

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 13th, 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.

AIRPORT BOARD – BUDGET: Airport Board members Klaren Koopin and Will Rowe and Airport Manager Stan Bearup appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Airport budget for fiscal year 2005. Mr. Koopin advised the Commissioners that the airport house renovation and remodel costs were greater than anticipated and exceed the amount budgeted. The Commissioners expressed their concern that the Airport Board had not followed Idaho bidding laws on this project, and may also have allowed conflict of interest work to be performed; accordingly, the Commissioners instructed the Power County Airport Board to contact the Board of Power County Commissioners on all future renovations, construction or purchases which would fall under the Idaho bidding laws. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to pay the outstanding bills due and owing on the Airport house remodel from PILT Property Improvement funds and allow the Airport Board to execute a Promissory Note in favor of Power County in the amount of \$16,444.05, which will be repaid in three annual installments of \$5,481.35, plus interest to be calculated by the Power County Treasurer in an amount equal to the average Idaho State Pool Interest rate, beginning January 1st, 2006, and each year thereafter until paid in full. Carried. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare an appropriate Promissory Note for Mr. Koopin to review and sign.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – CLOUD SEEDING: Commissioner Meadows reported that she had been contacted by Paula Jones at Three Rivers RC&D, who has reported that the five new generators to be placed for Power County could be constructed and ready for placement within the next two weeks at a maximum cost of \$800 each. The Commissioners contacted Ms. Jones by telephone and left instructions to get the five generators ordered. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to review topographical maps for Power and Cassia Counties to determine the five optimum sites that would best benefit Power County. This matter was tabled until December 20th, 2004.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN POWER COUNTY (FMC SITE): The Commissioners contacted Special Planning & Zoning Attorney Jerry Mason by telephone to request that he participate in a telephone conference call with FMC on Thursday, December 16th, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. The Commissioners will meet with FMC executives and staff at the FMC site at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch, followed by the telephone

conference call. The purpose of the Conference call is to discuss redevelopment of the FMC Site in Eastern Power County. This matter was tabled until December 20th, 2004.

POWER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE BOARD – HOUTZ CANYON PARKING LOT: Power County Snowmobile Board members Linda Morris and Neil Permann appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Houtz Canyon Parking Lot (1.4 acres), which Power County currently leases from Excalibur Ranches, Inc., for \$50 per year, is available for purchase. Ms. Morris proposes that the Cassia/Power Counties Grooming Board pay the purchase price of \$350 to Excalibur Ranches to transfer ownership of the parking area to Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to accept ownership of the Houtz Canyon Parking Lot and instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare an appropriate Deed to transfer ownership of the property from Alan and Merrill Permann d/b/a Excalibur Ranches, Inc., to Power County upon receipt of the \$350 from the Cassia/Power Counties Grooming Board. The Commissioners also agreed that the full liability insurance coverage which Power County currently assumes under the Lease Agreement will continue, uninterrupted, in full force and effect through Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP). Ms. Morris indicated that the Snowmobile Club is working toward installing permanent restrooms at the Houtz Canyon Parking Lot and the Commissioners agreed that Power County would pay to have the new restrooms pumped twice per year once that structure was completed. The Commissioners then questioned Mr. Permann and Ms. Morris as to whether the Snowmobile Board could participate financially in the cloud seeding project being implemented for Power County. Mr. Permann agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Snowmobile Club and report back to the Commissioners.

POWER COUNTY INVENTORY – BUILDINGS & REAL PROPERTY LIST: The Commissioners reviewed the Buildings & Property List prepared by Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht. Commissioner Zimmerman agreed to contact former Power County Weed Department Supervisor Delane Hall to obtain approximate acquisition dates and value information on the Weed Building adjacent to the Fairgrounds and on the Johnson Street property which was formerly used as a Weed Building.

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

General	\$ 22,031.62
Ambulance	4,300.69
District Court	4,972.69
Justice Fund	24,966.40
Indigent	7,056.33
Revaluation	26.87
Solid Waste	21,274.59
Weeds	3,031.36
Waterways	659.38
PILT	21,602.95

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: The Commissioners reviewed the project cost estimate submitted by Snake River Surveying, Inc., to prepare a site map locating the existing buildings, trees, parking areas, sidewalks, curb and gutter and any utilities which may cross overhead or underground of the property on the West side of the alley of Block 45, Reclamation addition. The Commissioners contacted Daniel Long at Snake River Surveying, Inc., by telephone to discuss the cost estimate. Mr. Long advised the Commissioners that he had prepared the cost estimate under the direction of Architect Keeven Shropshire. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approved the project estimate and cost summary presented by Snake River Surveying, Inc., to prepare a site map of the Courthouse and adjacent property. Carried. This matter was tabled until December 20th, 2004.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER: Commissioner Meadows reported that she had been contacted by Youth Center Board Member Bobbie Mauch to report that the door at the bottom of the handicapped access ramp had been broken by a student at the Youth Center. The Commissioners reviewed the Lease Agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Ministry, Inc., and agreed that the Youth Center would be financially responsible to repair the door pursuant to said Lease Agreement. Commissioner Meadows then advised the Commissioners that the Youth Center Board is aware of this responsibility and will arrange to have the door repaired.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: The Commissioners discussed the need to run cable from the Power County Courthouse to the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building in the event that the Extension Office and Weed Department were to relocate and agreed that it may be more cost effective to install some type of stand alone computer program and telephone system for the Extension Office and Weed Department. American Falls Police Department Officer Dave Chavez then appeared before the Commissioners to report on a break in at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building sometime during this past weekend. Forced entry was made through the back door and access made into the upstairs of the building; however, there was no other damage and nothing was stolen. The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to advise Power County Maintenance Supervisor Gary Thomsen of the damage to the back door so he can get that repaired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, 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.

IDAHO POWER: Roger Rowe of Idaho Power appeared before the Commissioners to solicit customer satisfaction information and to obtain input on how Idaho Power might improve services. The Commissioners then questioned whether Idaho Power could contribute toward the costs of the Cloud Seeding operation being undertaken for Power County and Mr. Rowe agreed to provide the Commissioners with the proper Idaho Power contact information for this request.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DRUG DOG: Power County Sheriff Department Lieutenant Jackie Morris appeared before the Commissioners to report that the drug dog, Astor, will require hip replacement surgery that will cost approximately \$3,000; however, the veterinarian is confident that Astor should have four to five more years of full service in drug enforcement for Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Astor should receive the hip replacement surgery, to be paid from drug seizure funds.

COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE: Matt Waldram from Colonial Supplemental Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to discuss supplemental insurance benefits he would like to offer the Power County employees. The Commissioners advised Mr. Waldram that Power County employees are currently offered supplemental insurance through AFLAC, with open enrollment to begin again on June 1st, 2005; however, the Commissioner invited Mr. Waldram to contact Power County again next April or May to discuss this matter further.

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

Adjourned.


KEM ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk