

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF -- RETIREMENT: Power County Jail Supervisor Karl Nichols appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Sheriff Office Deputies' efforts to purchase a .22 Magnum Golden Boy Rifle for retiring Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to contribute \$100 towards the purchase of Power County Sheriff Howard Sprague's retirement gift. Carried.

CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE BOARD: Commissioner Estep reported that the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Board maintains a balance of \$2,013,651, less \$222,960.31 paid out on September 20th, 2004. The Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Board has approved and adopted its fiscal year 2005 budget, without increasing contributions from Counties. The Commissioners then reviewed the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Board ballot for the at-large position. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to vote for Jack Nelson, Latah County Commissioner, to serve as At-Large Board Member on the Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN -- RENEWAL OPTIONS: Mark Semons d/b/a Semons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County employee medical insurance benefit plan renewal options. At the outset, Mr. Semons presented the Commissioners with a copy of Power County's stop-loss proposal to renew our partially self-funded medical insurance plan. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the renewal of Power County's partially self-funded medical insurance benefit plan with a 80/20 benefit percentage rather than the current 90/10 benefit percentage, and all other benefits remaining unchanged. Carried. The Commissioners agreed that they would review this matter again once firm proposals have been received from the Gem Plan and Regence Blue Shield. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to increase Power County's Medical Insurance payroll withholdings by 30% effective October 1st, 2004. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE -- RENOVATION/EXPANSION: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners to present several options for expansion and remodel of the Courthouse. Mr. Shropshire indicated that he had not yet received the program data requested from all of the departments. Following discussion, the Commissioners advised Mr. Shropshire that Power County has approximately \$1,200,000 budgeted for the Courthouse renovation and expansion project. This matter was tabled until October 4th, 2004.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – HOSPITAL BUILDING SITE: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond and Hospital Board Trustees Sheldon Kovarsky, Gary Tiede, Teri Kendall and Tim Mauch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposal to transfer ownership of the Hospital Building and adjacent property from Power County to the Hospital District. The Commissioners agreed that a public hearing should be scheduled to allow public input on ownership transfer. Mr. Brummond indicated he has determined that the ownership transfer would not result in the loss of any grandfather rights by the Hospital District and that the Harms Memorial Hospital District would like to accept ownership. The Commissioners and Hospital Board Trustees agreed to hold a joint public hearing on Monday, November 15th, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the American Falls High School auditorium and instructed Clerk Steinlicht to properly publish notice. Mr. Brummond then indicated that the Hospital Board attorney, Ron Kerl, has prepared a proposed Lease Agreement for the physical therapy building site, which should be received in the very near future. This matter was tabled until November 15th, 2004.

JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACT – MINI-CASSIA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Minidoka County, State of Idaho, Representing the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center, and County of Power, State of Idaho, as presented. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – FLU SHOTS: The Commissioners contacted Power County's Southeastern District Health Department Supervisor Lisa Hill by speaker telephone to discuss the availability of flu shots. Ms. Hill indicated that the flu shots will be \$15.00 this year and are available beginning October 21st, 2004. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to offer flu shots to County employees at County expense. Carried.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to hire DiAne Armstrong to serve as Power County Ambulance District Director. Carried.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

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DISASTER SERVICES – DIRECTOR: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to hire DiAne Armstrong to serve as Power County Disaster Services Director. Carried.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Power County Building Administrator Richard Wiles appeared before the Commissioners to present his Building Permit collections for the month of August, 2004. Mr. Wiles requested that he be allowed to accrue over-time due to an increase in building permit applications. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take this request under advisement until October 4th, 2004.

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 #2004-19-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2004-19-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2004-21-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2004-21-I, since application was processed as incomplete. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN POWER COUNTY: Guy Arnell and Steven Keim of NAI Commerce One Real Estate Services and Hooper Nolton from The Nolton Group out of Salt Lake City appeared before the Board of Power County Commissioners to present a proposal to create a distribution center near the Pocatello Municipal Center in Eastern Power County, labeled “The Pocatello International Distribution Center” (PIDC). They propose to enter into an exclusive development agreement with the City of Pocatello, Power County and the Shoshone Bannock Tribes to implement a well planned comprehensive land use plan for the airport area and then progress with construction of infrastructure and culminate with the creation of new facilities resulting in an ongoing source of new jobs and economic stimulus for Pocatello, the Tribe and Power County. Mr. Nolton indicated that they are not asking Power County for financial assistance; however, they may seek Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to assist with infrastructure. The Commissioners advised them of their willingness to negotiate a mutually beneficial TIF, with specific terms and conditions. The Commissioners and NAI Commerce representatives are scheduled to meet with the Shoshone Bannock Tribal Business Council on Monday, October 4th, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., and this matter was tabled until that time.

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

General	\$ 74,834.50
Ambulance	9,509.92
District Court	12,677.86
Justice Fund	56,939.73
Indigent	11,372.15
Revaluation	18,006.32
Solid Waste	13,461.49
Weeds	23,652.70
PILT	9,287.32

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: The Commissioners reviewed proposal from BGM Builders in the amount of \$109,400 to finish the upstairs portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to review the proposal with Architect Ken Douglass and Power County Historical Society President Max Newlin. This matter was tabled until October 4th, 2004.

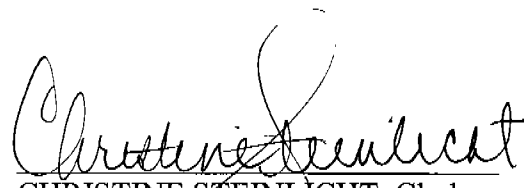
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER – MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Service Provider Agreement between Eastern Idaho Health Services, Inc., and Power County as presented. Carried.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the annual Power County Christmas party in January rather than December to avoid conflicting schedules during the holiday season. Clerk Steinlicht will send a memo to County employees and Commissioner Zimmerman will contact Melody Lanes & Café to make arrangements. This matter was tabled until December 13th, 2004.

DRUG COURT FUNDING: The Commissioners reviewed the Drug Court funding information received from Sixth District Trial Court Administrator Suzanne Johnson. Power County received \$3,200 from the Sixth District Drug Court funds as a one-time grant; however, the Commissioners agreed that perhaps Power County should be entitled to additional funding and further agreed that this matter should be addressed with our Legislative District #27 representatives.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk