

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 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.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep to approve the Minutes for September 9th, 13th and 23rd, 2002 as presented. Carried.

INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES: Dr. Jason West and Dr. John Whitehead of Integrated Health Services appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the cost savings to the County's health insurance program since Power County included Integrated Health Services alternative treatment options in the County's insurance plan. Dr. West presented a brochure that could be sent to all Power County employees with their paychecks to inform and educate them regarding the alternative services offered by Integrated Health Services. Dr. West would eventually like to provide monthly newsletters to all Power County employees. Dr. West would also like to offer on site examinations to County employees on a regular basis so that Integrated Health Services can reach all employees and their families. Dr. West indicated that Integrated Health Services would take care of securing a facility for the voluntary on-site examinations.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – KITCHEN REMODEL/EXPANSION: Architect Ken Douglass and Gary Ferguson of BGM Builders appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the remodel and expansion of the Power County Jail kitchen. Also present was Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to wait until January to publish a call for bids on the project, with an anticipated construction date in the Spring of 2003. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Douglass to proceed with the specifications that will be required when the project is put out for bid in January, 2003.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Estep reported that the architectural firm of Myers & Anderson continues to work on a plan for upgrading the electrical and the heating/cooling system at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Commissioner Estep also reported that he had been informed by architect Pete Anderson that the roof will need additional structural support on the west end; and also quite possibly additional structural reinforcement in the large open meeting room where beams have been installed. Commissioner Estep will contact Myers & Anderson and ask that written plans or specifications for renovation and construction be submitted to the Commissioners as soon as possible, but in no event later than the next Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2002.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Hoybjerg, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Jerrod W. Whitnah and Jennifer E. Robbins to attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURT SERVICES – COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County Court Services Officer Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Courthouse security issues. The Commissioners agreed to install a buzzer or door bell in the Clerk's office, as well as the Magistrate Court so that two offices could respond to calls at the rear handicapped access of the Courthouse. The Commissioners also authorized Mr. Sprague to expand the Courthouse camera system to cover the Assessor's office and the back parking lot area. Mr. Sprague also discussed the need to purchase three radios for the probation office so that the probation officers have direct access to law enforcement when performing house checks, and the Commissioners granted that request. Mr. Sprague indicated that no further security upgrades should be necessary for the next three years. The Commissioners also authorized Mr. Sprague to purchase first aid kits for both floors of the Courthouse.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES OFFICE: Power County Probation Officer/Court Services Officer Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his introductory employment probation period. Mr. Sprague was hired full time on March 25, 2002, subject to a six-month introductory employment probation period. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Sprague's supervisor, Russ Wheatley prepare and submit a report. This matter was tabled until October 22, 2002.

AMBULANCE: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, 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 Commissioner to discuss Dr. Shaw's resignation as Power County EMS Medical Director; however, Dr. Shaw will continue to perform the medical director services until a replacement has been appointed.

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

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

General	\$ 29,127.37
Ambulance	9,565.00
District Court	4,936.67
Justice Fund	87,874.55
Indigent	1,377.68

Jr. College	5,200.00
Revaluation	314.87
Solid Waste	2,701.03
Tort	41,397.00
Weeds	2,114.55
Waterways	1,075.00
PILT	12,707.46

FAIRBOARD – COMMUNITY BUILDING: Commissioner Estep reported that BGM Builders of American Falls was awarded the bid for construction of the restrooms and Community Building at the Power County Fairgrounds. Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as possible. Commissioner Estep then reported that the Fairboard would first utilize the funds they have and then request County funding when their funds have been exhausted.

PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE: Prosecuting Attorney Laggis reported that he had been advised that the Idaho Department of Fish & Game is unable to give any input to Power County on the drafting or enforcement of any ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the area just below the dam. The Commissioners agreed that any proposed ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms in that area would be passed and approved for the sole purpose of protecting public health and safety. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis will draft a proposed ordinance for the Commissioners review. This matter was tabled until October 22, 2002.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-22-I: Moved by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2002-22-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-23-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Hoybjerg, to deny indigent medical application #2002-23-I, since there are other resources available to pay the medical bills incurred and also since the application was processed as incomplete. Carried.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: The Commissioners discussed their recent meeting with the American Falls City Council and the Chief Police Jerry Hubbs' request to have the school resource officer deputized by the Power County Sheriff. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he would discuss this matter with Sheriff Sprague; however, Mr. Laggis indicated that the School Resource Officer might not need to be deputized in order to properly perform his duties. The Commissioners agreed that the City of American Falls and the Police Department would need to work on the jurisdictional issues directly with Sheriff Sprague.

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Planning & Zoning Committee continues to work an ordinance to define and regulate Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in Power County, and should have a draft for the Commissioners review in the near future.


FAMILY SERVICE ALLIANCE – WOMEN’S ADVOCATE:

Marina Kane appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that she is no longer employed by Family Service Alliance as the Power County Women’s Advocate. The Commissioners also discussed this resignation with Power County Resource Officer Connie Shepherd. Apparently LaMae Webber will be personally servicing the area until a replacement has been found. The Commissioners instructed Mrs. Shepherd to contact LaMae Webber at the Family Service Alliance and let her know that the Commissioners would need to approve of Mrs. Kane’s replacement if they wish to continue to use the County’s facility.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Melody Lane & Café, the Commissioners agreed to reschedule the County’s Christmas Party for Friday, December 6, rather than Thursday, December 5, 2002. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memorandum to all County employees to advise them of the change.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk