

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 21st, 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.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Keeven Shropshire of JHS Architects appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Agreement for Architectural Services between JHS Architects, Inc., and Power County for the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project. Carried. Also present was Joe Reams from Brennan Construction Co., Inc., who provided the Commissioners with a proposed Construction Agreement and a copy of the Construction Estimate Summaries in the amount of \$1,200,000. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept Brennan Construction Co., Inc., as Construction Supervisor for the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project and to approve and execute the Standard Form of Agreement between Power County and Construction Manager Brennan Construction Co., Inc., as presented. Carried. This matter was tabled until March 28th, 2005.

ARBON CEMETERY DISTRICT – BOARD APPOINTMENT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Ardean Andersen to the Arbon Cemetery District Board. Carried.

IDEACOM/ECSI – TELEPHONE SERVICE PLAN: The Commissioners reviewed the Power County telephone service plan renewal solutions and upgrade options proposed by John Roberts of IdeaCom/ECSI. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to convert all County telephone lines from the Centrex PLUS plan to the Centrex-21 line plan as set forth in IdeaCom/ECSI's recommended Solution #1. Carried. This matter was tabled until March 28th, 2005.

PER DIEM RESOLUTION: The Commissioners reported that they had not been tracking all of their extra meetings and travel expenses as previously discussed, and agreed to remove this matter as an agenda item and to address any increase in Commissioner overtime salary or per diem during the fiscal year 2006 budget process.

FUEL PURCHASES – FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION: Clerk Steinlicht reported that she had been contacted by Sinclair Fleet Service local representative Kirk Permann regarding Power County's refusal to execute Power of Attorney forms or pay additional fees to purchase fuel under the federal tax exempt status. Mr. Permann indicated that Power County receives federal tax exempt fuel at all Sinclair pump stations and is exempt

from completing any Power of Attorney forms or paying additional fees in order to purchase fuel under the federal tax exempt status and the forms sent previously should be disregarded.

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 potential litigation. Carried.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT APPEAL: The Commissioners reviewed the Decision of Appeals Examiner received from the Idaho Department of Labor on Docket #1583-2005, denying the employer's appeal as being untimely. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis contacted Tony Poinelli of the Idaho Association of Counties by telephone to express their displeasure with Talx UC Services, Inc. Mr. Poinelli agreed to contact Talx UC Services, Inc., to discuss this matter and mediate an equitable resolution between Talx UC and Power County. The Commissioners agreed that they may want to discontinue their business relationship with Talx UC Services, Inc. This matter was tabled until April 11th, 2005.

POWER COUNTY SICK LEAVE BANK POLICY: Power County Sick Leave Bank Committee Chairman Sharee Sprague and Secretary Elna Neu appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of an amended "SICK LEAVE BANK POLICY" and requested the Commissioners approve the policy as amended. In the event an employee's application to the Power County Sick Leave Bank is approved, the Sick Leave Bank Committee would like to replace any discontinued medical insurance coverage of a previously covered employee's dependent(s) for the first thirty (30) day period following the discontinued coverage. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Power County Courthouse and Sheriff's Department Sick Leave Bank Policy as presented. Carried.

NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS – EMPLOYEE SEMINARS: The Commissioners reviewed the questionnaires completed by the Power County employees regarding retirement seminars available from Nationwide Retirement Solutions. The Commissioners agreed that a majority of the Power County employees either failed to respond or indicated that they are not interested in attending retirement seminars at this time. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed not to offer Nationwide Retirement Solutions seminars to Power County employees at this time.

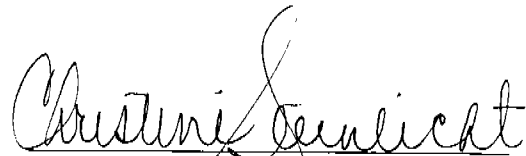
POWER COUNTY CLERK – CAPITAL PURCHASE: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Commissioners with a copy of the quote received from Computer Arts, Inc., in the amount of \$2,372 to purchase a new laptop for use in the Commissioners meetings and Court proceedings. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve Clerk Steinlicht's request to purchase a laptop computer. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVNEUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Estep reported that Max Newlin has resigned his position as Power County Historical Society Board Chairman; therefore, the Historical Society Board would need to appoint another person to serve as the point-of-contact on the Power County Museum project. Commissioners Estep and Meadows agreed to attend the next meeting of the Historical Society scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this matter. The Commissioners reviewed the quote submitted by Sierra Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$23,700 to install heating and cooling units in the upstairs portion of the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve quote submitted by Sierra Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$23,700. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FMC SITE): Power County Development Authority Board members Kent Rudeen, Chairman, Bill Meadows and Brett Crompton appeared before the Commissioners to review the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-laws for the Power County Development Authority. The Commissioners and PCDA Board then discussed funding and grant opportunities available to non-profit development corporations.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk