

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 7th, 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.

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
Jim Jeffries, Sheriff
Doug Glascock, Assessor
Bobbie Mauch, Treasurer
Paul Laggis, Prosecuting Attorney

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

COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL – CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR BIDS: (10:05:01) Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled for opening the sealed bids received for Construction Supervisor on the Courthouse expansion and remodel project. The Commissioners opened the single bid received from Brennan Construction. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to take the bid under advisement until Monday, March 14th, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for February 3rd, 10th, 14th and 28th, 2005, as presented. Carried.

FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ENTITY'S LANDHOLDINGS: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Declarations of Public Entity's Landholdings received from Falls Irrigation District to certify and report Power County's land that is operated by Lessee Robert Zimmerman. Carried.

ARBON VALLEY PROPERTY: Commissioner Estep reported that the Power County Highway District is upgrading and expanding the water and sewer system at the Arbon Power County Highway District's Arbon Valley shop, which is adjacent to Power

County's property formerly known as Arbon Store Site where the Arbon Post Office is situated. Power County Highway District has offered Power County the opportunity to extend the water and sewer lines to the Power County property for a minimal cost. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they should meet directly with the Power County Highway District Commissioners at their regular meeting scheduled on Monday, April 11th, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss this matter further. This matter was tabled until April 25th, 2005.

ARBON VALLEY – GARBAGE DUMPSTER: Commissioner Estep reported that he had been contacted by several Arbon Valley residents to discuss property improvements they would like to make at the Arbon Valley dumpster site to allow Arbon Valley residents to dump burn barrels more easily. Commissioner Estep indicated that the Arbon Valley residents have volunteered their labor to construct the concrete ramp if Power County would supply the materials. Commissioner Zimmerman expressed his concern, given the potential liability created when utilizing volunteer labor for County projects. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Arbon Valley dumpster is currently situated on private property and may need to be moved to the Power County's Arbon Valley property formerly known as the Arbon Valley Store site. The Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until April 25th, 2005, after their meeting with the Power County Highway District Board of Commissioners.

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 discussing real property acquisition. Carried.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM APPEAL: The Commissioners discussed the Appeal Hearing between Power County/Talx UC Express and Idaho Department of Labor held on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2005, before Idaho Labor Appeals Examiner J. A. Shelton on Docket #1583-2005. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Laggis indicated that a final decision should be issued by the Idaho Department of Labor within the next fifteen (15) days. Prosecutor Laggis further advised that in the event Power County does not prevail in the Appeal, the Commissioners should consider making a claim for damage against TalxUC Express. This matter was tabled until March 28th, 2005.

FUEL PURCHASES – FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION FORMS: The Commissioners reviewed the Power of Attorney forms and fee notice received from Sinclair Services. Sinclair Fleet has requested that Power County execute a Power of Attorney and pay a fee in order to purchase continue purchasing fuel under the federal tax exempt status. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Power County Sheriff's Department has been purchasing federal tax exempt fuel from a local vendor, Bingham Cooperative, without any fee or Power of Attorney requirements. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to instruct any elected official or department head who maintains a vehicle to contact other local fuel vendors and request that Power County be allowed to purchase

federal tax exempt fuel without executing Power of Attorney forms or paying additional fees.

SOLID WASTE – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITY TRAINING:

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda for the Solid Waste facility owners and operators training session scheduled for April 27th, 2005, sponsored by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Southeastern District Health Department. Commissioner Zimmerman will contact Power County Solid Waste Supervisor Craig Heward to determine how to respond to the RSVP request.

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 BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Power County Building Department Supervisor Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to discuss allowing the Building Department secretary to take compensatory time rather than overtime pay when she is required to attend the Power County Planning & Zoning meetings. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to authorize the compensatory time upon the condition that it is accumulated and used in accordance with the Power County Personnel Manual and does not interfere with her other duties and responsibilities. Mr. Steinlicht then requested that he be allowed to purchase a custom top for the back of the Building Administrator's pickup so he can keep necessary equipment properly stored and out of the weather. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Steinlicht to obtain quotes and submit them to the Commissioners for consideration. The Commissioners then discussed with Mr. Steinlicht the need for him to obtain ICBO Certification at the first available opportunity. Mr. Steinlicht agreed to obtain information on any ICBO Certification courses being offered in the near future. This matter was tabled until March 28th, 2005.


CITY OF ROCKLAND – BUILDING INSPECTION AGREEMENT: Power County Building Department Supervisor Bob Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Building Inspection Agreement between Power County and the City of Rockland. Mr. Steinlicht is willing to provide these services as outlined in previous written agreements between the two entities. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare a proposed Building Inspection Agreement, which will be sent to the City of Rockland for their review and consideration. This matter was tabled until March 28th, 2005.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, 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 #2005-10-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve indigent medical application #2005-10-I. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS : The Commissioners reviewed the quotes received to install underground conduit from the Courthouse to the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the quote submitted by Direct Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$6,140 to bore and install two 2” inch conduit ducts from the Courthouse to the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Carried. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the quote submitted by Connective Computer Cabling in the amount of \$6,977.34 to pull fiber and copper multi-pair cable through the underground conduit and to fully complete and test the data and telephone connections from the Courthouse to the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman agreed to contact American Falls City Hall to obtain the permit for Direct Communications to dig in the alley. The Commissioners then reviewed the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor as negotiated between Power County and BGM Builders, Inc. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve the Agreement between Power County and BGM Builders, Inc., to remodel the museum and first floor of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building as presented. Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman will contact Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward, to let him know that BGM Builders will not be charged a demolition disposal fee for any debris removed from the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building during the renovation project. This matter was tabled until March 14th, 2005.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk