

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 31st, 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.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE (RENOVATION) – BID OPENING: Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled to open the sealed bids submitted to renovate and remodel the upstairs portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Also present was Architect Ken Douglass. The Commissioners received and opened the single bid received from BGM Builders, Inc., with a base bid of \$184,850, Alternate #1 in the amount of \$29,688 and Alternate #2 in the amount of \$22,848.88. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and accept the base bid submitted by BGM Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$184,850 plus alternative #2 in the amount of \$22,848.88, for a total of \$207,698.88. Carried. The Commissioners agreed to take alternative #1 in the amount of \$29,688 under advisement until February 14th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: Present for the Power County Elected Officials meeting were:

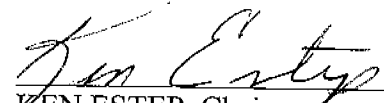
Ken Estep, Commissioner Chairman
Vicki Meadows, Commissioner
Ray Zimmerman, Commissioner
Chris Steinlicht, Clerk
Paul Laggis, Prosecuting Attorney
Bobbie Mauch, Treasurer
Doug Glascock, Assessor

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners and Power County Elected Officials to discuss the plans for expansion/remodel of the Power County Courthouse. Mr. Shropshire presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Preliminary Remodel/Expansion Area Tabulations with also included a total cost estimate. The Commissioners agreed that this expansion/remodel project should be reported in the Power County Press and public input should be received prior to accepting and approving the expansion plan. Commissioner Meadows agreed to contact Brett Crompton at the Power County Press and request that he meet with the Power County Commissioners at their next regular meeting scheduled for February 14th, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the expansion project and this matter was tabled until that time.

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – CLOUD SEEDING: Commissioner Estep Commissioner Zimmerman reported that they had met with Power Soil Conservation District Supervisors Roger Whitnah and Ivan Permann to discuss placement of the cloud seeding generators. The Soil Conservation District Board have secured two optimum sites in the Rockland Valley, one in the Heglar area, one in the Sublet area, and one in the Arbon Valley area to place the five cloud seeding generators. Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk has agreed to place the generators and provide training and assistance to the landowners who will be monitoring and reporting generator activity on their property. This matter was tabled until February 14th, 2005.

COURTHOUSE CLOSURE: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to close the Power County Courthouse on Friday, February 4th, 2005, to allow County employees to attend the funeral of Power County Probation Officer Crystal Torres in Shoshone, Idaho. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk