

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 8th, 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.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Jim Halderson as Power County Veterans Service Officer for the year 2004. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Following a review of Section III(1)(2) of the Power County Economic Development Board By-laws, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Ralph "Moon" Wheeler (first director position) and Kent Rudeen (seventh director position) each to serve a three-year term on the Power County Economic Development Board (January, 2007), and to appoint Brett Crompton (third director position) to serve a two-year term on the Power County Economic Development Board (January, 2006), and to appoint Bob Schutte (fifth director position) and Paul Laggis (sixth director position) each to serve a one-year term on the Power County Economic Development Board (January, 2005). Carried. The second director (three-year term) and fourth director (two-year term) director positions will be elected by a majority of these initial directors. Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to send written notice to each director appointed above.

SOUTHERN IDAHO SOLID WASTE – CONTRACT: The Commissioners reached Southern Idaho Solid Waste Director Terry Schultz by telephone to discuss the upcoming contract negotiations. Mr. Schultz has scheduled a contract negotiation meeting at the Burley Inn, Burley, Idaho, on March 31st, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. This matter was tabled until April 12th, 2004.

WATERWAYS: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Stan Gortsema to serve a three-year term on the Power County Waterways Board (January, 2007). Carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for February 11th, 23rd and 25th, 2004, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY: Power County's independent auditor Scott Jones of the firm Jones, Yost, Hatt & Erickson, P.A., appeared before the Power County elected officials and Department Heads to review Power County's financial responsibility policy. Mr. Jones indicated that the object of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements. Mr. Jones then presented written instructions for

receipting, reconciling and depositing that should be followed in order to maintain fiscal responsibility. Mr. Jones then advised the elected officials and department heads that his presentation was for instructional purposes only and that he is of the opinion that the system of internal accounting control used in Power County has been adequate to safeguard the assets of the County and to check the accuracy and reliability of accounting data.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2003: Independent auditor Scott Jones of the firm Jones, Yost, Hatt & Erickson, P.A., appeared before the Commissioners to present his General Purpose Financial Statements and other financial information for the County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2003. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2003, as presented. Carried.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the County's fiscal year ending September 30th, 2003. The Commissioners requested time to review the report and this matter was tabled until March 22nd, 2004.

PLANNING & ZONING – GRAVEL PIT APPEAL: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners with a copy of the Notice of Appeal filed by Shelley L. Lish, appealing the decision of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board in the granting of a special use permit to Bingham Investments to establish a gravel pit on the west side of Tank Farm Road in Power County. The Commissioners agreed to schedule hearing on the Notice of Appeal for Monday, April 12th, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wiles will follow through with all publications and legal notices required for the appeal hearing. This matter was tabled until April 12th, 2004.

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

General Fund	\$ 23,826.09
Ambulance	1,339.27
District Court	5,669.95
Justice	23,602.71
Indigent	2,251.39
Junior College	7,150.00
Revaluation	24,364.50
Solid Waste	12,963.00
Weeds	120.03
Waterways	60.00
PILT	4,531.35

DISASTER SERVICES – FIRE MITIGATION PLAN: Buck West from Dynamac Corporation and Mark Love, Power County Disaster Services Director, appeared before the Commissioners with the completed Power County Fire Mitigation Plan, which has

also been published on the Power County Website. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept and adopt the Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan for Power County, Idaho, as presented. Carried. The original plan will be kept on file and maintained by the Power County Disaster Services Director at Power County's Emergency Operations Center, with a copy on file at the Power County Clerk's Office.

DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to report on the first Agencies meet regarding the Homeland Security Grant. Mr. Love indicated that the agencies appear to be in agreement on the direction the communications upgrade should take. The local agencies will make a detailed list of their current communication inventory, after which the communication needs can be reviewed with vendors. Power County Search & Rescue has agreed to oversee the required first responder training pursuant to the federal guidelines; however, the Commissioners reminded Mr. Love that the Power County Sheriff would have ultimate authority over the Power County Search & Rescue. Mr. Love requested that the Commissioners meet with him and Sheriff Sprague to discuss the federal regulations regarding HAZMAT response capabilities, training and regulations.

TRI-COUNTY TRIBAL REGIONAL OPERATIONS PLAN: Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Tri-County Tribal Regional Operations plan as presented. Carried.

FORT HALL TRIBAL COUNCIL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Commissioner Estep reported on his recent meeting with the Fort Hall Tribal Council regarding economic development opportunities on the FMC site. Power County and Tribe continue to make contact with potential developers to discuss benefits of site. The next meeting between the Power County Commissioners and the Fort Hall Business Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Hall Business Center.

POWER COUNTY IRRIGATORS – IDAHO POWER INCREASES: Power County Irrigated farmer Dale Michaelson appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the 25% electrical power increase on irrigators being proposed by Idaho Power Company. Mr. Michaelson estimates the annual fiscal impact to his farm operation will be \$46,000. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled public hearings on the proposed increases for Monday, March 15th, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pocatello City Council chambers. Commissioner Estep expressed his intention to attend the public hearings; however, the Commissioners agreed to submit written opposition as well.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2004-08-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve indigent medical application #2004-08-I. Carried.

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

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: Commissioner Estep reported that BGM Builders is still working on reinforcing the truss structure at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Commissioner Estep indicated that he would continue to explore grant funding available to re-roof the building; however, in the meantime Power County maintenance supervisor Gary Thomsen will tar patch the leaking spots on the roof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345, for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

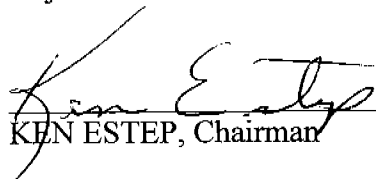
GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Ben Cavaness to serve a two-year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2006) and to appoint Mike Dismer, Maria Fernandez and Becky Smith each to serve two-year terms on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2006).

PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS: Pursuant to Idaho Code #34-902, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to authorize Power County Clerk to purchase 3,880 ballots for the upcoming Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 25th, 2004. Carried.

FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT – DECLARATION OF HOLDINGS: The Commissioners reviewed the 2004 Declaration of Public Entity's Landholdings received from Falls Irrigation District on the property owned by Power County and leased to Robert Zimmerman. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Declaration of Landholdings as presented. Carried. The completed form will be returned to Falls Irrigation District.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet in April on the 12th and 26th. The Commissioners requested that Clerk Steinlicht delay appointments on April 12th until 1:00 p.m. due to the evening meetings already scheduled.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk