

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 5<sup>th</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.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT – MENTAL HEALTH COURTS: Sixth District Trial Court Administrator Suzanne Johnson and assistant Trial Court Administrator Kerry Hong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Bannock County's implementation of a Mental Health Court, which is being administrated by Sixth District Judge Ronald Bush. The purpose of Mental Health Court is to allow criminal offenders with diagnosed mental conditions to participate in intensive, daily mental health monitoring and treatment through Mental Health Court rather than felony criminal Court. The Commissioners questioned whether Power County could also utilize the Mental Health Court when necessary and appropriate; however, Ms. Johnson indicated that because Mental Health Court is a new program, with criteria for participation quite narrowly defined, participation has been limited to Bannock County referrals only; however, she and Mr. Hong will be working out a plan to share these resources throughout the District once the "bugs" have been worked out. Ms. Johnson agreed to keep the Commissioners and Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe apprised of the progress and availability of future resources.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING (BUFFER ZONE AMENDMENTS): Commissioner Estep announced that it was the date and time scheduled for Commissioner deliberation following the public hearing held November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board's proposed amendment to Title 10 of the Power County Development Code, specifically setbacks and buffer zones as they apply to all Zoning Districts within Power County. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and adopt the Power County Planning & Zoning Boards recommendation to amend Title 10 of the Power County Development Code, as set forth in the two performance standards prepared by Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, which includes a provision for specific notices to be printed on future Deeds granted within industrial setback and buffer zone areas within Power County. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

District #1 Commissioner Zimmerman – Nay  
District #2 Commissioner Meadows – Aye  
District #3 Commissioner Estep – Aye

Motion carried. The Commissioners instructed Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis to prepare and publish the appropriate Power County Resolution, which will be numbered 2005-05 and this matter was tabled until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the recent employment interviews to fill the full-time position available at the Power County Transfer Station/Landfill. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to offer the position to Jeff Rankin at a beginning salary of \$25,000. Mr. Heward then requested that the Commissioners authorize closure of the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, which request was granted.

SAFETY AWARD – STATE INSURANCE FUND: Clerk Steinlicht advised the Commissioners that a dividend check from the State Insurance Fund is being processed and should be received within the next several weeks. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to grant the Power County employees a safety award of \$100 for elected officials and full time employees and \$50 for part-time employees. Carried.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the gutters at the Power County Courthouse Annex, 500 Pocatello Avenue, are scheduled to finally be installed by Affordable Contracting Services, Inc., on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

POWER COUNTY INDIGENT SERVICES – PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AGREEMENT (BEACON HOSPITAL): The Commissioners reviewed the Protective Custody Agreement between Power County and Beacon Hospital, the purpose of which is to provide emergency care for proposed patients more than fifty-five (55) years of age in Protective Custody (psychiatric holds) from the time they are picked up by law enforcement until a commitment hearing is held. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Protective Custody Agreement between Power County and Beacon Hospital as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL: The Commissioners further discussed the need to amend the Power County Personnel Manual to include a provision for “workplace loyalty”. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Power County Personnel Manual currently infers and/or requires an appropriate level of workplace loyalty and should not be amended at this time.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Co., Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to present an update on the

progress of the Power County Courthouse expansion and remodel project. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the three Change Work Orders dated December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, presented by Brennan Construction Co., Inc. Carried.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Moved by Commissioner Mcadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho. Carried.

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 taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT MEDICAL APPLICATION #2006-04-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve indigent medical application #2006-04-I. Carried.

INDIGENT MEDICAL APPLICATION #2006-01-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to take indigent medical application #2006-01-I under advisement until Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – NII & ME, INC. D/B/A AMERICAN AIR (LEASE AGREEMENT): Brian Haynes of Nii & Me, Inc. d/b/a American Air, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss their Lease Agreement with Power County for space at the Power County Airport. At the outset, Mr. Haynes indicated that he has received a tax bill from the Power County Treasurer for delinquent taxes, which he feels should have been paid by the former owner, Joe & Caron Werenka Estate d/b/a Sunset Aviation; however, Prosecuting Attorney Laggis and the Commissioners agreed that any taxes owing are the responsibility of the current owner and Mr. Haynes would need to resolve any financial disputes directly with the seller or title company. Mr. Haynes then presented the Commissioners with a billing for Power County's portion of the slurry seal asphalt project recently completed on the County's property leased to American Air. Mr. Haynes then reported on his efforts to obtain funding to enhance and extend the runways at the Power County Airport to meet federal standards, which he feels could enhance his business and significantly increase the overall general use of the Power County Airport. The Commissioners then presented Mr. Haynes with the Airport Lease Billing addressed to American Air for 2006.

SOLUTIONS FOR LIFE – DRUG/ALCOHOL COUNSELING: Sandra Ortiz of Solutions for Life appeared before the Commissioners to report that she recently met with Sixth District Magistrate Judge Mark Beebe and Power County Probation Office Supervisor Russ Wheatley to set up a schedule to immediately begin providing bi-lingual evaluation and/or counseling services as may be referred to Solutions for Life by the Power County Probation Department.

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

General	\$ 10,494.80
Ambulance	455.11
District Court	4,801.93
Justice Fund	12,239.72
Indigent	624.89
Solid Waste	1,017.43
Weeds	229.80
Waterways	18.05
PILT	170,138.72

POWER COUNTY JAIL – QUARTERLY INSPECTION: The Commissioners then conducted their quarterly inspection of the Power County Jail.

Adjourned.

  
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KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk