

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 20th, 2004. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PLANNING & ZONNING: Power County Highway District Commissioners Robert Wetzel, Gilbert Hofmeister and Wade Povey appeared before the Commissioners to discuss updating the Power County Planning & Zoning regulations to address zoning and setback concerns unique to the Highway District. Also present were Highway District Supervisors Don Haskins and Steve Lusk. Following discussion, the Commissioners advised the Highway District Board to discuss their concerns directly with the Power County Planning & Zoning Board.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – ROAD SIGNS: Power County Highway District Commissioners Robert Wetzel, Gilbert Hofmeister and Wade Povey appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the costs associated with maintaining the Power County County Road signs. Also present were Highway District Supervisors Don Haskins and Steve Lusk. The Commissioners suggested that the Highway District Board submit a claim to Power County for the \$3,000 budgeted in PILT for County signs. The Highway District Board agreed to track the costs for road signs and may request additional funding from Power County for fiscal year 2006.

CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT – U. S. FOREST SERVICE: Power County Highway District Commissioners Robert Wetzel, Gilbert Hofmeister and Wade Povey appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Crystal Summit Parking area that Power County acquired for the U.S. Forest Service. Also present were Highway District Supervisors Don Haskins and Steve Lusk. Mr. Lusk reported that the parking lot is locked up during the summer months and questioned whether that area should remain open all year to accommodate travelers since public funds were used to purchase the property and construct the parking area. Clerk Steinlicht reported that Power County has not received any Lease payments on the farm ground adjacent to the parking area since November, 2002; however, Power County did receive an electronic deposit from the Idaho Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$4,002 for “Crystal Summit Parking Lot – Phase 2”, which remains in the auditor’s trust account. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to meet with Gerald Tower and David Sleight of the U. S. Forest Service to discuss ownership transfer of this property from Power County to the U. S. Forest Service, as was originally agreed. Clerk Steinlicht will contact Mr. Towers and Mr. Sleight and request that they appear before the Board of Power County Commissioners on January 10th, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

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

General	\$ 6,042.10
Ambulance	1,397.11
District Court	965.31
Justice	25,385.48
Indigent	250.00
Solid Waste	535.47
Weeds	3.39
Waterways	121.15
PILT	5,836.30

POWER COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE/COURT SERVICES: Power County Probation/Court Services Officer Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to tender his resignation as Drug Court Coordinator effective January 10th, 2005. The Commissioners agreed to publish notice of the open position in the Power County Press and Idaho State Journal. This matter was tabled until January 10th, 2005.

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.

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 #2004-21-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve indigent medical application #2004-21-I. Carried.

FMC SITE – AMERICAN FALLS/ABERDEEN GROUND WATER DISTRICT (WATER LEASE): Tim Deeg of the American Falls/Aberdeen Ground Water District appeared before the Commissioners to discuss FMC ground water rights, which have been leased by the American Falls/Aberdeen Ground Water District. Mr. Deeg advised the Commissioners that should Power County acquire the FMC water rights, which he ultimately feels would be beneficial to Power County for future use, the American Falls/Aberdeen Ground Water District would be interested in continuing those lease arrangements.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT – GEORGE SOUTHWORTH: Power County Public Defender George Southworth appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his public defender contract for fiscal year 2005. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Amended 2004/2005 Agreement between Power County and the Power County Public Defender for Public Defender Services as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE – FAX MACHINE QUOTES: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes received from Clerk Steinlicht to purchase a new fax machine. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the quote submitted by Yost Office Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$530 to purchase a Gestetner fax machine to be paid from the Clerk's Capital budget. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – COURTESY CAR AGREEMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the updated Airport Courtesy Car Agreement between Power County and the Idaho Transportation Department, incorporating the changes required on the administration of the courtesy car program at the Power County Airport. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Airport Courtesy Car Agreement as presented. Carried.

GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER – LEASE AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with an updated Lease Agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Ministry, Inc., d/b/a Gerald Fehringer Youth Center to lease a portion of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue commencing January 1st, 2005, and terminating December 31st, 2005. The Commissioners will provide a copy of the original Lease to the Gerald Fehringer Youth Center Board for their review and consideration. This matter was tabled until January 10th, 2005.

Adjourned.


VICKI MEADOWS, Commissioner


RAY ZIMMERMAN, Commissioner


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk