested changes to Chapter 2 of the Power County Code, will be referred to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board for their consideration.

NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES & SCHOOL COALITION CONTRIBUTION (NFCSC): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to contribute \$2.78 NFCSC to fund it's efforts, payable through the Idaho Association of Counties. Carried.

COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE: Commissioner Estep indicated that he would like to increase the employer contribution to the Power County Employee Benefit Trust in order to keep the fund stable. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to increase the employer's portion paid on each County employee by \$25.00 per pay period.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk