

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 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.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Power County Building Administrator Richard B. Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his Building Permit Reports for the months of August and September, 2003, as well as a year to date Building Activity Report. Following discussion, The Commissioners suggested that, in order to eliminate future confusion, Mr. Wiles should provide additional assistance to homeowners who chose to act as their own contractor by providing them detailed information on building permit fees and the building inspection process. Mr. Wiles then presented the Commissioners with a copy of his Activity Log Sheet detailing his daily contacts since October 1, 2003.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: The Commissioners reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision which was issued by the Power County Planning & Zoning Board following their consideration of a confined animal feeding operation ordinance, which document was prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis and signed by Power County Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Jim Fitzgerald. Commissioners Estep questioned whether the entire Planning & Zoning Board had reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision prior to it being signed by Chairman Fitzgerald. Power County Planning & Zoning Board Administrator Richard Wiles indicated that he and Chairman Fitzgerald would address that question at the next meeting of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board on November 4th, 2003. This matter was tabled until November 3, 2003.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to present a final draft of the Tri-County and Tribal Regional Compact Memorandum of Understanding by and between Bannock County, Bingham County, Power County and the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribe. The purpose of the proposed agreement is to provide for mutual assistance between the participating entities in managing emergencies. Mr. Love requested that the Power County Commissioners participate in a signatory ceremony and the Commissioners agreed that Fort Hall would be the appropriate and central place to hold a signatory ceremony. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that the agreement should be amended to include a provision that no party to this Memorandum of Understanding would waive

their right and/or ability to fully operate and manage any and all emergencies occurring within their respective boundaries. Mr. Love will present the proposed amendment to the appropriate entity representatives and request that it be included in the Memorandum of Understanding. This matter was tabled until November 3, 2003.

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

Commissioner Ken Estep, Chairman
Commissioner Vicki L. Meadows
Commissioner Ray Zimmerman
Clerk Christine Steinlicht
Treasurer Bobbie Mauch
Assessor Doug Glascock
Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis
Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague

COMMISSIONER AGENDA – NOVEMBER, 2003: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to hold regular Commissioner meetings on November 3rd and 17th, 2003.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA – DECEMBER, 2003: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to hold regular Commissioner meetings on December 1st and 15th, 2003.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Following discussions with Nadine at Melody Lanes & Café, the Commissioners agreed to host the County's annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Melody Lanes & Café. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memorandum to the County employees advising them of the Christmas Party.

COURTHOUSE/500 POCATELLO AVENUE – EXTERIOR LIGHTING: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the quote submitted by Ramsey Repair in the amount of \$1,350 to enhance the exterior lighting at the Power County Courthouse and the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Carried.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$1,080.52 as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – COMPACTOR REPAIR QUOTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the quote submitted by Pioneer Equipment Company in the amount of \$4,090.82 to repair the compactor at the Power County Landfill and Transfer Station. Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman abstained.

AIRPORT – ICRMP LIABILITY TERRORISM COVERAGE: The Commissioners reviewed the memo from ICRMP advising Power County that ICRMP will be providing terrorism coverage for all operations of Power County except airport operations. Airport operations will be covered through a separate policy through Phoenix Aviation Managers, a broker for Old Republic Insurance Company, for an additional \$5,000 premium. Following a review of the policyholder disclosure information on terrorism insurance coverage from Old Republic Insurance Company, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to elect to decline terrorism coverage at the American Falls Airport. Carried.

DOUBLE L MANUFACTURING – REQUEST FOR TAX CANCELLATION: Neil Harper of Double L Manufacturing appeared before the Commissioners to further discuss their request for cancellation of a portion of the property taxes owing to Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners offered to forgive all penalty and interest currently owing upon the condition that all remaining past due personal and real property taxes owing be immediately brought current and further upon the condition that all property taxes coming due or owing during the next three tax years be paid timely. Mr. Harper indicated his desire to discuss the Commissioners' offer with the Double L management team. The Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to reduce the above offer to writing and provide a copy to Mr. Harper. This matter was tabled until November 3, 2003.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: 500 Pocatello Avenue Construction Supervisor Jim Harveston d/b/a Elite Contractors appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the Youth Center portion of the building is ready to be painted. Commissioner Estep informed Mr. Harveston that the Power County SCILD crew would start painting tomorrow morning.

COUNTY APPAREL: Following discussion and a review of the apparel catalogue, the Commissioners authorized Clerk Steinlicht to purchase apparel bearing the County seal to keep on hand for resale.

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

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – BILLING AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES: Following a review of the Billing Agreement for Services received from the Southeastern District Health Department, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Billing Agreement for the Southeastern District Health Department to provide flu shots to County employees as presented. Carried.

SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBES – FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL: The Commissioners discussed the recall efforts progressing against several Fort Hall Tribal Council Board members. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to continue

discussions with the Fort Hall Business Council regarding potential economic development on lands located within the common boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation and Power County. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he would contact Fort Hall Tribal Council Member Blaine Edmo to discuss the status of the draft agreement being prepared by Tribal Attorney Jeanette Wolfley.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS – MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Power County employees Jim Jeffries and Carol Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss medical insurance coverage for stepchildren. MS Administrative Services has requested a copy of Mrs. Jeffries divorce decree to determine which parent is legally responsible for primary medical insurance coverage of the minor children. The Commissioners reached MS Administrative Services via speaker telephone to discuss this coverage concern. Caroline at MS Administrative Services indicated that children or stepchildren listed as beneficiaries under the County’s policy will be covered either as primary or secondary coverage and that their request for copies of divorce decrees is for information purposes only and not an attempt to limit benefits.

FAMILY SERVICE ALLIANCE – WOMENS ADVOCACY PROGRAM: LaMae Webber of the Family Service Alliance appeared before the Commissioners to update on the Woman Advocacy Program in Power County. At the outset, Ms. Webber advised the Commissioners that the program grant has been renewed for an additional two years. Also present was Family Service Alliance Director Christina Munoz and American Falls Project Coordinator Alida Soliz. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis expressed his satisfaction with the Family Service Alliance and their family and prevention programs.

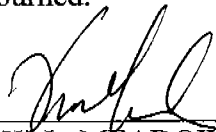
CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the claims as amended and supplemented. Carried.

General	\$ 31,997.43
Ambulance	933.11
District Court	3,786.17
Justice Fund	22,893.27
Indigent	6,323.41
Revaluation	10,328.81
Solid Waste	17,002.38
Weeds	90.00
Waterways	329.52
PILT	5,007.50

POWER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – FULL TIME STATUS: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis then discussed with the Board of Power County Commissioners the option him being placed on full-time prosecutor status with a salary increase to be paid from the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney salary line. Commissioner Estep reported that several other Counties have upgraded their Prosecuting Attorneys to full-time status. The Commissioners indicated that they would be willing to offer Mr. Laggis \$72,000 for his full-time service effective December 1, 2003.

Prosecuting Attorney Laggis will prepare a proposed agreement to be reviewed by the Commissioners and ICRMP counsel. This matter was tabled until November 3, 2004.

Adjourned.



VICKI L. MEADOWS, Commissioner



RAY ZIMMERMAN, Commissioner



CHRISTINE W. STEPANLICH, Clerk