

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 10th, 2005. 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.

MEDICAL CONTROL PLAN: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to present them with a copy of the "Medical Control Plan" signed and approved by the Power County Ambulance District Medical Director Dr. Brent Timmons.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS – RECERTIFICATION: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong advised the Commissioners that the next EMT recertification classes have been scheduled for February and March, 2005. Ms. Armstrong reported that both basic and advanced EMTs are required to recertify every two years.

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

DISASTER SERVICES – EMERGENCY SHELTERS: Power County Disaster Services director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of emergency generators being installed at the William Thomas Middle School and the American Falls High School for use as emergency shelters. Ms. Armstrong indicated that she had discussed the costs associated with installing the generators with School District #381 Superintendent Ronald Bolinger, and that the total cost would exceed \$150,000; which the Commissioners and Ms. Armstrong agreed would be unfeasible without securing grant funding. Ms. Armstrong will continue to investigate other possibilities for setting up functional emergency shelters within Power County.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS – SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht read the list of candidates to be sworn in. Sixth District Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Vicki Meadows – Power County Commissioner District #2
Ken Estep – Power County Commissioner District #3
Paul Laggis – Power County Prosecuting Attorney
Jim Jeffries – Power County Sheriff

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 personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES: Power County Probation/Court Services Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to review the applications submitted for Adult Misdemeanor Probation Officer. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to hire Tina Chavez to serve as Power County Adult Misdemeanor Probation Officer. Carried.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation time, compensatory time and sick time being carried over to calendar year 2005 by each County employee. Following discussion and a review of section B(5), C(1)(d) and C(2)(d) of the Power County Personnel Manual, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reduce vacation and sick accrual balances on all employees to the maximum carry-over allowed under the Power County Personnel Manual. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will make the necessary adjustments and advise each employee accordingly.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for December 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 2004, as presented. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: Architect Ken Douglass appeared before the Commissioners with final specifications for renovation of the upstairs portion of the building at 500 Pocatello Avenue. Following a review I.C. #31-4004 the Commissioners agreed to publish the “Invitation to Bid” in the January 19th and 26th Editions of the Power County Press, with bid opening scheduled for Monday, January 31st, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. and this matter was tabled until that time.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Meadows reported that Building Department Secretary Maria Torres has partially cleaned out the Building Inspector’s Office; however, she is at a point where she needs input or assistance from the Commissioners. Commissioner Estep reported that the newly appointed Building/Planning & Zoning Administrator Robert Steinlicht is scheduled to report to work on Monday, January 24th, 2005.

PLANNING & ZONING – ORDINANCES: The Commissioners reviewed the changes to the Power County Development Code recommended by Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Jerry Mason dealing with the Heavy Industrial Zones. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that these amendments should be referred to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board with a recommendation from the Commissioners that they be adopted. This matter was tabled until February 14th, 2005.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT: Gerald Towers and David Sleight of the U. S. Forest Service appeared before the Commissioners to discuss ownership transfer of the Crystal Summit Parking lot from Power County to the U. S. Forest Service. Clerk Steinlicht reported the amount being held in trust for the Crystal Summit Parking Lot is \$4,309.50, and Mr. Sleight agreed that \$2,000 of that amount should be used to reimburse Power County for the cost of the fence. Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to transfer \$2,000 from Auditor's Trust to reimburse Power County PILT fund for the cost of the fence constructed at the Crystal Summit Parking Lot. Carried. The Commissioners then questioned whether the U. S. Forest Service was able to accept ownership of the property from Power County; and Mr. Sleight indicated that, because of the encumbrance created by the life tenure Lease, the ownership transfer could take up to an additional year or two. Following discussion, the Commissioner, Mr. Towers and Mr. Sleight agreed that until ownership transfer could be accomplished, the U. S. Forest Service would take management position over the parking lot area and deal directly with Lessors Larry and Todd Fitch, and that Power County's involvement would be limited to financial pass through only. The Commissioners requested that Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis draft a letter to Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor Jerry Reese requesting that that transfer of title to this parcel be accomplished as soon as possible. The Commissioners agreed to review this matter annually until ownership transfer could be accomplished.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – VITA NUOVA/GEM COMMUNITY GRANT: Commissioners received the second billing from Vita Nuova for December, 2004, in the amount of \$8,185 and reviewed and discussed said billing with Elaine Richardson of Vita Nuova by telephone. The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to submit the original billing to the Department of Commerce, along with a copy of Power County Resolution #2004-04 entitled "FMC Site Marketing Sole Source Procurement", and request that payment be made directly to Vita Nuova from Power County's Gem Community Implementation Grant. The Commissioners then reviewed the survey results from the 3,000 surveys and FMC site information sheet that were distributed to residents of Power County at the polling places at the 2004 General Election. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to review the results summary in detail prior to issuing or making any public reports or statements. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY WEB PAGE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (VITA NUOVA): Elaine Richardson of Vita Nuova met with the Board of Power County Commissioners by speaker telephone to discuss the Request for Proposals received for technical redevelopment of a new Power County website. The Commissioners and Ms. Richardson agreed that a detailed review of the technical recommendations of each vendor should be accomplished prior to making an award. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

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, incorporating the changes requested by the Youth Center Board. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Lease Agreement between Power County and the American Falls Youth Ministry, Inc., d/b/a Gerald Fehringer Youth Center as presented. Carried. The Commissioners will now provide the original Lease Agreement, with the updated changes, to the Gerald Fehringer Youth Center Board for their review and consideration. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION/EXPANSION: Clerk Steinlicht reported that Architect Keeven Shropshire had been at the Courthouse on Friday, January 7th, 2005, to take additional photographs and measurements, and should be ready to meet with the Commissioners again within the next few weeks. This matter was tabled until February 14th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – GEM PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported that he had received confirmation that the Gem Plan is ready to accept Power County as a participant on or after February 1st, 2005, and that a quote should be received by Power County prior to that date. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

AIRPORT BOARD – PROMISSORY NOTE: Airport Board Chairman Klaren Koopin appeared before the Commissioners to review and execute the 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, until paid in full on January 1st, 2008.

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

General	\$ 22,107.58
Ambulance	4,928.00
District Court	3,489.37
Justice	18,966.97
Indigent	10,739.72
Revaluation	10.90
Solid Waste	13,542.06
Weeds	266.54
Waterways	50.00
PILT	2,339.55

POWER COUNTY REAL PROPERTY/BUILDING LIST: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the County's Johnson Street property was acquired in 1970 with the original construction costs at \$18,000 and that the Weed Department Shop was also acquired in 1970 with the original construction costs at \$24,000.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – LEASE AGREEMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Lease Agreement between Power County and Harms Memorial Hospital District to lease the premises upon which the Physical Therapy Clinic is situated from January 1st, 2005, through January 1st, 2020. Carried. The original Lease Agreement will be referred to the Harms Memorial Hospital Board for their review and consideration.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – HOSPITAL BUILDING OWNERSHIP TRANSFER: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that he had sent a proposed draft Quitclaim Deed to Harms Memorial Hospital District Attorney Ron Kerl for his review and input prior to executing and recording by the Commissioners. This matter was tabled until January 24th, 2005.

VEHICLE TOW/IMPOUND POLICY: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis advised the Commissioners that he has not heard back from City of American Falls Attorney Randy Kline regarding the proposed Cooperative Agreement between Power County and the City of American Falls Re: Abandoned Motor Vehicle Storage. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to remove this matter as an agenda item until the City of American Falls initiates further proceedings or discussions.

POWER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRANT: Power County Juvenile Probation Office supervisor Russ Wheatley appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the Department of Juvenile Corrections has awarded additional grant funding to Idaho Counties for the treatment of juvenile offenders and their in their local communities; however, participating Counties would need to approve the “County Incentive Project” prepared by the Department of Juvenile Corrections and execute the accompanying “Memorandum of Agreement”. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the “County Incentive Project” and “Memorandum of Agreement” as presented. 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 #2005-07-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-07-I since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by applicable Idaho law. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-06-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-06-I, since the application was processed as incomplete. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-09-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to deny indigent medical application #2005-09-I, since applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by applicable Idaho law. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-08-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve indigent medical application #2005-08-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve indigent medical application #2005-05-I. Carried.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – CLOUD SEEDING: Paula Jones of Three Rivers RC&D appeared before the Commissioners by speaker telephone to report that the five cloud seeding generators are ready for pickup and placement. The Commissioners agreed that Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk might be the appropriate person to oversee the Cloud Seeding operation in Power County, and Ms. Jones agreed to provide training and input until placement and operation are accomplished. The Commissioners agreed to schedule a planning and training luncheon meeting with Paula Jones, Curtis Munk and several landowners in the optimum placement areas for Monday, January 24th, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. and this matter was tabled until that time.

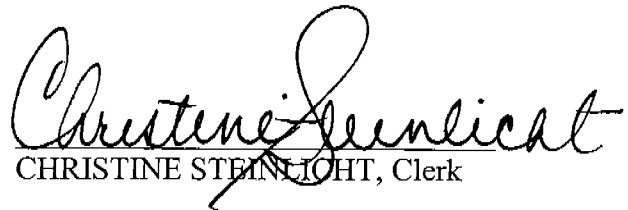
COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Ken Estep to serve as Power County Commission Chairman until January, 2006. Carried.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then agreed on which County departments and boards each Commissioner would oversee or act as liaison with during calendar year 2005.

SNOWMOBILE BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Neal Permann to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Snowmobile Board (January, 2008). Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk