

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2002. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, and Commissioners elect Vicki L. Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

OATH OF OFFICE: Power County Commissioner Chairman Ken Estep administered the Oath of Office to the following Power County elected officials:

Ray Zimmerman – Commissioner District #1
Vicki L. Meadows – Commissioner District #2
Christine Steinlicht – Power County Clerk
Douglas D. Glascock – Power County Assessor
Bobbie Mauch – Power County Treasurer
Mark Gunn Rose, Sr. – Power County Coroner

Commissioner Estep then administered the Oath of Office to all deputy clerks, deputy assessors and deputy treasurers.

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Ken Estep to serve as Chairman of the Board of Power County Commissioners until January, 2004. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: The following Power County elected officials appeared for the Power County Elected Officials Meeting:

Ken Estep, Commissioner
Vicki L. Meadows, Commissioner
Ray Zimmerman, Commissioner
Christine Steinlicht, Clerk
Douglas Glascock, Assessor
Bobbie Mauch, Treasurer
Paul Laggis, Prosecutor
Mark G. Rose, Sr., Coroner
Howard Sprague, Sheriff

At the outset, Commissioner Estep suggested the possibility of holding several morning meetings during the Legislative Session to allow the Power County Elected Officials to discuss pending legislation with our Legislative District #27 representatives via telephone conference call to their offices in Boise. The Commissioners and elected officials agreed

that the City of American Falls Mayor and/or a City Council member should be invited to those meetings. Commissioner Estep will attempt to set up a meeting schedule with the Legislative District #27 representatives. Each elected official was then given time to address the other elected officials regarding their duties and responsibilities. The meeting of the Power County elected officials adjourned at 12:00 noon and the Commissioners resumed their regular meeting.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then discussed the County Board appointments to be made this year.

Airport Board: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Ralph Breeding to a three-year term on the Power County Airport Board (January 2006). Carried.

Fairboard: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Bill Schroeder to a three-year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2006) and to appoint R. D. Kuttler to a three-year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2006). Carried.

Planning & Zoning: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Gilbert Hofmeister and Gary Tiede to each serve a three-year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (January, 2006). Carried.

Snowmobile Board: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman to reappoint Linda Morris to a three-year term on the Power County Snowmobile Board (January, 2006), upon the condition that she will accept such reappointment. Carried.

Industrial Development Board: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows to reappoint John Hoybjerg and Bob Cox to each serve a three-year term on the Power County Industrial Development Board (January, 2006). Carried.

Historical Society: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Melba Ferguson, Max Newlin and Ken Estep to each serve a three-year term on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2006). Carried.

Guardianship Board: Following discussion, appointments to the Power County Guardianship Board were tabled until January 27, 2003.

Waterways Board: Following discussion, appointments to the Power County Waterways Board were tabled until January 27, 2003.

Weed Board: Following discussion, appointments to the Power County Weed Board were tabled until January 27, 2003.

ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY #37 PROJECT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had been contacted by Oneida County Commissioner Gene Caldwell. Oneida County has applied for funds to develop a transportation plan for Oneida County to make improvements to Highway #37 in the "narrows" area, and have asked that the Power County Commissioners submit a letter of support for that project. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Meadows, to approve and sign the letter of support to the Oneida County Commissioners supporting their development of a comprehensive transportation plan for Highway #37. Carried.

SUNSET AVIATION – AIRPORT PROPERTY: Commissioner Estep reported that he had been contacted by Jolynn Werenka at Sunset Aviation who asked if Power County was interested in purchasing the Sunset Aviation buildings from the Estate of Joe and Caron Werenka. The buildings are situated on property owned by Power County and leased to Sunset Aviation at the Power County Airport. Commissioner Zimmerman expressed his reluctance to remove property from the Power County Tax Rolls unless such property purchase is necessary. The Commissioners then discussed Sunset Aviation's responsibility to disclose any known chemical contamination previously detected on the Sunset Aviation property to any potential purchaser. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed not to purchase the Sunset Aviation buildings at this time.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – BUILDING ROOF REPAIR: The Commissioners reviewed the quote submitted to the Power County Sheriff's Office from R.C. Roofing to repair the leaking area of the room just inside the front door of the Power County Sheriff's office in the amount of \$4,535.00. The Commissioners agreed that Sheriff Sprague should obtain at least two additional quotes. This matter was tabled until January 27, 2003.

CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY -- JUNIOR COLLEGE: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Certificates of Residency of Loretta Smith and Brian Benson to attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Carried.

INDIGENT LIEN – PROPERTY APPRAISAL: Commissioner Estep reported that Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, acting in her capacity as the County's Public Administrator, has been working closely with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to obtain a taking of property under an indigent medical lien. Commissioner Estep indicated that it has been Power County's intention to secure possession of the property, located in the Arbon Valley area, and offer that property to the Power County Highway District in exchange for the shooting range property. At the outset, Commissioner Meadows indicated that she would excuse herself from any Commissioner action required in negotiating or finalizing a land trade with the Power County Highway District, since her husband is Chairman of the Power County Highway District Board. Commissioner Estep presented an appraisal of the Arbon Valley property, which was

prepared by appraisal firm of Kelsey & Associates. Commissioners Estep and Zimmerman expressed their desire to review the appraisal prior to any further discussions. This matter was tabled until February 10th, 2003.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES: Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to present a fact sheet detailing the benefits of a new State program, the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program. FFT is a highly successful family intervention program for families of youths in State's custody. Mr. Wheatley also presented the Commissioners with the Memorandum of Agreement to support Function Family Therapy between Power County and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. The Commissioners agreed that they would like Power County Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to review the Memorandum of Agreement prior to signing and this matter was tabled until January 27th, 2003. Mr. Wheatley then requested that the Commissioners allow him to send County Resource Coordinator Connie Shepherd and Drug Court Supervisor Max Sprague to the P.O.S.T. academy juvenile probation officer certification program. At this time, P.O.S.T certification can be obtained without any expense to Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners authorized Mr. Wheatley to send both Connie Shepherd and Max Sprague to the next P.O.S.T. Juvenile Probation Officer certification being held in September, 2003.

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

INDIGENT BURIAL APPLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the application for indigent burial as submitted. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-06-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2003-06-I since the application was not filed in a timely manner pursuant to I.C. #31-3503(1). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-08-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2003-08-I, since it appears that applicant may have other resources for the payment of the medical expensed incurred. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345, for the purpose of conducting an indigent appeal hearing on Indigent Case #2002-20-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2002-20-I: Following stipulation between the parties and waiver of all time schedules, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by

Commissioner Zimmerman, to reschedule the appeal hearing for Monday, February 10, 2003, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the claims as submitted, amended and supplemented. Carried.

General	\$ 31,269.34
Ambulance	3,116.77
District Court	5,117.97
Justice Fund	29,753.45
Indigent	4,637.53
Revaluation	764.29
Solid Waste	18,884.20
Weeds	545.21
PILT	5,659.87

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Meadows suggested that the County discontinue the rental of the sign outside of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building, since the rental amount could eventually exceed the cost of placing a permanent fixed sign on the property. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would remove the sign and return it to Action Rental Centers. Commissioner Meadows indicated that she had walked through the building on two separate occasions in the past several weeks, and had the opportunity to discuss the construction progress with Gary Ferguson of BGM Builders during those visits. Commissioner Meadows then indicated her concern with accepting Justin Richardson d/b/a Sierra Heating quote to upgrade the heating ducts and furnaces throughout the building, since he has not yet obtained his public works license. Commissioner Estep reported that Mr. Richardson is in the process of obtaining a public works license. Commissioner Meadows indicated that she would like to review the purchase documents and renovation quotes on file with the Clerk's Office. This matter was tabled until January 27th, 2003.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – ARCHITECT AGREEMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that Pete Anderson or the Architect firm of Myers & Anderson has scheduled a meeting with the Power County Commissioners on January 27th, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. This matter will be tabled until that time.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT FENCE: David Sleight of the U. S. Forest Service appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the fence recently built to protect the Todd and Larry Fitch property from snowmobile damage. Mr. Sleight felt there was a misunderstanding regarding fencing done, since the U. S. Forest Service only authorized up to \$9,675 of Forest Service funds to be used and the finished fence totaled \$11,619.42. The Commissioners advised Mr. Sleight that all costs over the \$9,675 amount have been paid by the Power County PILT fund. Mr. Sleight suggested that Todd and Larry Fitch should have participated in some of the construction costs. Mr. Sleight then advised the Commissioners that the Pocatello Snowmobile Club has expended over \$500 for the signs posted in the area. Mr. Sleight

indicated that the U. S. Forest Service is attempting to obtain additional grant money to install additional fences in the Crystal Summit area; however, Todd and Larry Fitch should assist with any future fencing costs on their property. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would discuss the matter with Todd and Larry Fitch. Mr. Sleight then requested that Power County get started with the necessary paperwork to donate the Crystal Summit property to the U. S. Forest Service.

FMC/ASTARIS SITE COMMITTEE: Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase appeared before the Commissioners to express the Pocatello City Council's interest in securing an industrial business on the FMC site. Mayor Chase then indicated that all area entities, i.e. Bannock Shoshone Tribes, Power County, Bannock County, City of Pocatello and the City of Chubbuck need to work together to push the current pending legislation dealing with Port District formation and City annexation which would benefit future industrial development on the FMC site. Mayor Chase expressed his desire to work closely with Power County in securing an industry-based business on the FMC site. Mayor Chase then invited the Commissioners to a meeting with all area agencies on Monday, January 27th, 2003, at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Holiday Inn in Pocatello. The purpose of the luncheon meeting will be to obtain a commitment for cooperation from these agencies for future industrial development at the FMC site. Mayor Chase presented the Commissioners with a map of the Pocatello Airport area and pointed out the area the City of Pocatello plans to annex. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis strongly suggested that the Commissioners review the proposed legislation in great detail and to investigate the possible effects the legislation might have on the County's property tax rolls prior to offering their support. Commissioner Meadows suggested that Commissioner Estep, as a member of the FMC Site Committee, request that Power County be given more representation on that Committee.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then agreed to table the discussion on which County departments and County boards they would each oversee or act as liaison with until January 27th, 2003.

UNIFORM BUILDING CODE—APPEAL BOARD: Commissioner Estep reported that he had asked Kelly Sluder of the Bannock County Building Administrator's Office to serve on the Uniform Building Code Appeal Board. The Commissioners agreed that all Board Members should be from outside Power County. This matter was tabled until January 27, 2003.

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE: Commissioner Estep reported that the International Building Code would need to be adopted by Resolution. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that the City of American Falls had already adopted the International Building Code by Resolution. Commissioner Estep will request that Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis prepare a Resolution to adopt the International Building Code. This matter was tabled until January 27th, 2003.

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

FAIRBOARD PROMISSORY NOTE: The Commissioners reviewed the Promissory Note to be signed the Power County Fair Board members, which was prepared by Power County Prosecutor Paul Laggis for the Fairboard. Commissioner Estep will present the same to the Fair Board members for their signatures at their next regular meeting.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk