

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

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

AMBULANCE #1: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that the transmission on the 2001 Ford F350 Ambulance, also known as Ambulance #1, went out and had to be replaced. Ms. Armstrong contacted Rocky Mountain Ambulance Service to verify that the warranty has in fact expired, so Power County Ambulance District will receive and pay the invoice for this repair.

AMBULANCE MEDICAL DIRECTOR: Power County Ambulance District Supervisor Di Armstrong reported to the Commissioners that Dr. Sherwin D'Souza has resigned his position as Power County Ambulance Medical Director effective December 31st, 2004. Ms. Armstrong has contacted local physician Dr. Brent Timmons, who has agreed to accept the Power County Ambulance Medical Director position on a trial basis.

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

DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Homeland Security Grant awarded to Power County to upgrade the County's communications system. Ms. Armstrong has received a bid from Clark Radio in the amount of \$129,448 (\$39,087 for phase 1 and \$90,361 for phase 2). Ms. Armstrong has furnished a copy of that bid to the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security and is now waiting for the State's letter of acceptance prior to making the purchase from Clark Radio. This matter was tabled until January 10th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR – APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the Applications received for the position of Power County Building/Planning & Zoning Administrator. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to conduct employment interviews on Monday, January 3rd, 2004, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and this matter was tabled until that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, 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 #2005-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to take this case under advisement until January 10th, 2005. Carried.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – BUILDING OWNERSHIP TRANSFER: Harms Memorial Hospital District Board Trustee Tim Mauch and Administrator Bob Brummond appeared before the Commissioners to discuss ownership transfer of the Hospital Building. Mr. Brummond advised the Commissioners that three Petitions/Declarations of candidacy have been submitted for the three open positions on the Harms Memorial Hospital Board, so unless a write-in candidate files an appropriate Petition on or before January 7th, 2005, no election will be held. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to transfer ownership of the Harms Memorial Hospital building from Power County to the Harms Memorial Hospital District. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call was taken:

District #1 Commissioner Zimmerman – Aye
District #2 Commissioner Meadows – Nay
District #3 Commissioner Estep – Aye

Motion carried. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare the appropriate documentation to transfer ownership and this matter was tabled until January 10th, 2005.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT – CLOUD SEEDING: The Commissioners reported that delivery of the five cloud seeding tanks will be made soon after January 1st, 2005. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to consult with an expert prior to deciding the optimum points for placement. This matter was tabled until January 10th, 2005.

HOUTZ CANYON PARKING LOT: Commissioner Meadows reported she had discussed the \$50.00 lease payment now due and owing with Alan and Merrill Permann d/b/a Excalibur Ranches, who have agreed to forgive the lease payment, upon the condition that the parking lot is purchased by Power County and/or the Snowmobile Club. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

SHERIFF RETIREMENT PARTY: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Sheriff Sprague is scheduled for surgery and his retirement party, which is set for Friday, January 7th, 2005, will need to be rescheduled.

IDAHO DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – BIN RENTAL/DISPOSAL FEE: Clerk Steinlicht again provided the Commissioners with a copy of the billing from Idaho Disposal

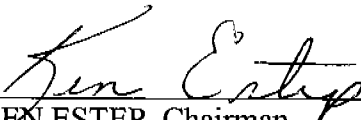
Systems in the amount of \$319.78, which Idaho Disposal claims are charges for "haul and disposal" fees from the 500 Pocatello Avenue waste bin. Commissioner Estep agreed to contact Idaho Disposal Systems to discuss this billing.

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.

MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – APPEAL TO PLAN TRUSTEES: The Commissioners reviewed the appeal documents provided by Power County Employee Crystal Torres on her appeal from MS Administrative Services' denial of maternity benefits. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny the appeal since the condition was pre-existing and not allowed under Power County's medical insurance benefit plan. Carried.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners then conducted their quarterly inspection of the Power County Jail.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk