

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 13th, 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 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – FMC SITE/ATTORNEY FEES: Power County Development Authority Members Kent Rudeen, Chairman, and Brett Crompton appeared before the Commissioners, with PCDA members Ben Strand and Bill Meadows appearing via telephone conference call, to discuss the status of the FMC site. Also present by telephone were Liz Davis and John Bartholomew of FMC Corporation and Ramesh Raman of Southeast Idaho Energy. Following discussion, the parties agreed to schedule the next status report for Monday, June 20th, 2005, at 8:00 a.m.

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 potential legal issues. Carried.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – HERD DISTRICTS: Power County Highway District Board Chairman Bob Wetzel and supervisors James McLean and Don Haskins appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the need to erect signs marking open range and herd district boundaries. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis agreed that the Power County Highway District holds the responsibility and authority to determine which signs are appropriate for posting at each County roadway, with the Power County Commissioners authority being limited the levy certification of annual property tax, not to exceed two hundredths percent (.02%) of market value for assessment purposes on taxable real property within the County, to construct and maintain fencing or cattle guards within herd districts.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Power County should obtain a "Course of Construction" liability policy through the Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP). The Commissioners contacted Power County's ICRMP agent at Mutual Insurance who indicated that "Course of Construction" coverage is already included under Power County's ICRMP policy and the Commissioners confirmed that the full construction costs would be approximately \$1.2 million. The Commissioners then reviewed the e-mail received from Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company which sets forth a construction commencement date of August 22nd, 2005. The Commissioners then reviewed the quote submitted by Nicholas Moving & Storage in the amount of \$7,125, which includes packing and packing material, load and unload labor from the Power County Courthouse to a the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building, or some other storage

location within two miles of the Courthouse; however, other quotes are forthcoming. Clerk Steinlicht will coordinate the move with the moving company, Computer Arts and ECSI/IdeaCom sometime during the week of August 15th, 2005. The Commissioners agreed that the Power County Extension Office and Weed Department could go ahead and move, using SCILD labor, as soon as the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building is ready for occupancy.

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 taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2005-06-I: Following a review of the evidence and testimony submitted at the appeal hearing on May 9th, 2005, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reaffirm the Power County Commissioners' previous denial of Power County Indigent Case #2005-06-I since the application remains processed as incomplete and it appears that applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAM – GEM PLAN QUOTE: Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to provide written notice to Power County Employee Medical Insurance Benefit Program Agent Mark Seamons d/b/a Seamons Financial, requesting that he immediately provide the pertinent information to enable Power County to obtain a quote for employee health care coverage through the Gem Plan. This matter was tabled until June 27th, 2005.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Commissioners with the Power County Unclaimed Property listing which totals \$8,367.79 and includes all unclaimed property through Power County fiscal year 2004. Power County's unclaimed property listing is administered through the Power County Clerk's Office and subject to annual audits by the Unclaimed Property Division of the State Tax Commission.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – HEPATITIS SHOTS: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss offering Hepatitis vaccines through the Southeastern District Health Department to Sheriff Office employees at County expense. Sheriff Jeffries indicated that the Hepatitis A vaccine consists of two shots, each costing approximately \$36.00. The Commissioners agreed that the cost of the vaccines should be paid through the Power County Sheriff/Jail budgets.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BAILIFF/COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Bailiff/Courthouse Security agreement between the Power County Sheriff's Office and the Power County Probation/Court Services Office. Sheriff Jeffries and the Commissioners agreed that the Probation/Court Services department should, under the direction and with the authority of Sheriff Jeffries, also cover maintaining and overseeing the Courthouse alarm system.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that a formal written agreement between the Power County Sheriff and the Probation/Court Services Department should be prepared and executed by the Sheriff, Commissioners and local Magistrate. Sheriff Jeffries and the Commissioners agreed to calendar this matter for further discussion on Monday, June 27th, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. and this matter was tabled until that time.

MS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – APPEAL TO PLAN TRUSTEES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to further discuss MS Administrative Services' denial of his wife and stepson's medical claims. Following a review of the billings submitted and MS Administrative Services' written denial, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to overturn MS Administrative Services' denial of the three claims presented by the appellant/employee, since the medical services incurred should have been covered under the Power County Employee Medical Insurance Benefit Plan. Carried. Written notice hereof will be provided to MS Administrative Services.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATION: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Extension and Weed Departments could go ahead and move into the 500 Pocatello Avenue Building as soon as it is ready for occupancy. It is anticipated that they will use the Power County Sheriff's SCILD crew to get moved. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that once occupied, the building will be referred to as "POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX" with an address of 500 Pocatello Avenue, American Falls, Idaho, 83211. The Commissioners then discussed the drainage/leakage problem at the bottom of the handicapped access ramp into the Youth Center portion of the building and Commissioner Estep agreed to contact Hector Cruz d/b/a Cruz Brothers Construction to request that the drain be repaired under warranty. This matter was tabled until June 27th 2005.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – HEAVY INDUSTRIAL RESOLUTION #2005-03: The Commissioners reviewed proposed Power County Resolution #2005-03, which has been prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Laggis and presented to the Commissioners at the request of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2005-03 amending the permitted uses within the Power County Heavy Industrial Zones. Carried.

AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT – EXTRICATION AGREEMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to extend and renew the Extrication Agreement between Power County Emergency Medical Services and the American Falls Rural Fire District for Fiscal Year 2006. Carried. The Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to prepare the new agreement, which will then be sent to the American Falls Rural Fire District for their approval.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET – WORK SESSION: The Board of Power County Commissioners then conducted a work session for the fiscal year 2006 budget. Clerk

Steinlicht reported that the Clerk's balanced budget would be submitted to the Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday, July 11th, 2005.

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

General (Current Expense)	\$ 11,183.49
Ambulance	1,934.08
District Court	4,514.19
Justice	30,030.69
Indigent	916.22
Revaluation	11,303.20
Solid Waste	21,078.67
Weeds	1,304.73
Waterways	551.08
PILT	69,269.70

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION: Power County Commissioner Ken Estep reported that the Commissioners quarterly jail inspection will be conducted on Thursday, June 16th, 2005. Commissioner Estep will contact Power County Jail Supervisor Karl Nichols to arrange a time.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk