

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 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.

WESTERN BENEFITS SOLUTION – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS: John Gustin of Western Benefits Solution appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the State-wide Blue Cross medical insurance benefits pool for County governments. Mr. Gustin indicated that there are currently eighteen counties that have committed to participate in the program. Mr. Gustin would like to evaluate the County's loss history and prepare a quote for employee medical insurance, including dental and optical through Western Benefits Solution.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen, Diane Hill and Shannon Johnson of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the District's Quarterly Report for Power County. Ms. Hill asked that the Commissioners install a counter just inside the doorway of the Health District clinic to give the office a more professional look. The Commissioners instructed Ms. Hill to obtain three quotes for the installation of a counter at the Southeastern District Health Department office and submit them to the Commissioners for consideration.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – DOOR REPLACEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the quote submitted by Yellowstone Glass to replace the front door at 500 Pocatello Avenue. Commissioner Chapman reported that she had researched the cost of installing a wood door, which she felt was too expensive. Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the quote for replacement of the door at 500 Pocatello Avenue submitted by Yellowstone Glass in the amount of \$3,290.00. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – ARCHITECT CONTRACT: The Commissioners reviewed the contract between Power County and Myers & Anderson for architectural services at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building with Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis. Following a discussion with Mr. Anderson via speaker telephone, the Commissioners and Mr. Anderson agreed to attach an addendum to the Contract specifying an appropriate hourly rate. Mr. Anderson indicated that he would fax over the attachment page detailing the hourly payment arrangement.

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

General (Current Expense) \$ 1,467.03

Ambulance	827.00
District Court	382.07
Justice Fund	5,349.93
Indigent	430.14
Solid Waste	418.01
Weeds	1.91
Waterways	782.92
PILT	404.72

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that the transfer station's seasonal employee Johanna Fletcher will not be put back on the work schedule. Mr. Heward anticipates that he and Ron Lee will be able to manage through the fall and winter and then perhaps Mr. Heward will ask that the Commissioners allow part-time or seasonal help again in the Spring of 2003.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER: American Falls Youth Center Board members Bob Schreiber, Jim Chapman, Gerald Fehringer and Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the lease between Power County and the American Falls Youth Center to lease a portion of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue. The Commissioners presented the Youth Center Board with an updated copy of the lease agreement for their review. The Commissioners then advised the Youth Center Board that once the architects have completed their structure analysis and provided blue prints for reconstruction, the Youth Center would be the first area upgraded. The Commissioners and Youth Center board discussed hiring a contractor. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis advised the Commissioners of the need to hire a contractor with a public works license. This matter was tabled until September 9, 2002.

DOUBLE L MANUFACTURING – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES: Doug Wright and Steven Coats of Double L Manufacturing appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the personal property taxes due in the amount of \$20,392.70. Also present was Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Deputy Assessor Mary Annen. Mr. Coats indicated that the Personal Property listing on file with the Power County Assessor is incorrect due to his predecessor's failure to file annual personal property tax reports with the Power County Assessor. Ms. Annen advised the Commissioners that the last report the Assessor's Office received from Double L was for the 1996 tax drive and that Double L's failure to submit reports annually allows the Power County Assessor to increase the overall personal property value by 10%. Ms. Annen suggested that Mr. Coats provide the Power County Assessor with a current listing of Double L's personal property at Double L, which the Assessor could use for the 2001 and 2002 tax drives. Treasurer Mauch indicated that she would put a hold on the pending warrant of distraint until the Power County Assessor could assess the updated personal property inventory list. Mr. Coats

indicated that he would have a current personal property inventory list completed by September 9, 2002. Mr. Coats will meet with the Commissioners again on Monday, September 23, 2002.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Commissioner Estep reported that he had been contacted by Sheriff Sprague regarding Power County placing a resource officer in the school. Commissioner Hoybjerg questioned whether Cities and School Districts can receive grant funding for school resource officers and those agencies should oversee and fund any school resource officer position. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that the City Police Department is asserting that the City of American Falls does not have law enforcement jurisdiction outside of the City limits and, therefore, no jurisdiction at the new high school so the City has not budgeted to fund the position. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis questioned whether the Sheriff's Office has sufficient staff to take on the school resource officer duties. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis agreed that since the new school lies within the area of City Impact, that the City should have jurisdiction at the school or, in the alternative, Sheriff Sprague could deputize a City Officer to serve as a School Resource Officer. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this further with the City of American Falls and Sheriff Sprague. This matter was tabled until September 9, 2002.

BLAINE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING LAWSUIT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed the pending lawsuit between Blaine County and the State of Idaho Land Board with Blaine County Commissioner Dennis Wright. Commissioner Estep reported that the State Land Board failed to comply with the Blaine County Planning & Zoning regulations when they attempted to construct a gravel pit without a special use permit. Commissioner Estep indicated his willingness to submit an amicus curiae brief with the Court supporting Blaine County's efforts to maintain local control over zoning issues. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated his desire to contact Jim Thomas at the Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to question how best Power County could lend its support, either by an amicus curiae brief or possibly a letter. This matter was tabled until September 9, 2002.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – CHEMICAL POLICY: Commissioner Estep reported that he had instructed Power County Airport Manager Gil Vasquez to advise the Commissioners when the next Airport Board meeting has been scheduled so that they could discuss and ultimately adopt a chemical policy.

OCTOBER, 2002 AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet in October on Monday the 7th and Tuesday the 22nd.

NOVEMBER, 2002, AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet in November on Friday the 8th and Monday the 25th.

DECEMBER, 2002, AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet in December on Monday the 2nd, Monday the 9th and Monday the 23rd.

MAGISTRATE COURT – CARPET REPLACEMENT: At the request of Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, the Commissioners looked over the carpet in the Magistrate Court area and agreed that replacement is necessary. Commissioner Estep will contact Mark Croft at Wall 2 Wall to obtain a quote for carpet replacement.

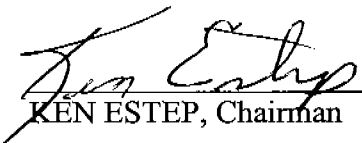
PLANNING & ZONING – HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE (GAS LINE): Commissioner Estep reported that Allen Kelley director of business development from El Paso Eastern Pipelines is interested in working with developers to extend the Pacific Northwest Pipeline to Power County's heavy industrial area across the Snake River near Lamb Weston.

PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: The Commissioners then reviewed proposed CAFO ordinance prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, which would place certain restrictions on CAFOs within Power County. The Commissioners agreed to table this matter until September 9, 2002.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Brian R. Benson and Tara D. Landvatter to attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING: The FY 2003 Budget as published came on for public hearing before the Commissioners at 6:00 o'clock p.m. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Power County Fiscal Year 2003 budget as published. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk