

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2004. 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.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for December 1st and 15th, 2003, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: The Commissioners discussed the need to amend the Power County Personnel Manual to include the Power County Prosecuting Attorney's full-time secretary. Section II of the current Personnel Manual specifically exempts the Prosecuting Attorney's staff. This matter was tabled until January 12th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappointment Edith Kopp to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2007) and to appoint Patty Porath to serve a three (3) year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2007). Carried

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Ed Webb and Valerie Hoybjerg each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2007). Carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Jim Fitzgerald and Alan Permann each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (January, 2007). Carried.

WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Jerry Kress, Jeff Stewart, Carol Stroud and Wade Povey each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Weed Board (January, 2006). Carried.

SNOWMOBILE BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Ron Morris to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Snowmobile Board (January, 2007). Carried.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Certificates of Residency presented by the College of Southern Idaho. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the next phase of renovation at the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. The Commissioners and Mr. Douglass agreed that reinforcing the truss structure is the next concern. Mr. Douglass will contact several contractors to discuss the costs associated with truss reinforcement. Commissioner Estep then indicated that he would attend the next meeting of the Power County Historical Society to discuss their intentions to use a special historical architect for the upstairs portion of the building. American Falls Youth Center Board members Gerald Fehringer and Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to present a list of things that need to be finished in the Youth Center portion of the building prior to the open house scheduled on January 10th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INTREPID TECHNOLOGIES: Commissioner Meadows requested that the Power County Commissioners consider submitting a letter of support to Intrepid Technologies, supporting their efforts to pursue bio-diesel technology in Power County. The Commissioners agreed that the Idaho Congressional Delegation should also be contacted and involved in supporting that endeavor.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he had received a copy of the Power County Economic Development Board By-Laws from Economic Development Board Chairman Kent Rudeen, which he has forwarded to ICRMP for their review and input. Prosecutor Laggis expects to hear back from ICRMP within the next several days. This matter was tabled until January 26th, 2005. Commissioner Estep then reported that he had invited Paul Yochum of the FMC/Astaris plant to serve on the Power County Economic Development Board and Mr. Yochum has accepted that invitation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN POWER COUNTY: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he is still reviewing the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) laws and will contact Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn to further discuss this issue once Mr. Vaughn returns from vacation. The Commissioners and Prosecutor Laggis then reached Idaho Association of Counties Executive Director Dan Chadwick by telephone to discuss contractual rights and opportunities that might be utilized by the Commissioners when negotiating TIF Districts within Power County. The Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to begin drafting a proposed TIF contract between Power County and the City of Pocatello for the Eastern Power County area. This matter was tabled until February 9th, 2004.

U. S. CELLULAR – CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE: Commissioner Estep reported that several County employees had experienced an increase in their U. S. Cellular billings; however, Clerk Steinlicht reported that many had also experienced a decrease. The Commissioners agreed to monitor the billings over the next several months to determine if Power County is experiencing an overall savings in cellular telephone service.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – DISASTER DECLARATION: The Commissioners reviewed the Disaster Declaration issued on December 29th, 2003. The nature of the emergency was the occurrence and imminent threat of injury and loss of property arising from heavy snow accumulations accompanied by severe blowing and drifting, causing road closures and stranded motorists in Power County. The Commissioners agreed that the state of emergency continues to exist and the Disaster Declaration continues to remain in effect. This matter was tabled until January 12th, 2004. Clerk Steinlicht reported that a copy of the original Disaster Declaration has been faxed to the Governor’s office.

DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to report that Power County has not yet received any purchase confirmations under the Homeland Security Grant; therefore, no funds have been obligated or spent. This matter was tabled until January 26th, 2004.

DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to report that Dynamac Corporation has nearly completed the County’s Fire Mitigation Plan, which will be referred to the Commissioners for review when finalized. This matter was tabled until January 26th, 2004.

STORM WATER RUNOFF PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported that the City of American Falls and the Power County Highway District are working together to produce a storm water runoff plan in the American Falls and Power County area. It is anticipated that the Idaho Department of Transportation will be offering financial assistance to implement the plan when finalized. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to tabled this matter until January 12th, 2004.

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

General	\$ 11,135.49
Ambulance	1,783.27
District Court	1,382.81
Justice Fund	47,686.32
Indigent	608.53
Revaluation	28.78
Solid Waste	1,187.07
Weeds	76.82
Waterways	3.46
PILT	30,366.33

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 #2004-06-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2004-06-I since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by I.C. #31-3502(12). Carried.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shoshone Bannock Tribes and Power County, which was prepared by Fort Hall Special Counsel Jeanette Wolfley. The Commissioners instructed Prosecutor Laggis to contact Ms. Wolfley and schedule a date and time for the Agreement to be signed. This matter was tabled until January 12th, 2004.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk