

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PROBATION/COURT SERVICES OFFICE: Power County Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley to discuss the prevention and rehabilitation programs operated by the Power County Probation Department, and their impact on the declining Juvenile Detention costs. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Wheatley pursue grant funding and/or additional revenue opportunities available for prevention and rehabilitation programs.

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 personnel issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – GEM PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported that the employee information and claims history supplied to the Gem Plan representatives by Power County's agent Mark Semons was outdated and unusable to prepare a quote for the Power County Commissioners to review. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Semons and Power County's Gem Plan representative would need to cooperate and work together so that the proper information could be exchanged and a quote for Power County's participation in the Gem Plan can be prepared. Commissioner Estep agreed to discuss this matter with Mr. Semons and Gem Plan representative Barbara Hildebrandt of Mutual Insurance. This matter was tabled until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

AIRPORT LEASE – NII & ME, LLC: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with a draft Commercial Airport Hanger Lease between Power County and Brian J. Haynes d/b/a Nii & Me, LLC. The Commissioners agreed that they would need additional time to review the lease. This matter was tabled until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Commissioner Zimmerman reported that he had been contacted by Wade Bailey d/b/a Bailey Concrete to discuss the concrete

work that needs to be done at the South end of the 500 Pocatello Avenue building. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to accept the quote submitted by Bailey Concrete in the amount of \$1,210 for concrete work to be performed at the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building. Carried. Commissioner Zimmerman reported that Mr. Bailey will also submit a quote to repair and/or replace the sidewalk in the front of the building. This matter was tabled until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE/REMODEL: Following discussion, Commissioner Meadows agreed to contact Joe Reams of Brennan Construction to get an update on the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the Power County employees have inquired about what will be done with the sod that is removed in the Courthouse Expansion area and the Commissioners agreed that the sod would be offered first to the Power County Fairboard for use at the Fairgrounds and then to other taxing entities within Power County.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the fiscal year 2006 budget requests from elected officials and department heads were due last Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Fiscal year 2006 budget hearings are scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, in the Commissioners Office of the Power County Courthouse.

PIONEER TRAVEL COUNCIL – ADVERTISEMENT FEES: American Falls Chamber of Commerce member Emily Wright appeared before the Commissioners by telephone to report that the City of American Falls has agreed to contribute \$25 toward the advertisement bill received from the Pioneer Travel Council, which totals \$1,495. Following discussion, the Commissioner and Ms. Wright agreed that the Chamber of Commerce would pay \$450 and Power County would pay the balance of \$1,045 and that the \$25 would be returned to the City of American Falls.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk