

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2003. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Vicki L. Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Steve Pew from the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present information on the West Nile Virus. The Southeastern District Health Department has implemented a plan to prevent or eliminate the effects the virus could have on humans and livestock, which the Commissioners reviewed. Mr. Pew presented the Commissioners with some brochures that they are using to educate the public on the symptoms of West Nile Virus and the recommended prevention measures.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK – CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation time, compensatory time and sick time being carried by Power County Jail employees. Following discussion and a review of Section B (5), C(1)(d) and C(2)(d) of the Power County Personnel Manual, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reduce vacation and sick accrual balances on the Power County Jail employees to the maximum carry-over allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. Carried.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hospital District's Financial Information Packet for March, 2003.

SIXTH DISTRICT JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER: Sixth District Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed Sixth District Juvenile Residential Treatment Center, which would be constructed to treat youth offenders and their family members in locally based programs rather than through the State Department of Juvenile Corrections. The Commissioners and Judge Beebe will attend a meeting at the Bannock County Juvenile Detention Center on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss this option further with other Sixth District County representatives.

GPS BASE MAPPING SYSTEM: Power County Assessor Doug Glascock appeared before the Commissioners with Dale Thornock from the Bear Lake County Assessor's Office, Todd Transtrom from the Bear Lake County Weed Department and Hall Guttormsen of Integrated Desktop Solutions, Inc., a GIS Analysis firm, to give a demonstration of the GPS Base Mapping System currently in use in Bear Lake County. Also present were representatives from the Power County Highway District, Power County Planning & Zoning, School District #381, American Falls Rural Fire District, Power County Sheriff's Office, Power County Ambulance District and the Power County

Weed Department. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to get Power County's GPS system up and running and would like to coordinate those efforts with other area entities. It was then agreed that a second meeting between these area agencies would be very beneficial.

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

AMBULANCE – BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Business Associate Agreement between the Power County Ambulance District and Medical Solutions dealing with patient privacy, which is required by HIPPA regulations. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he had reviewed the agreement. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Business Associate Agreement between the Power County Ambulance District and Medical Solutions as presented. Carried.

AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES – MEDICAL SOLUTIONS: Power County Ambulance District Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners and indicated that the Ambulance District's billing service, Medical Solutions, is seeking a one percent increase from six percent to seven percent on any ambulance billing fees collected by Medical Solutions effective May 1, 2003. Mr. Love indicated that in order for Medical Solutions to continue to operate as Power County Ambulance District's billing service, they have no alternative but to seek the one percent increase. The Commissioners agreed to table this matter until April 28, 2003, at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Current Expense	\$ 40,981.56
Ambulance	9,696.45
District Court	4,434.07
Justice Fund	20,190.91
Indigent	1,058.53
Revaluation	14,594.96
Solid Waste	21,241.38
Tort	33,603.00
Weeds	1,100.29
PILT	4,955.13

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Bonnie Smith appeared before the Commissioners to request that all outstanding 1999 and 2000 taxes, fees, interest and penalty owing on her property, Parcel #RP-B0098-00 in the amount of \$1,077.98 be forgiven pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Upon a review of the evidence and testimony presented, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to forgive all 1999 and 2000 taxes, fees, penalty and interest owing on Parcel #RP-B0098-00 in the amount of \$1,077.98 pursuant to Idaho Code #63-711. Carried.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Janice Simpkins appeared before the Commissioners to request that all outstanding 1999, 2000 and 2001 taxes, fees, interest and penalty owing on her property, Parcel #RP-A0676-00 in the amount of \$868.88 be forgiven pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Upon a review of the evidence and testimony presented, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to forgive the 1999, 2000 and 2001 taxes, interest and penalty owing on Parcel #RP-B0098-00 in the amount of \$788.88, upon the condition that the outstanding special fees owing, in the amount of \$80.00 be paid in full by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Carried.

TAX CANCELLATIONS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$6,561.34 as presented by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that he is still attempting to contact potential board members to see if there is interest in serving on a Power County Economic Development Board. The Commissioners then agreed that they would check into the possibility of having a representative from the Moses Lake, Washington, Port District travel to Power County to answer question regarding their Port District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, 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 CASE #2003-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2003-12-I, since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by I. C. #31-3502(12). Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-08-I: Pursuant to stipulation of the parties, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to continue the appeal hearing on Indigent Case #2003-08-I until Monday, April 28, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2003-01-I: Pursuant to stipulation of the parties, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to continue the appeal hearing on Indigent Case #2003-01-I until Monday, May 12, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT:

Fred Judd of the Bureau of Land Management appeared before the Commissioners to discuss county-wide fire suppression planning and prevention and presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Idaho Statewide Implementation Strategy for the National Fire Plan and a copy of Kootenai County's Wildland Urban Interface Fire Mitigation Plan. Mr. Judd suggested that Power County complete a risk assessment to identify local vulnerabilities to wild land fire and to then develop a written Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan. Mr. Judd indicated that the BLM would assist with any funding needed by Power County to identify and implement the County's Mitigation Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, and would not require Power County to expend any matching funds. Mr. Judd and the Commissioners agreed that City officials, County officials, and fire district officials should all be included in determining potential wildland fire hazards. Also present was Ken Fagnet of the State Bureau of Disaster Services who indicated that he would furnish Power County with a copy of the risk assessment done in the Lava Hot Springs area for their review. The Commissioners agreed that Disaster Services Director Mark Love should serve as the primary contact person on the proposed plan. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, that Power County complete a risk assessment to identify local vulnerabilities to wildland fire and to then develop a written Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan as recommended by the Bureau of Land Management. Carried. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to investigate other alternatives prior to hiring a consulting firm to assist Power County in implementing a Fire Mitigation Plan.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE RENOVATION: 500 Pocatello Avenue Renovation Board Chairman Max Newlin appeared before the Commissioners to report on the results of the public meeting held on April 2, 2003. Mr. Newlin then indicated that the Renovation Board had also met on April 10, 2003, to finalize their list of recommendations for renovation on the building. The Commissioners then reviewed the proposal submitted by Eagle Engineering for structural engineering work, which includes mapping of the existing roof framing structure and identifying areas of the roof to be reinforced. The Commissioners then contacted Architect Ken Douglass by speaker telephone to discuss the proposal. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept the proposal submitted by Eagle Engineering in the amount of \$5,296.00. Carried.

TORT CLAIM – ICRMP REIMBURSEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to seek reimbursement from ICRMP on tort claim settlement funds paid by Power County. Carried.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk