

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 14th, 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: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and accept Alternative #2 of the bid submitted by BGM Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$22,848.88 for renovation of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare an appropriate bid contract between Power County and BGM Builders, Inc., for the entire bid award. The Commissioners then reviewed the quotes received from Connective Computer Cabling Company for aerial fiber/copper cabling between the Courthouse and 500 Pocatello Avenue in the amount of \$10,881.88 versus buried conduit and fiber/copper cabling between the buildings in the amount of \$17,169.22. Following discussion, Commissioner Zimmerman agreed to contact Leonard May at Direct Communications in Rockland to obtain an additional quote for cabling between the buildings. The Commissioners further agreed that, in the event they accepted a quote for buried conduit, an alley right-of-way would need to be negotiated with the City of American Falls.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – POWER COUNTY WEB PAGE (TETON MULTIMEDIA): The Commissioners reviewed the Contract for the design and maintenance of a website for Power County, which will emphasize economic development and business resource potential in Power County, received from Teton Multimedia. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Contract between Power County and Teton Multimedia as presented. Carried. The original will be returned to Peter Jensen at Teton Multi Media for his signature.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF FEES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss changes to the Power County Sheriff's fee schedule for inmate housing and other fees. Sheriff Jeffries reported that the Sheriff's Department currently has past due fees which total nearly \$57,000, and that he would like to pursue collection through Power County Collections, a local collection agency. Sheriff Jeffries agreed to keep the Commissioners apprised of his effort to collect these past due accounts.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – ORDINANCES: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's Notice of Public Hearing to amend Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 5, of the Power County Development Code to include a definition of "junkyard". Prosecuting Attorney Laggis also presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's Notice of Public Hearing to amend Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 2, of the Power County Development Code which addresses permitted uses in the Heavy Industrial Zones. The proposed amendments to the Power County Development Code are scheduled for public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Board on March 1st, 2005.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed expansion/remodel plan for the Power County Courthouse. Also present was Emily Wright of the Power County Press. Mr. Shropshire suggested, and the Commissioners agreed, to publish a "Request for Proposal" to hire a construction manager for this project. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare and publish an appropriate "Request for Proposal" in the February 23rd and March 2nd Editions of the Power County Press, with bid opening scheduled for Monday, March 7th, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Office of the Power County Courthouse. The Commissioners agreed that an informational meeting for the public will be scheduled at a later date to allow the public review the plans and estimated costs.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for January 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st, 2005, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – GEM PLAN QUOTE: Commissioner Estep reported that had discussed this matter with Gem Plan representative Ron Ramirez, and that a quote will be submitted to Power County sometime during the first week of April, 2005. This matter was tabled until April 11th, 2005.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho as presented. Carried.

CLOUD SEEDING: Commissioner Estep reported that the five cloud seeding generators had been placed as arranged by the Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Following discussion, Commissioner Estep agreed to contact Power County's cloud seeding operation supervisor Curtis Munk to determine whether the necessary chemicals and propane had been delivered to the landowners with instructions for use. This matter was tabled until February 28th, 2005.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – JOINT MEETING: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported next joint meeting between Power County and the City of American

Falls has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the American Falls City Hall Council Chambers. Clerk Steinlicht and American Falls City Clerk Betty Huse will coordinate and prepare an agenda.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that, upon a review of the Idaho Handbook for Conservators, it appears that the Power County Clerk's Office has been performing the duties and responsibilities of a Court appointed guardian and conservator by locating and taking control of assets directly with the Social Security Administration and/or other financial institutions and entities, rather than allowing the Power County Guardianship Board, the duly appointed guardian and conservator, to gather information and secure a ward's assets. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Clerk's duties and responsibilities are strictly limited to:

1. Receiving a ward's income from the Power County Guardianship Board and depositing the same into an appropriate trust account; and
2. Issuing checks from that trust account to pay the ward's expenses as instructed by the Power County Guardianship Board; and
3. Provide periodic and/or annual accounting to the Power County Guardianship Board when requested for use in their annual accounting to the Court.

Commissioner Meadows agreed to discuss this matter with the Power County Guardianship Board at their next regular meeting.

PER DIEM RESOLUTION: The Commissioners discussed the proposal of adopting a specific resolution for the payment of over-time or per diem increases for Commissioners extra meetings and travel expenses. The Commissioners agreed to continue to track their extra meetings and travel expenses, as well as review what other Counties are doing, prior to proceeding further. This matter was tabled until February 28th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – SCHOOL DISTRICT #381 COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROGRAM: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that American Falls School District #381 has for some time been operating a program to assist "at risk" students and their families with preventative education and assistance, which program was funded through a grant from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare; however, it appears that the funding for this program will not be ongoing. In order to continue this program, Superintendent Ron Bolinger contacted Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to inquire whether Power County could assist with funding this program. Prosecutor Laggis indicated that in School Districts where this program has been implemented, there has been a decline in child protection issues. Following discussion, the Commissioners suggested that Prosecuting Attorney Laggis arrange for Dr. Bolinger to meet directly with the Commissioners to discuss funding this program, as well as the School Resource Officer program.

ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes as presented by Power County Commissioner Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

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

General	\$ 28,288.07
Ambulance	2,201.86
District Court	3,219.34
Justice Fund	22,129.16
Indigent	8,093.50
Revaluation	13,850.54
Solid Waste	13,143.84
Weeds	653.22
PILT	7,417.29

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 #2004-15-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Power County indigent medical application #2004-15-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-01-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve Power County indigent medical application #2005-01-I. Carried.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Kent Rudeen to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Industrial Development Board (January, 2008). Carried.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Lynn Hunter and Roger Whitnah each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2008). Carried.

POWER COUNTY WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Carl Hofmeister, Vince Fehringer, Bill Schatz

and Norm Byrd each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Weed Board (January, 2007). Carried.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Bob Schutte to serve a full three (3) year term on the Power County Economic Development Board at Board position #5 (January, 2008). Carried. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that he had been appointed by the Power County Economic Development Board to serve a full three (3) year term on the Power County Economic Development Board at Board position #6 (January, 2008).

AIRPORT BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Roger Johnston and Ron Miller each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Airport Board (January, 2008). Carried.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Juanita Burgemeister, Brenda Havlicak, Judy Wallace, Jolene Clinger, Donna Thornton, Cherilyn Permann and Barbara Eliassen each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2007). Carried.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Ron Anderson to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Waterways Board (January, 2008). Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman reported that Waterways Board member Lawrence Funk has resigned effective January 1st, 2005, and that he and the remaining Board members are seeking a replacement to fill his term, which expires January, 2006. This matter was tabled until February 28th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Ella Rast, Debbie Rudeen and Norma Webber each to serve an additional three (3) year term on the Power County Historical Society Board (January, 2008). Carried.


HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – BUILDING OWNERSHIP TRANSFER (POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2005-01): The Commissioners reviewed Power County Resolution #2005-01, which is a resolution for the transfer of the Harms Memorial Hospital building and real property from Power County to the Harms Memorial Hospital District. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2005-01, and execute an appropriate Quitclaim Deed to transfer ownership of the Harms Memorial Hospital building and real property from Power County to Harms Memorial Hospital District. Carried. The Commissioners instructed Clerk Steinlicht to send the original recorded Quitclaim Deed to Harms Memorial Hospital District attorney Ron Kerl.

POCATELLO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – DEVELOPMENT (LETTER OF SUPPORT):

Commissioner Estep reported that City of Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase has asked Power County to issue a letter of support in favor of the City's attempt to receive a federal appropriation to develop property within the common boundaries of the City of Pocatello and Power County, adjacent to the Pocatello Municipal Airport. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would like to meet with Mayor Chase personally and review the City's development plans prior to offering written support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345, for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Carried.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk