

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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.

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

AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS: Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss increasing the ambulance service and EMT fees on next year's Ambulance Service Contracts. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Love to come up with a proposal for fee increases and report back to the Commissioners.

AMBULANCE BILLING RATES: Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love presented the Commissioners with a schedule of the current billing rates being charged by the Power County Ambulance District. The Commissioners discussed the possibility reducing county residents ambulance billings by \$100. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he would like to know if other counties ambulance services impose different ambulance fees for in-county residents versus non-county residents. Mr. Love and the Commissioners agreed to ask Lois Akers of Medical Solutions, the County's ambulance billing agency, to appear before the Commissioners to discuss the different ambulance fees being charged by other agencies. Mr. Love will contact Ms. Akers to schedule a meeting time.

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

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis discussed with the Commissioners the need for either the City of American Falls or Power County designating a school resource officer to be placed at the American Falls High School. Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague indicated that the City of American Falls Police Department is not willing to fund a school resource officer position since the new high school is outside of the City limits of American Falls. Sheriff Sprague advised the Commissioners of his desire to expand his summer boat patrol officer into a full time position to also serve as the school resource officer during the school year. The Commissioners and Sheriff Sprague agreed that any school resource officer would need to obtain POST certification. The Commissioners then discussed the proposal with American Falls School District Superintendent Ron

Bolinger via speaker telephone. Mr. Bolinger indicated that the school district has budgeted \$17,386 for a school resource officer, which they would pay out quarterly to whichever agency would be willing to designate a school resource officer. Mr. Bolinger then indicated that he has not yet received any word from the City of American Falls regarding their intentions on designating a school resource officer. This matter was tabled until September 23, 2002.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS: Mark Seamons of Seamons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to present several proposals for renewal of Power County's self-funded health insurance plan. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table this matter until September 23, 2002.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH CENTER – 500 POCATELLO AVENUE (LEASE): Bobbie Mauch, Gerald Fehringer and Jim Chapman of the American Falls Youth Center appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the lease agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Center. The Commissioners and Youth Center Board then walked through the building to discuss a plan for the American Falls Youth Center. This matter was tabled until Friday, September 13, 2002.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Minutes for August 12th, 26th and 29th, 2002, as presented. Carried.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$33,974.06
Ambulance	1,164.98
District Court	6,104.69
Justice Fund	23,152.15
Indigent	812.79
Revaluation	309.47
Solid Waste	2,172.56
Weeds	13,846.46
Waterways	2,737.37
PILT	9,119.44

BLAINE COUNTY VS. STATE LAND BOARD – PLANNING & ZONING: Commissioner Estep reported that the Idaho Association of Counties may intervene in Blaine County's lawsuit against the State Land Board supporting Blaine County's efforts to maintain local control over zoning issues. This matter is on the agenda for next week's Idaho Association of Counties conference in Moscow, Idaho.

LANDFILL REGULATIONS – SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTION: The Commissioners again reviewed the inspection report submitted by the Southeastern District Health Department setting forth regulation violations at the Power County Transfer Station/Landfill. Commissioner Hoybjerg

indicated that she would follow up with Supervisor Craig Heward to make sure the violations had been taken care of, i.e. fencing around the entire perimeter of the landfill.

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board continues to work on a CAFO Ordinance for Power County; however, it is a tedious and lengthy process that will require more time by the Planning & Zoning Board. This matter was tabled until October 7, 2002.

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 indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-21-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2002-21-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-20-I: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical case #2002-02-I since applicant is not a resident as defined by I.C. #31-3502(12) and also since applicant has other resources for payment as defined by I.C. #31-3502(17). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-17-I: Indigent Case #2002-17-I came on before the Commissioners for appeal hearing on a previous denial. There being no parties to the action appearing at the hearing, it was moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to dismiss the appeal on Power County Indigent Case #2002-17-I. Carried.

BUDGET/LEVY CERTIFICATION: At the request of Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht, the Commissioners agreed to meet on Friday, September 13, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. to review the 2002 Certificate of County Levies.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – ARCHITECT SERVICES: The Commissioners contacted Architect Pete Anderson via speaker telephone to arrange a meeting on Friday, September 13th at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in an effort to get started on renovation at the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis suggested that the Commissioners and Mr. Anderson agree on firm dates to get the renovation plans finalized and a projected start date.

TAX CANCELLATIONS: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$2,900.67 as presented by Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Commissioners reviewed the calendar and agreed to host the County's annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 5th, 2002, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Melody Lanes & Café. Commissioner Estep will contact

Melody Lanes & Café to make the reservation and discuss a menu. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memorandum to the County employees advising of the Christmas party.

JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to meet with the American Falls City Council in their chambers on Wednesday, October 2, 2002, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

ORDINANCE #2002-02 (CORRECTED): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with a corrected Power County Ordinance #2002-02, which is an ordinance establishing regulations and standards for the citing of telecommunication towers, antennas and facilities. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that the original ordinance #2002-02 contained several typographical errors. The Commissioners signed the corrected ordinance as presented.

VACATION/COMP CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed vacation and compensatory time being carried by Power County employees. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memorandum to County employees reminding them of the County's Personnel Policy which limits vacation carryover to one year's accumulation.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT - IDAHO COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ICRMP) LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL: The Commissioners reviewed and signed the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Airport Insurance Application. The signed original will be returned to Mutual Insurance Company.

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

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk