

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 27th, 2004. Present were Commissioners Ken Estep, Chairman, Vicki Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

2004 PRIMARY ELECTION – CANVASS BOARD: The Board of Power County Commissioners met as the County Board of Canvassers. Clerk Steinlicht presented the Board with a copy of the Primary Election Abstract for their review. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the 2004 Primary Election Abstract as presented. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will submit the original Abstract to the Idaho Secretary of State. (SEE ATTACHED)

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed the Rural Economic Development grants available through the Idaho Department of Commerce with Greg Seibert of the Department of Commerce and Kathleen Lewis at Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG). The grants would allow Idaho cities and Counties to access state funds for job creation and business expansion and communities are selected to receive funding based on local economic conditions, project readiness and number of jobs created; however, the grant application must be mailed by 5:00 p.m. today in order to qualify. Commissioner Estep has been advised that a multi-entity application would likely increase the possibility of obtaining funding and that SEICOG would prepare and submit the joint grant application on behalf of area entities for the total cost of \$800. Because of the time constraints, the Commissioners agreed that a joint application should be prepared and mailed by 5:00 p.m. today on behalf of the following entities:

- Power County
- Bannock Development Corporation
- City of American Falls
- City of Rockland
- City of Aberdeen
- City of Inkom
- City of McCammon
- City of Arimo
- City of Lava Hot Springs
- City of Downy

The Commissioners further agreed that any of the above listed entities could opt out at any time. The Commissioners contacted Bingham County Commissioner Wayne Brower and Bannock County Commissioner Craig Cooper, both of whom agreed to endorse the

effort and assist in any way possible. Also present for further discussion of this issue were American Falls Mayor Cecil Weisenburger and American Falls City Councilman Stuart Pankratz. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, that Power County initiate the Rural Economic Development Grant application process as the lead agency on behalf of the municipalities within Power, Southern Bingham and Southern Bannock Counties, excluding the Cities of Pocatello and Chubbuck, with the understanding that the municipalities may opt out at any time and with the further understanding that SEICOG will administer said grant. Carried. Councilman Pankratz agreed to contact the Mayors of the municipalities within Southern Bannock County, i.e. McCammon, Arimo, Downy, Lava Hot Springs and Inkom, as well as the Mayor of the City of Aberdeen in Southern Bingham County, to advise them of this pending grant application and the possibility of negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding, and Commissioner Meadows agreed to contact the City of Rockland Mayor Dan Ralphs. The parties further agreed that a joint meeting should be scheduled with all the parties sometime during the last week in June. The Commissioners will follow up the telephone calls with a letter of explanation and written notice of said joint meeting.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES -- TRAINING: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Incident Command System course available on-line through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and suggested that the Commissioners visit the FEMA web-site to review that on-line course. Mr. Love also expressed his desire to provide National Incident Management System (NIMS) training to the local emergency management and enforcement agencies; however, the Commissioners suggested that the training be delayed until after November 1st, 2004.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES -- COMMUNICATIONS: Power County Disaster Services Director Mark Love appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Motorola Engineering Study prepared by Bannock County and presented to the Commissioners at their April 26th, 2004, meeting. The Commissioners advised Mr. Love that they are continuing to address this issue with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council and will keep Mr. Love informed of the results of those discussions. This matter was tabled until June 14th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Power County Veteran Service Officer Jim Halderson appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the Geographic Distribution of Veterans Administration Expenditures for fiscal year 2003 for Power County.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE -- RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Estep reported that he had arranged for the SCILD crew to remove the lathe and plaster in the upstairs portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building and then begin with reinforcement and insulating of the exterior walls. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to obtain an initial cost estimate from Gary Ferguson d/b/a BGM Builders for the reinforcement and insulation. Commissioner Estep then reported that he would continue with his attempts

to contact Gary Thomson to discuss a construction supervision contract on the balance of the renovation project. This matter was tabled until June 14th, 2004.

SOUTHERN IDAHO SOLID WASTE – AMENDED CONTRACT: The Commissioners reached Terry Schultz of Southern Idaho Solid Waste by telephone to inquire whether the proposed amended contract would be forthcoming. Mr. Schultz indicated that Southern Idaho Solid Waste's attorneys are still working on an amended contract, which should be completed in the very near future. This matter was tabled until June 14th, 2004.

CITY/COUNTY JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Joint City/County meeting set for May 19th, 2004, had to be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 9th, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Falls City Council Chambers. Clerk Steinlicht and City of American Falls Clerk Betty Huse will coordinate an appropriate agenda.

IDAHO LIQUOR CATERING PERMIT – TRES HERMANOS: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Idaho Liquor Catering Permit for Tres Hermanos to serve alcoholic beverages under their Alcohol Beverage License at the Power County Fairgrounds on June 12th, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Carried.

AMERICAN FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: American Falls Chamber of Commerce President Ron Lee and Events Coordinator Emily Wright appeared before the Commissioners to request that Power County become a member of the American Falls Chamber of Commerce. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to participate as a member of the American Falls Chamber of Commerce for the annual fee of \$250.00. Carried. Ms. Wright informed the Commissioners that the general membership lunches are held at 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of each month at Melody Lanes & Café.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DONATIONS: Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Sheriff Department's ability to accept monetary donations. The Commissioners suggested that the donation be accepted for the SCILD Christmas bicycle program and instructed Mr. Jeffries to so thank the donor and advise them how the donation will be used.

WEED DEPARTMENT – STATE GRANTS: Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that during Power County fiscal years 2002 and 2003 several weed payments received from the Idaho State Department of Agricultural, totaling \$4,081.10, were erroneously reported by the Weed Department as grants rather than weed spraying fees. Mr. Munk has now requested that the Power County Auditor create a journal entry to correct the error; however, Clerk Steinlicht is unable to transfer funds received in previous fiscal years after the books have been closed. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Munk would need to make a manual adjustment to his grant records so that expenses

do not exceed actual grant revenue. Commissioner Estep will discuss this matter with Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Commissioners discussed the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council election to be held tomorrow, May 28th, 2004. The Commissioners agreed that, regardless of the outcome of the election, a joint meeting of the Power County Commissioners and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council should be scheduled as soon as possible to further discuss economic development efforts within the common boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation and Power County. This matter was tabled until June 14th, 2004.

ROCKLAND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT – FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION: Commissioner Meadows reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Rockland Rural Fire District Board. The Rockland Rural Fire District Board is well underway with the construction of the new fire station; however, they are approximately \$30,000 short to complete the project and have applied for a tax anticipation loan through the American Falls Branch of the Bank of Commerce, which they expect will be granted in the very near future.

PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) ORDINANCE: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that he has and will continue to be in contact with Special Planning & Zoning Attorney Jerry Mason to discuss possible alternatives to the buffer zone issues posed by the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's proposed Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) ordinance. Prosecutor Laggis intends to send Mr. Mason a complete Power County Code book for his review and input. This matter was tabled until July 14th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: The Commissioners agreed that the Power County Personnel Manual should be amended to address full-time employees requesting time off to attend educational courses not related to their employment with Power County. The Commissioners requested that Prosecuting Attorney Laggis prepare a draft amendment to the Personnel Manual and this matter was tabled until June 14th, 2004.

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

General	\$ 5,387.89
Ambulance	1,708.73
District Court	1,676.76
Justice	4,443.87
Indigent	1,065.97
Revaluation	8,075.00
Solid Waste	16,699.55
Weeds	42.55
Waterways	55.75

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

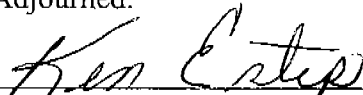
INDIGENT CASE #2004-12-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2004-12-I since applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA – JUNE, 2004: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to hold regular meetings on June 14th and 28th, with budget request hearings June 15th and 16th, 2004.

AMERICAN FALLS LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION – LEE STREET BASEBALL PARK DONATION: American Falls Little League President Randy Jensen and City Recreation Director Jason Hess appeared before the Commissioners with American Falls Mayor Cecil Weisenburger and Councilman Stuart Pankratz to discuss and review the receipts for the purchase and construction of the baseball backstop and fence at the Lee Street Park ball fields. At the outset, Commissioner Estep reported that he had discussed this matter with School District #381 Superintendent Ron Bolinger, who indicated that the School District had contributed \$3,000 toward the Lee Street Park baseball field project. Mr. Hess and Mr. Jensen advised the Commissioners that the project is complete and several tournaments have been scheduled. Mayor Weisenburger indicated that the only complaints reported to date are associated with the lack of parking at the field. The Commissioners advised Mr. Jensen and Mr. Hess that, in order to avoid any future misunderstanding, any requests for further financial assistance would need to include detailed bids so that actual costs will be known. Also present was Vern Nelson from Rockland, who expressed his gratitude for Power County donating funds towards this project.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT – INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTION COURSE: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the ICC Residential Inspection course scheduled in Boise on June 7th through 11th, 2004. The Commissioners agreed that the total costs to attend and take the examination in the amount of \$735 is excessive and would put Mr. Wiles significantly over budget. Mr. Wiles advised the Commissioners that he had already registered to attend the course and take the examination and that those costs were nonrefundable; however, following a review of the Examination Confirmation Notice, the Commissioners agreed that the entire balance could be refunded except for the \$150 cancellation penalty. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Wiles would not be attending this course and instructed Clerk Steinlicht to cancel the \$735 charge on the Key Bank Visa card, with the understanding that the \$150 cancellation penalty is nonrefundable. The Commissioners reminded Mr. Wiles that he needs to obtain Commissioner approval prior to registering for educational or training courses.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk

ABSTRACT OF VOTES
 PRIMARY04 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION
 MAY 25, 2004

	001	002	003	004	005	006	007	TOTAL	
NO. 1									
COUNTY									
POWER									
NO. 2									
COUNTY									
POWER									
NO. 3									
COUNTY									
POWER									
ROCKLAND									
ARBON									
COUNTY									
POWER									
EASTERN									
COUNTY									
ABSENTEE									
COUNTY									
POWER									
TOTAL									

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FEDERAL

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES		DEM	31	38	34	9	1	4	13	130	130
KERRY, JOHN	DEM	31	38	34	9	1	4	13	130	130	
KUCINICH, DENNIS	DEM	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	
SHARPTON, AL	DEM	2	3	1	1	0	1	2	10	10	
LAROUQUE JR, LYNDON H.	DEM	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	
NONE OF THE NAMES SHOWN	DEM	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	12	12	
TOTAL		35	47	40	12	1	5	18	158	158	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SECOND DISTRICT

WHITWORTH, LIN		DEM	35	44	34	11	1	4	17	146	146
WHITWORTH, LIN	DEM	35	44	34	11	1	4	17	146	146	
TOTAL		35	44	34	11	1	4	17	146	146	

COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER		DISTRICT NO. 2	DEM	36	44	35	8	1	5	17	146	146
MEADOWS, VICKI	DEM	DISTRICT NO. 2	DEM	36	44	35	8	1	5	17	146	146
TOTAL				36	44	35	8	1	5	17	146	146

COUNTY SHERIFF

JEFFRIES, JIM		DEM	38	42	34	9	1	5	17	146	146
JEFFRIES, JIM	DEM	DEM	38	42	34	9	1	5	17	146	146
TOTAL			38	42	34	9	1	5	17	146	146

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

LAGGIS, PAUL		DEM	35	41	33	8	1	4	18	140	140
LAGGIS, PAUL	DEM	DEM	35	41	33	8	1	4	18	140	140
TOTAL			35	41	33	8	1	4	18	140	140

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 NO. 1 COUNTY POWER 001
 NO. 2 COUNTY POWER 002
 NO. 3 COUNTY POWER 003
 ROCKLAND 004
 ARBON COUNTY POWER EASTERN ABSENTEE 005
 006
 007
 TOTAL

NON-PARTISAN

JUDICIAL

SUP CT JUSTICE TO SUCCEED ROGER S. BURDICK		NON		TOTAL		TOTAL	
BURDICK, ROGER S.	135	69	91	39	30	30	424
TOTAL	135	69	91	39	30	30	424
SUP CT JUSTICE TO SUCCEED WAYNE L. KIDWELL		NON		TOTAL		TOTAL	
JONES, JIM	129	79	96	39	30	35	438
TOTAL	129	79	96	39	30	35	438
APPLS CT JUDGE TO SUCCEED KAREN LANSING		NON		TOTAL		TOTAL	
LANSING, KAREN	135	75	102	37	31	31	445
TOTAL	135	75	102	37	31	31	445

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ABSENTEE									
COUNTY									
POWER									
TOTAL									

REPUBLICAN PARTY

FEDERAL
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BUSH, GEORGE W.	REP	187	207	236	92	46	35	33	836	836
WARRICK, NANCY	REP	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	7	7
NONE OF THE NAMES SHOWN	REP	28	25	31	2	0	6	9	101	101
TOTAL		218	232	270	95	46	41	42	944	944

UNITED STATES SENATOR

CRAPO, MIKE	REP	212	223	254	91	47	39	39	905	905
TOTAL		212	223	254	91	47	39	39	905	905

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SECOND DISTRICT

SIMPSON, MIKE	REP	209	213	247	86	44	38	36	873	873
TOTAL		209	213	247	86	44	38	36	873	873

STATE REPS

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT NO. 27

DARRINGTON, DENTON	REP	190	190	230	80	38	33	33	794	794
TOTAL		190	190	230	80	38	33	33	794	794

STATE REPRESENTATIVE -A- DISTRICT NO. 27

BEDKE, SCOTT C.	REP	155	169	186	52	34	25	25	646	646
BAGWELL, WAYNE R.	REP	82	67	86	38	7	12	14	306	306
TOTAL		237	236	272	90	41	37	39	952	952

STATE REPRESENTATIVE -B- DISTRICT NO. 27

NEWCOMB, BRUCE	REP	190	199	231	75	37	30	32	794	794
TOTAL		190	199	231	75	37	30	32	794	794

COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	DISTRICT NO. 3									
SCHERER, LYNN	REP	66	72	114	16	0	12	8	288	288
ESTEP, KEN	REP	169	170	159	73	46	24	35	676	676

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 004 ROCKLAND
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 006 EASTERN POWER ABSENTEE
 007 POWER COUNTY
 P R E C I N C I T S
 TOTAL

REPUBLICAN PARTY

COUNTY	TOTAL	235	242	273	89	46	36	43	964	964
COUNTY SHERIFF										
HARMS, FREDERICK C.	REP	86	81	106	29	9	16	15	342	342
MORSE, JAMES K. "JIM"	REP	103	95	96	34	7	15	18	368	368
NICHOLS, KARL RAY	REP	52	76	76	29	22	8	11	274	274
TOTAL		241	252	278	92	38	39	44	984	984

PRECINCT

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #1	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	62
WHEELER, MOON	REP	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	62
TOTAL		62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	62

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
HIEBERT, J. D.	REP	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
TOTAL		0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #3	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	74	74
GLASCOCK, MARGE	REP	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	74	74
TOTAL		0	0	74	0	0	0	0	74	74

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #4	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	45	45
KRESS, GAYLE	REP	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	45	45
TOTAL		0	0	0	45	0	0	0	45	45

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #5	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30
ESTEP, VALAREE J.	REP	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE

PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE	PRECINCT #6	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	13
FITZGERALD, JIM	REP	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	13
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	13

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