

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 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 Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for January 5th, 12th, 26th and 27th, 2004, as presented. Carried.

IDAHO COUNTIES RECIPROCAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY (ICRMP) – ON-SITE TRAINING: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Jim McNall of ICRMP is planning to visit Power County on March 10th and 11th. Mr. McNall will meet with taxing districts' elected board members on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss open meeting laws, public records, etc., and will be available on March 11th to meet with taxing district employees to discuss sexual harassment liability issues. Clerk Steinlicht will advise the Power County taxing districts of these training opportunities.

ROCKLAND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: Commissioner Meadows reported that she had been contacted by Rockland Fire District Chief David Robinson to discuss the Fire District's previous request for financial assistance to construct an equipment storage building. Mr. Robinson is in the process of obtaining sealed bids for the building's construction. The Commissioners agreed that the \$40,000 is available to the Rockland Fire District at any time and Commissioners Meadows will advise Mr. Robinson to submit a claim to the Power County Clerk's Office.

POWER COUNTY SICK LEAVE BANK POLICY: Power County Sick Leave Bank Board Chairman Barbara Burge and Secretary Elna Neu appeared before the Commissioners to present an amended Sick Leave Bank Policy. The policy was amended to allow the Prosecuting Attorney's Office staff to participate in the sick leave bank, and also to define how each office is represented on the Sick Leave Bank Board. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and adopt the amended Sick Leave Bank Committee Policy as presented. Carried. At the request of Mrs. Burge and Mrs. Neu, The Commissioners also reviewed Section VIII(B)14 of the Power County Personnel Manual dealing with on-the-job-injuries. The Commissioners agreed that the Power County Sick Leave Bank policy should not address on-the-job-injuries; however, the Power County Personnel Manual may need to be amended to address compensation for on-the-job injuries not covered by the State Insurance Fund.

POWER COUNTY PINS: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to sell

County pins at the County's cost of .82 cents each plus tax.

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
Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis
Sheriff Howard Sprague
Treasurer Bobbie Mauch
Coroner Mark Rose
Assessor Doug Glascock

The elected officials discussed the issues addressed at the 2004 Mid-Winter Conference sponsored by the Idaho Association of Counties February 2nd through 6th, 2004, in Boise.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Meadows, seconded by Estep, to reappoint Otto Tiede to a three (3) year term on the Power County Industrial Development Board (January, 2007). Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD: Commissioner Zimmerman reported that Airport Board member Ralph Breeding had moved to Pocatello, and the Commissioners agreed that since he is no longer a resident of Power County, he should be replaced. This matter was tabled until February 23rd, 2004.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Pat Callaghan to a two (2) year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2006). Carried.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS BOARD: Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Galen McMasters to a three (3) year term on the Power County Waterways Board (January, 2007). Carried.

DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Clerk Steinlicht provided the Commissioners each with a copy of the draft Power County Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan prepared by Dynamac Corporation. The Commissioners agreed to review the Plan and submit comments to Dynamac by February 13th, 2004. Clerk Steinlicht also reported that a draft of the Plan has been posted on the Power County Internet site and is available to the public for downloading or viewing beginning February 18th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES OFFICE: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, that

Power County Probation Officers Russ Wheatley, Connie Shepherd, Max Sprague and Inez Bingham begin working a 28-day work period pursuant to Exemption 207(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Carried.

FORT HALL TRIBAL COUNCIL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Commissioner Estep reported that the Fort Hall Business Council would be out of the office for the next two weeks. This matter was tabled until March 8th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – LIABILITY COVERAGE: Clerk Steinlicht questioned whether the Power County Fairboard had required renters of the fairgrounds to furnish a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Commissioners agreed that either the renter should furnish a Certificate of Insurance or a use contract should be drafted which limits the County's liability when the fairgrounds are rented. Commissioner Estep agreed to discuss this matter with the Power County Fairboard. This matter was tabled until March 8th, 2004.

UNIVERSAL AD. COM – DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Distribution Agreement between Power County and Universal Adcom regarding the upcoming 2004 Edition of the "Community Guide" magnet project for Power County. The free magnets will be available to the public at the Power County Courthouse. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Distribution Agreement between Power County and Universal Adcom as presented. Carried.

COURTROOM – DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the quote submitted by Finch-Brown Company in the amount of \$7,330 to upgrade the analog recording system in the Courtroom to a digital system. Carried.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN POWER COUNTY (TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT): Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis advised the Commissioners that he has been discussing a possible TIF Contract with City of Pocatello attorney Dean Tramner and Mr. Tramner has agreed to the restrictions and provisions as discussed. Prosecutor Laggis and Mr. Tramner will jointly draft a proposed contract when and if that becomes necessary.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes as presented by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 14,810.30
Ambulance	4,837.74
District Court	6,383.64
Justice Fund	21,792.27
Indigent	997.85
Revaluation	29.64
Solid Waste	38,027.06
Weeds	1,218.09
Waterways	540.52
PILT	1,463.34

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present the Building Permit collections for Power County for the month of January, 2004. Mr. Wiles then requested that an additional building administrator, Lynn Transtrum from the City of Pocatello, accompany him on the final inspection of the Jason Hess home site. Commissioners reached Gary Gunderson at Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) by telephone, who agreed that an unbiased inspector should accompany Mr. Wiles. The Commissioners agreed to provide Mr. Wiles with written authorization allowing Mr. Transtrum to accompany him on the final inspection of the Jason Hess property.

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 indigent medical applications. Carried.

TRI-COUNTY/TRIBAL – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (DISASTER SERVICES): Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners with representatives from Bannock and Bingham Counties and the Fort Hall Tribal Council to sign the Tri-County and Tribal Emergency Management Assistance Regional Compact Memorandum of Understanding.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – HAZMAT PROGRAM DESIGNATED AGENCY: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Homeland Security Grant. Mr. Love indicated that a meeting of the entities should be scheduled to go over the approved list and to further discuss a designated agency to oversee the HAZMAT and first responder programs in Power County. Commissioners asked that Mr. Love schedule a meeting at the EMS building once he has received the approval list.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT: Power County Highway District Commissioners Bob Wetzel, Gilbert Hofmeister and Wade Povey, along with Supervisors Steve Lusk and Don Haskins, appeared before the Board of Power County Commissioners to discuss the following:

Homeland Security Grant (Communications): Power County Highway District Commissioners appeared before the Power County Commissioners to discuss communication needs pursuant to the Homeland Security Grants. Also present was Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jefferies. The Commissioners contacted Paul Clark of Clark Radio by telephone to discuss infrastructure needs which need to be implemented along with radio purchases. The Commissioners advised the Highway District that Disaster Services Director Mark Love would be scheduling a joint meeting to further discuss communications once he has received the Homeland Security Grant Authorization.

County Road Signs: The Commissioner questioned whether the Power County Highway District would be willing to take over purchase and maintenance of the County Road signs. Currently Power County has budgeted \$2,000 annually to invest in road signs and has had the SCILD crew from the Sheriff's office assist with upkeep and installation. The Commissioners indicated that they would be willing to offer the Highway District \$2,000 annually to provide these services. The Highway District Board indicated that they would take this matter under advisement.

Watering the Roadways: The Highway District Commissioners questioned whether the County Commissioners would consider adopting a County Ordinance, which would be more restrictive than Idaho law, to eliminate watering of the County roadways. County Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that Power County could adopt an ordinance that is more restrictive; however, State laws and the County's current enforcement policies have been very successful. The Commissioners and Prosecutor Laggis agreed that the County's current enforcement policies would remain in effect.

Mapping/Global Information Systems: The Highway District Commissioners questioned whether any progress had been made toward a countywide GIS/mapping system. The Commissioners advised the Highway District Board that the Power County Assessor and Sheriff continue to slowly increase GIS capabilities throughout the County; however, funding has been the restrictive issue. The Commissioners then advised the Highway District Board that they would like to pursue multi-entity funding to set up a GIS mapping office in Power County. The Highway District Board agreed to address this issue during the fiscal year 2005 budget process.


County Highway Right-of-way: The Highway District Commissioners questioned whether the County Commissioners would consider adopting an ordinance requiring a set back from the Highway right-of-way areas for agriculture or irrigation structures, which set back would prevent damage to Highway District equipment. The Power County Commissioners suggested that the Highway District discuss the set back issue with the Power County Planning & Zoning Board.

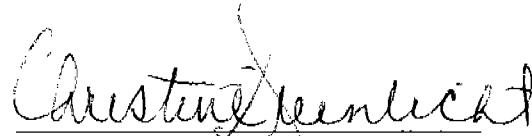
Gopher Abatement: The Highway District Commissioners indicated that the regional irrigation companies are no longer offering gopher bounties, which has created a tremendous gopher problem for the Highway District. The Highway District questioned

whether a gopher abatement district could be formed. The County Commissioners indicated that any taxing district needs to be formed by Petition and election.

Snow Removal Policy: The parties then discussed the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's comprehensive plan that designates which roadways within Power County will receive snow removal services. The Highway District Board feels that asking residents to sign snow removal service waivers when they build homes, does not necessarily limit the Highway District's responsibility to maintain those roads during snow removal season. The County Commissioners agreed that the Highway District Board should address this issue with the Power County Planning & Zoning Board.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk