

**POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 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.

**WESTERN BENEFITS SOLUTION – COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS:** Mark Guston of Western Benefits Solution appeared before the Commissioners to introduce a new Statewide Counties' Group Health Insurance Program sponsored by Western Benefits Solution and underwritten by Blue Cross of Idaho. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Power County would be interested in obtaining a quote from Western Benefits Solution and will provide Mr. Guston with Power County's claims data for the previous twelve months in order that he may complete an evaluation and present his proposal.

**JAIL KITCHEN REMODEL – DISHWASHER:** Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague appeared before the Commissioners with Architect Ken Douglass to discuss the bid accepted by the Commissioners for the new jail equipment from Bar, Store & Restaurant Supplies Company. Sheriff Sprague advised the Commissioners that the under-counter dishwasher which was quoted in that bid is not the style or model he would prefer. Following discussion, the Commissioners requested that Sheriff Sprague contact Bar, Store & Restaurant Supplies Company to get a quote on the price difference between the under-counter model in the original bid and the counter-top model he would prefer. This matter was tabled until August 11, 2003.

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

General Fund	\$ 6,030.57
Ambulance	3,438.76
District Court	1,613.88
Justice Fund	5,084.82
Indigent	2,894.32
Solid Waste	105.88
Weeds	1,241.78
Waterways	7.09

PLANNING & ZONING – BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that he has been contacting possible board members to replace Planning & Zoning Board Member Gilbert Hofmeister who resigned effective August 1, 2003. This matter was tabled until August 11, 2003.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT – GEORGE SOUTHWORTH: Power County Public Defender George Southworth appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his Public Defender Contract for fiscal year 2004. Following discussion and negotiation, the Commissioners instructed County Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare an updated contract for Public Defender services for fiscal year 2004 between Power County and George Southworth. This matter was tabled until August 11, 2003.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA): Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners of the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) that establishes minimum standards and requires a statewide automated voter registration system, which will need to be in place by January 1, 2006. Clerk Steinlicht is seeking federal grant funds to purchase additional precinct count optical scan equipment. The Commissioners agreed that matching funds to purchase necessary equipment could be paid from PILT if that grant was approved during fiscal year 2004.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Power County Guardianship Board Chairman Brenda Havlicak appeared before the Commissioners to advise the Commissioners that the number of Guardianship Board Members appointed by the Power County Commissioners exceeds the total number allowed by Idaho Code. Also present was Guardianship Board Member Rodney Garner. Commissioner Meadows indicated that she would discuss this matter with the Board and ask if any member would volunteer to serve as an alternate member. Mrs. Havlicak and Mr. Garner then advised the Commissioners of a possible ward transfer from the Bingham County Board of Guardians to the Power County Guardianship Board. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis instructed the Guardianship Board to obtain file information and Court records from Bingham County, after which he will check into the requirements for transferring supervision.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES: Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled for consideration of numerous alcoholic beverage licenses. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the following alcohol beverage licenses:

1. George & Shirley Udy d/b/a Mr. Petrol's Pantry for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises and retail wine.
2. Stanley L. & Floreen Thyberg d/b/a Idaho Unlimited for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises and retail wine.
3. Bill L. Beck d/b/a Bill's Pro Shop for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises and retail wine.

4. Brent Woodworth d/b/a Silver Horseshoe Bar for the sale of draught and bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises and retail liquor.
5. Claudia J. Walter d/b/a Pocatello Speedway, Inc., for the sale of bottled or canned beer to be consumed on the premises.
6. Patricia J. Payne d/b/a O'Grady's Gas & Grocery for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises.
7. Rick Farnsworth d/b/a Cardinal Thriftway for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premises and retail wine.
8. Mike J. Jensen d/b/a Bingham Cooperative, Inc. for the sale of bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on the premise.

Carried.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – COURTHOUSE AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADE: Justin Richardson of Sierra Heating and Cooling appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's needs in upgrading the Courthouse air conditioning units. Mr. Richardson will submit a quote for the upgrade. Clerk Steinlicht indicated that Vogt's Heating & Air and Paul Gardner Heating & Cooling had also been asked to submit quotes. This matter was tabled until August 11, 2003.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION – COUNTY VEHICLES: Russ Wheatley of the Power County Probation Office appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the probation office's use of the Assessor's old Ford Explorer. Also present was Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague. The Commissioners agreed to allow the Probation Office to take possession of the Assessor's old Ford Explorer and requested that Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague use the probation office van for as a trade-in vehicle when he makes a new vehicle purchase in October, 2003.

POWER COUNTY JAIL ALLEY WAY: The Commissioners agreed to make a request to the American Falls City Council to vacate the alley way between the Power County Courthouse and the Power County Sheriff's Office. This matter will be put on the agenda for the Joint City/County meeting scheduled for August 6, 2003.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – OVERT-TIME REQUEST: Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that Power County Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Heward has requested that he and Ron Lee be allowed overtime compensation, not to exceed 40 hours each, during the time when they are short handed until he can get another part-time employee hired. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that any time accrued

by Transfer Station personnel over the regular 40-hour work week, should be reported as compensatory time rather than paid out in over-time. Commissioner Zimmerman will discuss this matter with Mr. Heward.

FMC SITE COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had attended the most recent meeting of the FMC Site Optimum Committee. A steam generation facility from Columbia University in New York City has been looking into potential use of the FMC site. A subcommittee of the Optimum Committee has been put together to encourage that project to locate on the FMC site.

FISCALYEAR 2004 BUDGET – COMMISSIONER APPROVED: Clerk Steinlicht presented the final draft Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, which was approved by the Board of Power County Commissioners and will be published in the August 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> editions of the Power County Press. Public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Office of the Power County Courthouse.

The Board of Power County Commissioners recessed at 1:30 p.m.

The Board of Power County Commissioners reconvened at 2:15 p.m. at Rockland City Hall.

ROCKLAND FIRE DISTRICT: Rockland Fire District Chief David Robinson appeared before the Commissioners to request financial assistance from Power County in the construction of an equipment storage building for the Rockland Fire District. Also present was Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs and City Clerk Denise Ralphs. Currently the Fire District stores it's equipment in the City of Rockland storage bays; however, the City of Rockland has donated a lot to the Fire District upon the condition that they construct their own storage facility within the next two years. The Commissioners agreed to submit a letter of intent to assist with funding the construction of an equipment storage facility for the Rockland Fire District in the amount of \$40,000. Mr. Robinson indicated that they are also pursuing grant funds through the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Robinson then informed the Commissioners that the Rockland Fire District Board is considering an election to expand the fire district boundaries.

DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love and Rockland Fire Chief David Robinson appeared before the Commissioners discuss the Fire Mitigation Plan being put together by Dynamac Corporation. The Commissioners agreed that a Fire Mitigation Planning Meeting should be scheduled in the Rockland City Hall to get public input from Rockland area residents and landowners.

CITY OF ROCKLAND – BUILDING INSPECTION AGREEMENT: Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs, Rockland City Council Member Lori Robinson and City Clerk Denise Ralphs appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Building Inspection Agreement between the City of Rockland and Power County. Following discussion and negotiation,

the Commissioners instructed Power County Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare a proposed draft agreement for the City of Rockland the Power County to consider. This matter was tabled until August 11, 2003.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk