

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 9th, 2006. 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 SHERIFF – SURPLUS PROPERTY: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss disposal of surplus County property. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed that a public auction would be required to dispose of County property with a value greater than \$250.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SEARCH & RESCUE: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that the 2006 National Search & Rescue Convention will be hosted by the Power County Search & Rescue on June 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, and presented the Commissioners with a tentative agenda. Sheriff Jeffries agreed to contact the Power County Highway District Board of Commissioners to discuss any liability issues which might arise from the use of the Power County Shooting Range during the convention, which is situated on Highway District property. Sheriff Jeffries agreed to keep the Commissioners apprised as final convention plans progress.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF/POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – WATER MASTER AGREEMENT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the verbal agreement between the Power County Sheriff and the Power County Highway District Board to fund a water master to ensure that the County roadways remain undamaged by irrigation water. Currently the Power County water master gets paid through the Power County Highway District and the Power County Sheriff's Office provides a vehicle and all vehicle related expenses; however, Sheriff Jeffries would like to either combine the water master and marine deputy positions under the complete supervision and control of the Power County Sheriff and assess the Highway District a fee to provide the service or transfer title of the water master vehicle to the Power County Highway District and allow them continue the water master program without Power County Sheriff expense or involvement. Sheriff Jeffries agreed to discuss this matter directly with the Power County Highway District Board of Commissioners and will keep the Power County Commissioners apprised of the negotiations.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – VEHICLE EXPENSE: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the vehicle mileage report that he has been using for internal purposes at the Power County Sheriff's Office, and the Commissioners agreed that they would like to see a final annual report of mileage

for each Sheriff Office vehicle at the annual budget hearings. Sheriff Jeffries then expressed his concerns with rising gasoline prices and the negative effect that increased prices are causing on the Sheriff Office vehicle maintenance budget.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK CARRY-OVER: Clerk Steinlicht reported that the additional vacation, compensatory and sick time used by various County employees during the last week of December, 2005, will not be reported until January 20th, 2006; accordingly, the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until February 13th, 2006.

TREATMENT DYNAMICS, PLLC – ALCOHOL/DRUG COUNSELING: Sandra Ortiz, formerly of Solutions for Life appeared before the Commissioners, to report that she is no longer affiliated with Solutions for Life; however, she is now providing both English and Spanish alcohol and drug counseling services through Treatment Dynamics, PLLC. The Commissioners suggested that Ms. Ortiz continue to work through the Power County Magistrate Court and/or Power County Probation Office to receive Court referrals. Ms. Ortiz then requested that she be allowed to rent space in the Power County Courthouse or Annex to provide these services and the Commissioners agreed that in the event space were available in the future, Ms. Ortiz would be contacted.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – SKATE BOARD PARK/BICYCLE AND JOGGING PATH PROJECTS: American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn appeared before the Commissioners to expressed her desire to maintain open communication with the Power County Commissioners and meet briefly each month regarding the status of common interest projects, such as the proposed skate board park, which it is anticipated will be located in the American Falls City Park, and the bicycle/jogging path from the American Falls City Limits to the American Falls High School. Mayor Wynn expressed her willingness to coordinate efforts between the various entities within Power County to accomplish these and other projects through grants or private corporate donations.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – PROBATION OFFICE TUTORING/COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE: American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn appeared before the Commissioners to report that the City of American Falls has offered to make the Council Chambers available to the Power County Probation Department to conduct tutoring classes every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during which Mayor Wynn will personally serve as a volunteer tutor. Mayor Wynn then questioned whether or not juvenile community service and/or adult SCILD workers could be made available assist the City of American Falls with an upcoming “clean up” project and Commissioners suggested that Mayor Wynn contact Sheriff Jeffries to schedule specific dates and times for assistance.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES: City of American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn appeared before the Commissioners to report that the American Falls Planning & Zoning Board has been working on an updated comprehensive land use plan, which she anticipates will be adopted prior to September 30th, 2006. Commissioner Meadows then requested that a copy of the City’s draft plan be provided to the Power

County Planning & Zoning Board and that the City of American Falls and Power County may want to coordinate efforts in amending or re-writing their respective comprehensive land use plans to avoid conflicts, particularly within the area of City impact.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – STATE BUREAU OF DISASTER SERVICES EXERCISE: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report that a full scale, State-wide exercise has been scheduled for June 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 2006, involving a pandemic which will include Power County on the evening of the 28th and all day on the 29th. Ms. Armstrong is in the process of recruiting volunteers to operate the Point of Distribution (POD) for prophylaxis treatment during the exercise.

DISASTER SERVICES – SECURITY GRANTS: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of the Homeland Security grant for County-wide communications and the Courthouse Security Enhancement grant, and the purchases made on both since her last report to the Commissioners.

DISASTER SERVICES – HAZMAT TRAINING: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to present a schedule for evening Hazmat training sessions for Power County Emergency Services personnel, which are required in order to be considered for future Bureau of Homeland Security grants.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

AMBULANCE – STATISTICAL INFORMATION: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to present her 2005 calendar year-end statistical information on ambulance runs.

INDIGENT BILLINGS: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to discuss outstanding balances owed to the Power County Ambulance District under medical indigent applications. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to write off amounts owed the Power County Ambulance District from the Power County Indigent Fund pursuant to approved indigent medical applications. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to recess as Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711) – KAREN SMITH: Power County resident Karen Smith appeared before the Commissioners to discuss her Application for Hardship Tax Exemption on Power County Parcel #RPA1511-00 in the

amount of \$286.62. Following discussion, and a review of the evidence submitted, the Commissioners agreed to take the Hardship Exemption Application under advisement until January 23rd, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for December 5th and 19th, 2005, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – EXPANSION/REMODEL: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve two (2) Work Change Orders dated December 20th, 2005, one (1) Work Change Order dated December 30th, 2005, and one (1) Work Change Order dated January 6th, 2006, as submitted by Power County Courthouse Expansion/Remodel project construction supervisor Brennan Construction Co., Inc. Carried.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Commissioner Chairman election held on January 10th, 2005, was for a two (2) year term, until January, 2007, rather than a one (1) year term.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners then agreed on which County Departments and boards each Commissioner would oversee or act as liaison with during calendar year 2006.

COUNTY BOARDS: The Commissioners then reviewed the appointments that need to be made to the various County Boards for 2006, and agreed to table further discussion on this matter until January 23rd, 2006.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – LAND/LOT SPLITS: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board has been and will be holding work sessions to deal with residential/subdivision growth within Power County and how that may relate to the County's current ordinances dealing with land/lot splits. The Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Laggis agreed that Mr. Laggis will serve as the County's sole source for procuring information, i.e. reviewing other Counties comprehensive development plans and discussing options with attorneys who specialize in Planning & Zoning issues, and then report to the Power County Planning & Zoning Board. The Commissioners further agreed that one Commissioner should attend all future work sessions of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board dealing with these growth issues.

POWER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – POWER COUNTY/FORT HALL JOINT ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT (HUD) GRANT: Power County Development Authority Board Chairman Kent Rudeen appeared before the

Commissioners to discuss the Power County/Fort Hall Joint Economic Redevelopment HUD Grant and the general redevelopment of the FMC site.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT (ANNUAL REVIEW): Commissioner Estep reported that he would contact Gerald Towers and/or David Sleight of the U.S. Forest Service to schedule the annual meeting with the Power County Commissioners to discuss the Crystal Summit Parking Lot. This matter was tabled until January 23rd, 2006.

500 POCATELLO AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to prepare a list of the minor repairs and warranty work that need to be done at the Power County Courthouse Annex, 500 Pocatello Avenue, and will refer those jobs to the appropriate contractor.

569 BANNOCK AVENUE – RENOVATIONS: Following discussion, Commissioner Meadows agreed to contact Robert Etlin of the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare to discuss the warranty work that needs to be done at 569 Bannock Avenue, which is currently being leased to the Department of Health & Welfare, and request that the Department's contractor complete the renovation project warranty work.

GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER – LEASE AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with a Lease Agreement between Power County and American Falls Youth Ministry, Inc. d/b/a Gerald Fehringer Youth Center, which extends the previous Lease Agreement that expired December 31st, 2005. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Lease Agreement between Power County and American Falls Youth Ministry d/b/a Gerald Fehringer Youth Center as presented for the period January 1st, 2006, through December 31st, 2006. Carried. The original Lease Agreement will now be referred to Youth Center Board for their review and consideration.

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT: Power County Soil Conservation District Board Supervisors Roger Whitnah and Ivan Permann appeared before the Commissioners to present the District's annual report for the period July 1st, 2004, through June 30th, 2005. Mr. Whitnah then requested that the Commissioners submit their letter of intent to fund the Power County Soil Conservation District for their 2008 fiscal year, which letter needs to be provided prior to January 31st, 2006. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to submit a letter of intent to provide the Power Soil Conservation District \$5,000 from Power County's fiscal year 2007 budget. Carried. Mr. Permann then questioned the status of the cloud seeding operation, since the Soil Conservation District has not received the required paperwork from the cloud seeding site property owners. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Mr. Whitnah agreed that the Soil Conservation District's secretary will follow up on getting cloud seeding paperwork back from the landowners and that Commissioner Estep will contact Power County's cloud

seeding administrator, Curtis Munk, to obtain a report on the status of the cloud seeding operation in Power County. This matter was tabled until February 13th, 2006.

GEM PLAN – POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported on the Commissioners recent meeting with Ron Ramirez of the Gem Plan. Mr. Ramirez has requested that Power County adopt a resolution in support of the Gem Plan. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to refer this matter to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis and continue any further discussion of this matter until January 23rd, 2006.

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 CASE #2006-02-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2006-02-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2006-03-I: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to deny indigent medical application #2006-03-I. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT: Power County Airport Board members Klaren Koompin, Roger Johnson, Ron Miller and Will Rowe and Airport Manager Stan Bearup appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Airport Hanger Lease between Power County and Ewill Williams. Since Mr. Williams is deceased, the Airport Board is attempting to contact the personal representative of the estate to discuss this matter and give notice that the annual lease payment is due and owing. The Airport Board members agreed to keep the Commissioners advised of the status of the Ewill Williams Airport Hanger Lease. The Airport Board then updated the Commissioners on the projects being planned by the Airport Board for the upcoming year. The Commissioners then reviewed the "Airport Manager Responsibilities and Duties" dated December, 2005, prepared by the Power County Airport Board. Airport Board member Ron Miller then questioned the Commissioners regarding the original formation and platting of the Power County Airport, and Clerk Steinlicht agreed to review the County records for information; however, Mr. Miller indicated that the Airport formation may have been done through the City of American Falls.

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

General	\$ 26,882.99
Ambulance	3,421.93
District Court	3,364.98
Justice Fund	21,180.80
Indigent	844.42
Revaluation	38.67
Solid Waste	1,965.49

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Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STENLICHT, Clerk