

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Minutes for February 11th and 25th, 2002, as presented. Carried.

WEEDS – NOXIOUS WEEDS PROGRAM: Commissioner Estep reported that the 2002 Noxious Weed Program required by the Idaho Crop Improvement Association would allow Counties to perform “weed free hay” inspections through the County Weed Department, rather than hiring a private crop improvement firm to perform those inspections. All hay bales transported into forest service areas in Power County need to be inspected, certified as tagged as “weed free”. The Idaho Crop Improvement Association has a web site www.idahocrop.com. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to authorize a crop improvement firm to perform those services within Power County.

PROBATION OFFICE – DRUG COURT: Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe appeared before the Commissioners and requested that part-time probation officer Max Sprague be granted full-time status to further assist with drug court and probation services. Following discussion, the Commissioners suggested that Max Sprague contact the Sixth District Trial Court Administrator’s Office to apply for drug court funding grants, which could assist Power County in funding additional salary. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Sprague to maintain his part-time status, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week unless and until funding has been approved for full-time status.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (L.I.D.): Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and City of American Falls Water Department Supervisor Jerry Giesbrecht appeared before the Commissioners to discuss future L.I.D. hook ups. Also present was former Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ben Cavaness. At the outset, Mr. Giesbrecht presented a map showing the exact location of the L.I.D. line. Following discussion with Ken Carter, Commissioner Estep reported that as Mr. Carter sells his lots, the L.I.D. hookup fee is included in the purchase price, which Mr. Carter receives and then pays over to the Power County Treasurer. The Commissioners then agreed that any L.I.D. hookup fee charged for property other than Mr. Carters’, should be paid directly by the L.I.D. applicant to the Power County Treasurer. All L.I.D. authority now held by the Power County Commissioners will revert to the City of American Falls following

payment in full in 2006. The payment formula for all new L.I.D. hookups is available at the Power County Treasurers Office.

TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST: Greg Williams appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the back taxes owing on Parcel #RPA0812-00 in the amount of \$11,465.84. Also present was Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Mr. Williams is attempting to purchase the apartment complex property from the current owner, Marshall Payne. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that any taxes owing on the property which accrued during the time the building was occupied by tenants should not be cancelled; however, they may consider reducing the taxes owing during the time the property has been vacant. Treasurer Mauch indicated that she would research the occupancy dates on the complex and advise the Commissioners. This matter was tabled until March 25, 2002.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM GENERATOR: Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the need for backup generator services on the County's telephone system. Sheriff Sprague indicated that the backup generator currently being used by the Power County Sheriff's Office would have the capacity to also backup the County's telephone system. Sheriff Sprague will contact Pete Ramsey at Ramsey Electric to get the generator hooked up to the telephone system.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the need for a new demolition pit at the Power County landfill. Mr. Heward presented a quote from Anderson Construction for the construction of a new demolition pit in the amount of \$23,000; however, Mr. Heward reported that the Power County Highway District might be willing to assist the landfill with digging a pit. This matter was tabled until March 25, 2002. Mr. Heward will follow up with the Power County Highway District.

PLANNING & ZONING – JUDICIAL REVIEW: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Judicial Review pending before the District Court in Power County has been dismissed by stipulation of the parties in the case of Carl and Kathleen Barkdull and Marty Anderson vs. the Power County Board of Commissioners.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING PURCHASE: Roger Workman, Raymond Workman, Joe Workman and Kyle Wetzel appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the purchase of the American Legion Building by Power County. Commissioner Estep informed the American Legion members that a proper asbestos abatement survey would need to be completed prior to purchase, to be paid by the seller. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to pay for the asbestos abatement survey, which will then be deducted from the purchase price. The Commissioners then requested the Legion members assist the Commissioners in educating the public regarding the building purchase. This matter was tabled until March 25, 2002.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – LETTER OF INTENT: Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to prepare a letter of intent for Power

County to contribute \$4,000 to the Power Soil Conservation District's Fiscal Year 2003 budget.

INTERNET ACCESS – WIRELESS SERVICE: Commissioners reviewed quote from A. F. Wireless for wireless internet services in a monthly amount of \$150.00, plus an initial one-time equipment purchase of \$300.00. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to accept and approve the quote for wireless Internet services submitted by A. F. Wireless. Carried.

COPIER PURCHASE: The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the letter received from Bart Cornwall of Xerox, Inc., offering Power County the opportunity to purchase Xerox copiers used at the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Xerox is going to sell the copiers with a 50% discount and will come with Xerox's full warranty and guarantees. The Commissioners agreed to have Power County put on the Xerox list to be contacted when pricing is available on these machines.

CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the City/County Joint Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Emergency Services Building. Clerk Steinlicht reported that she and City Clerk Betty Huse would coordinate a proper agenda.

PROPERTY PURCHASE: Commissioner Estep reported that duplex owner Harley Mauch had contacted him. Mr. Mauch would like to sell his duplex next door to the Sheriff's Office for the amount of \$92,000; however the property appraised for \$96,000. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they are not interested purchasing additional property at this time.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to present the hospital's financial packet for the period ending January, 2002. Mr. Brummond then asked the Commissioners for permission to set a modular building on the County's hospital property to allow for a physical therapy area adjacent to the hospital building. Mr. Brummond confirmed that all costs associated with placing a modular building on County property would be the responsibility of Harms Memorial Hospital.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to pay the claims as submitted. Carried.

General (Current Expense)	\$ 36,800.32
Ambulance	3,119.85
District Court	3,380.06
Justice	20,423.17
Indigent	756.15
Jr. College	3,850.00
Revaluation	2,432.97
Solid Waste	13,630.28

Weeds	168.38
Waterways	96.41
PILT	14,574.35

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


BUILDING & GROUNDS/LAWN & TREE CARE: The Commissioners reviewed the proposal from Advanced Law Care for lawn and tree care around the Power County Courthouse throughout the 2002 season. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the proposal as submitted. Carried. Commissioner Estep will contact Ron Moore of Advantage Yard Care to advise him that his proposal has been accepted.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve Certificates of Residency for Zachary William Wagstaff and Anthony Allyn Brulotte to attend the North Idaho College in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Carried.

FAIRBOARD VACANCY: Commissioner Estep reported that Harry Batterton had resigned his position on the Power County Fairboard. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to advertise the vacancy in the Power County Press, after which the names of those persons interested in serving on the Power County Fair Board will be referred to the Fair Board for their consideration. The Commissioners will ask that the Fair Board review the list and submit three names to the Commissioners with their recommendation for appointment.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk