

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2002. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County part-time Bailiff Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Courthouse security. Mr. Sprague suggested that Power County purchase and install four surveillance cameras, one to monitor the parking lot area and the back door of the Sheriff's Office, the second to be installed in the front entry to the Courthouse to monitor the front hallway, the third installed on the front of the building to monitor the front street and yard area of the Courthouse, and the fourth to replace the surveillance camera at the back door to correct the limited viewing area. Mr. Sprague indicated that the County currently owns enough surveillance monitors to take care of the additional cameras. Mr. Sprague then advised the Commissioners that he is in the process working out an evacuation plan for the Power County Courthouse. The Commissioners suggested that once the evacuation plan has been prepared, it be submitted to the Commissioners for review, at which time a practice evacuation of the Courthouse could be conducted. Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that a proper evacuation plan, coupled with a practice evacuation, could qualify Power County to receive first responder funding via a Federal "First Responder's" grant available through the new Federal Homeland Security Administration. Mr. Sprague then indicated that a concrete barrier of some type should be placed in front of the Courthouse doors to eliminate the potential for individuals driving through the front doors of the Courthouse. Commissioner Estep will contact Scott's Key and ask that they install a pad lock device on the back door of the Courthouse. These matters were tabled until February 25, 2002.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Minutes for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as presented. Carried.

SNOWMOBILE PARKING LOT LEASE - EXCALIBUR RANCHES: The Commissioners reviewed the signed Lease agreement between Power County and Excalibur Ranches for the lease of the snowmobile parking area near Houtz Canyon. Clerk Steinlicht reported that Linda Morris would be bringing in the lease payment check in the amount of \$50.00, which will then be forwarded to Excalibur Ranches.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected Officials Meeting were Commissioner Ken Estep, Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: The Elected Officials discussed the Idaho Association of Counties Mid-winter Conference held in Boise last week.

REAPPORTIONMENT – PRECINCT BOUNDARIES: The Elected Officials reviewed the new Power County Commissioner District boundaries. Commissioner Hoybjerg reported that the Legislative Reapportionment Plan #L-91, as well as two alternative plans, will be subject of oral argument before the Idaho Supreme Court on February 22, 2002.

PLANNING & ZONING – JUDICIAL REVIEW: Commissioner Estep reported that he had received notice from Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Jerry Mason that Mr. Mason and appellant Marty Anderson had reached a settlement in the case of Barkdull, et al. vs. Power County Commissioners; however, Clerk Steinlicht reported that the settlement documents have not yet been filed with the Court. This matter was tabled until February 25, 2002.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR – FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott Jones, Power County's independent auditor, appeared before the Commissioners and presented his audit report for Power County's 2001 fiscal year. Also present were Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Assessor Doug Glascock. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and accept the audit report as presented. Carried.

DISASTER SERVICES: Meteorologist in Charge Mark Mollner and Storm Warning Meteorologist Vern Preston of the National Weather Service Pocatello office appeared before the Commissioners to present Power County with the Storm Ready Certificate of Achievement for improving the timeliness and effectiveness of hazardous weather warnings for the public through a diligent and proactive approach of increased communication and preparedness. Also present was Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love and Ken Fagnet of the State Bureau of Disaster Services.

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

Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the request of Privateer Racing to authorize the Power County Ambulance District to cover the Snowmobile races to be held in Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho. Mr. Love indicated that he would need to discuss any possible contact for services outside Power County with the State Emergency Response Team.

Mr. Love then advised the Commissioners that frost heaves at the back entrance to the Emergency Services Building are causing the training room door to jam. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Love contact the architectural firm who designed the building to request assistance to remedy this problem.

The Commissioners and Mr. Love then discussed the janitorial needs of the EMS Building. The Ambulance District budget pays for janitorial services in the bathroom areas and upstairs meeting rooms. The problems lie in the training room, where several public groups hold meetings. Commissioner Hoybjerg suggested that rules be posted regarding public use of the building and the need for public groups to clean up after themselves. Mr. Love will prepare rules to be posted and submit them to the Commissioners for their review and approval.

Mr. Love reviewed the Power County Commissioner Minutes of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, wherein Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that the reported attempt of the Fort Hall Ambulance crew to respond to all ambulance calls within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation Boundaries was a result of miscommunication and a non-issue at this time. Mr. Love indicated that he was at the same meeting with Fort Hall Ambulance crew and Mr. Laggis; however, Mr. Love completely disagreed with Mr. Laggis' representations as reported to the Commissioners on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Commissioner Hoybjerg will discuss this matter with Prosecutor Laggis. This matter was tabled until February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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.

RC&D BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to reappoint Kent Rudeen as Power County's representative to the RC&D Board. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, 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 #2002-14-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to deny indigent medical application #2002-14-I since the services provided do not meet the definition of "medically necessary service" as defined by Idaho Statute and also since applicant has other resources available for payment of the expenses incurred. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Lamb Weston garbage fee. Commissioner Estep presented a worksheet for garbage disposal prepared by Bob Blume of Lamb Weston showing the costs of garbage disposal in Power County verses Bannock County. Mr. Heward indicated that the worksheet does not show the first ton free offered by Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to write Lamb Weston and advise that that they will avoid a garbage fee to Power County only by hauling their garbage elsewhere. Commissioner Hoybjerg will draft a letter.

WOMEN'S ADVOCACY: Power County Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the remodeling of the new women's advocacy house. Mrs. Shepherd indicated that carpet has not yet been installed in the building. The Commissioners authorized and instructed Mrs. Shepherd to make arrangements for the SCILD crew to paint the inside of the house and then have Wall 2 Wall install the carpet.

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

Current Expense	\$ 15,618.27
Ambulance	3,489.73
District Court	3,781.13
Justice	27,736.68
Indigent	10,567.76
Revaluation	1,254.83
Solid Waste	3,458.90
Weeds	1,974.54
PILT	575.53

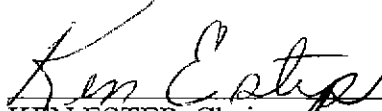
AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: Commissioners reviewed written response from the American Falls American Legion accepting Power County's offer of purchase the American Legion Building. Commissioner Chapman suggested that the bar downstairs be considered attached to the premises and a part of the sale. The Commissioners discussed the immediate repairs to be made. This matter will be referred to the Power County Prosecuting Attorney to prepare the appropriate agreements and deeds. Commissioner Hoybjerg will contact the Sixth District Health Department and request that they perform a walk through for safety reasons. Commissioner Estep will contact Gary Ferguson and ask that he perform another walk through to discuss structural needs. Commissioner Estep will also contact Architect Jerry Meyers to request that he attend the walk through with Mr. Ferguson as well. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that a committee should be formed from community members to discuss needed renovations. This matter was tabled until February 25, 2002.

DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY – SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT: Commissioners reviewed the safety inspection report submitted by Tony Rojas of the State Division of Building Safety.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE – BACKUP GENERATOR: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Sheriff's Office is concerned about telephone service in the event of a blackout. Commissioner Estep will talk to Sheriff Sprague about possibly bringing a service line from the Sheriff's Office generator to the Courthouse telephone system.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. This matter was tabled until February 25, 2002.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk