

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 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.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Harms Memorial Hospital Board Trustee Tim Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hospital Board's updated conceptual site plan options for construction of a new clinic and hospital. Mr. Mauch indicated that the Hospital Board has also approached the City of American Falls regarding annexation of the site area into the American Falls City limits to connect to City water and sewer. Mr. Mauch indicated that the clinic construction costs would be financed through a long-term, low interest loan and/or federal rural health care grants.

POWER COUNTY JAIL – KITCHEN REMODEL (CHANGE ORDER): Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners to present a Change Order to the original specifications on the jail kitchen remodel. The change order provides for replacement of the entire law enforcement building roof. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Change Order in the amount of \$42,831.50 upon the condition that the roof replacement be completed by November 1, 2003, to be paid from PILT funds. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the renovation progress at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Rockland Pharmacy has donated the ceiling tiles removed during their remodel project to Power County for use at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Mr. Douglass indicated that a community or civic group, i.e. Lions Club, could assist with removal of the ceiling tiles at Rockland Pharmacy and get them stored at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building for future use. Commissioners agreed that the Youth Center Board should find assistance from a civic group.

ZERTEL COMMUNICATIONS – CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE: Mark Sjostrom of Zertel Communications appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal and rate plan to provide cellular services to Power County through Edge Wireless. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Sjostrom check the Arbon Valley and Rockland areas for "dead spots" in service. The Commissioners then advised Mr. Sjostrom that Power County is currently under a two-year agreement with U. S. Cellular for cellular telephone services, which will expire in January, 2004.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen, Diane Hill and Shannon Johnson of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present their quarterly report for Power County.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Certificate of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho. Carried.

SUNSET AVIATION – POWER COUNTY AIRPORT PROPERTY: Jolynn Werenka d/b/a Sunset Aviation appeared before the Commissioners with her attorney Thomas J. Holmes to discuss the Sunset Aviation property located at the Power County Airport. Mr. Holmes indicated that Sunset Aviation and the Estate of Joe and Caron Werenka have been attempting to sell the Sunset Aviation buildings; however, those endeavors have been unsuccessful and they are now attempting to rent the buildings. Mr. Holmes questioned whether Power County would be interested in purchasing the buildings and asked that the Commissioners make an offer of purchase. Mr. Holmes indicated that he would provide the Commissioner with a copy of the recent appraisal completed on the property; however, County Attorney Paul Laggis suggested that the Commissioners personally visit the property prior to making any offer to purchase. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would rather see a tenant in the building and would not be making any offer of purchase at this time. Mr. Holmes indicated that he would keep Attorney Laggis apprised of any rental negotiations.

WESTERN BENEFITS SOLUTION – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN: The Commissioners reviewed the information request submitted by Western Benefits Solution, which information is required in order for WBS to provide a quote to Power County for an employee medical benefit plan. The Commissioners agreed to review the request for information list with Power County's current broker Mark Seamons d/b/a Seamons Financial on September 8, 2003.

AMERICAN FALLS LIBRARY DISTRICT – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS: American Falls Library District Clerk Harriett Newlin appeared before the Commissioners to request that the six full-time employees of the American Falls Library District be covered under Power County's partially self-insured policy. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this possibility with the County's current broker Mark Seamons d/b/a Seamons Financial on September 8, 2003.

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

General Fund	\$ 22,398.65
Ambulance District	3,467.29
District Court	1,805.96
Justice Fund	2,798.59
Indigent	165.31
Revaluation	167.95

Solid Waste	1,984.24
Weeds	35.78
Waterways	285.19
PILT	64,714.54

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Power County Personnel Manual as amended in Section VIII C(2), subsections (a) through (o). Carried.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Janelle Porath to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board to fill the position vacated by Gilbert Hofmeister, which term expires in January, 2006. Carried.

GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Commissioner Meadows reported that in order to comply with the restriction on the number of Guardianship Board members allowed by Idaho Code, Mike Dismer has agreed to serve as a Guardianship Board alternate.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed the Land Exchange Agreement with Steve Lusk of the Power County Highway District. Mr. Lusk indicated that the Highway District was not ready to sign the Exchange Agreement as prepared. Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter directly with the Power County Highway District Board members on Monday, September 8, 2003, at 4:00 p.m.

FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Commissioner Meadows indicated that she had attended the fire mitigation planning meeting held in Arbon Valley. Commissioner Meadows reported that Dynamac Corporation will insert a link on Power County's Web Page that will allow the public to review the Fire Mitigation Plan on-line prior to its adoption by the Power County Commissioners.

MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – APPEAL TO PLAN TRUSTEES: The Commissioners reviewed the appeal documents received from MS Administrative Services. Power County Employee Carol Jeffries is appealing MS Administrative Service's declination of benefits. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to discuss this appeal with Power County's broker, Mark Seamons d/b/a Seamons Financial on September 8, 2003.

APPLICATION FOR TAX CANCELLATION – MARSHALL PAYNE: Marshall Payne appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his property taxes owing on Parcel #RPA0812-00 described as Lots 1 through 3 Block 35, Reclamation Addition which total


\$9,631.94. Also present was Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch and Power County Deputy Assessor Mary Annen. Mr. Payne indicated that if the Board of Commissioners would agree to cancel one-half of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 taxes, penalty and interest owing that he would immediately pay in full the other half. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis instructed Mr. Payne to make a proper Application for Hardship Exemption under Idaho Code #63-711, since tax cancellation requests cannot be negotiated and are granted for extreme hardship only. Clerk Steinlicht provided Mr. Payne with the County's standard "Application for Hardship Exemption".

REQUEST FOR EQUALIZATION – ADAM BLIVEN: Adam Bliven appeared before the Commissioners to dispute the Power County Assessor's value for tax year 2003 on Parcels #MHZ0027-02 and #RPA0186-02. The Commissioners advised Mr. Bliven that pursuant to Idaho Code #63-501 the Power County Board of Equalization for 2003 assessments adjourned on July 7, 2003, and that no further requests for equalization of 2003 tax assessments could be heard. The Commissioners then informed Mr. Bliven that the Board of Equalization on 2004 tax assessments would convene on Monday, January 26, 2004.

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 evaluations. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET: The County's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, as published, came on for public hearing before the Commissioners at 6:00 p.m. Following public hearing and comment, the Commissioners agreed to move \$1,000 from Current Expense line item #01-18-800-00 (General – capital furniture/fixtures) to Current Expense #01-03-439-00 (Treasurer – Travel) and to also move \$1,000 from #01-18-801-00 (General – capital vehicles) to #01-06-439-00 (Coroner – Travel). There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Fiscal Year 2004 Budgeted Expenditures as amended. Carried.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk