

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

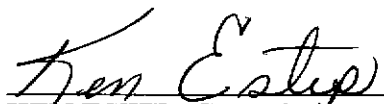
The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Monday, May 13, 2002. Present were Commissioners Valerie Hoybjerg and Janet S. Chapman. Commissioner Chairman Estep was present via telephone conference call. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

PAYMENT IN LEIU OF TAXES (PILT) – FEDERAL FUNDING: Commissioners reviewed memorandum from Idaho Association of Counties regarding the federal PILT payments. Commissioners discussed their desire for each elected official in Power County to write a letter to U. S. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton expressing their concern with the federal government's position that PILT has been over funded. Commissioner Hoybjerg will contact School District #381 and #382 and the American Falls and Rockland Mayors and request that they also assist in the letter writing campaign. Commissioner Estep will contact Arbon School District #383. The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to prepare the sample letter to the editor provided by the Idaho Association of Counties for publication in the Power County Press, which letter will be submitted by the Power County elected officials.

FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis discussed the "hot pursuit" issue when making stops within the boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Commissioners then discussed Bannock County's potential federal lawsuit to address the "hot pursuit" issues within reservation boundaries. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis suggested that the Power County not intervene in any investigations or federal lawsuits addressing County/Tribal relations at this time.

LAMB WESTON – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GRANT: Commissioner Chapman and Commissioner Hoybjerg then advised that they would be attending a meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today with Lamb Weston officials to discuss the County's sustainable development grant application.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Commissioner



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk