

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Power County Board of Commissioners met in special joint session with the American Falls Mayor and City Council at the American Falls City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2005. Present were Commissioner Ken Estep, chairman, Vicki Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht. Present from the American Falls City Council were:

Cecil Weisenburger – Mayor
Amy Wynn – City Council Member
Stuart Pankratz – City Council Member
Chuck Chadbourne – City Council Member
Dean Weaver – City Council Member
Robin Herndon – Deputy City Clerk
F. Randall Kline – City Attorney

COURT ORDERED FINES/FEES – COLLECTION: At the request of the American Falls City Council, Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented a copy of the Power County Collections Report, showing Power County's overall collection rate on felony, misdemeanor and fraction fines and fees at 88%. Clerk Steinlicht further reported that Power County has never considered allowing Court fines and fees to be collected through a collection agency, given Power County's overall success rate in collection and also since Idaho law provides severe criminal and civil penalties for nonpayment of fines and fees.

ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY/FEES: American Falls Police Chief Jerry Hubbs appeared at the Joint City/County meeting to discuss the increasing costs for animal control within the City of American Falls. In an effort to continue the City's animal control policy and the humane treatment of stray animals, Chief Hubbs is considering a number of funding options which would affect both City and County residents. Chief Hubbs will prepare a funding proposal for the City Council and County Commissioners consideration.

CITY/COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Chief Deputy Sheriff Jackie Morris appeared before the Joint City/County meeting with American Falls Police Chief Jerry Hubbs to discuss the Joint City/County Law Enforcement Agreement. Sheriff Jeffries and Chief Police Hubbs agreed that they are satisfied with the terms of the agreement and could not report any problems or concerns.

ABANDONED VEHICLE TOW/IMPOUND POLICY: City of American Falls Attorney Randy Kline presented a draft copy of the Cooperative Agreement between Power County and the City of American Falls regarding abandoned motor vehicle storage. Mr.

Kline indicated that he and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis need additional time to discuss and fine tune the agreement.

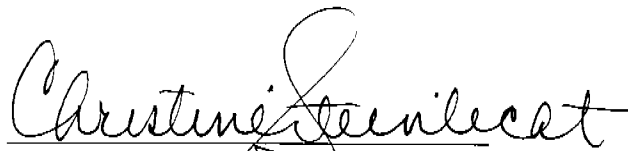
CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY: Commissioner Estep addressed the American Falls City Council to request a right-of-way be granted to Power County to install buried conduit to run copper telephone and fiber optic data lines from the Power County Courthouse to the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Mayor Weisenburger and the City Council agreed to the right-of-way and instructed the Commissioners, or their Contractor, to contact City Hall prior to digging in the alley way so that the sewer lines could be marked. Deputy City Clerk Herndon indicated that the Commissioner/Contractor would also need to obtain a permit and post the proper bond at the City Clerk's Office prior to construction. This matter was tabled by the Commissioners until March 7th, 2005.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – BUILDING PERMIT FEES: Commissioner Estep addressed the American Falls City Council to request that the City forgive the portions of the building permit fees for the museum and Chamber of Commerce areas of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building, since they would benefit City residents as well as County residents. The Mayor indicated that this matter would need to be addressed by the full council at their regular business meeting. This matter was tabled by the Commissioners until March 7th, 2005.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICH, Clerk