

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 27th, 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.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen and Sandy Sorrell of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the District's quarterly report for the period ending December 31st, 2005.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – AREA OF CITY IMPACT: American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn appeared before the Commissioners to report that the American Falls City Attorney Randy Kline has reviewed a recent Supreme Court ruling that specifically prohibits cities from issuing building permits within areas of city impact; and has further recommended that until these building issues can be resolved between the City of American Falls and Power County, all applications for building permits within the American Falls City's area of impact should be referred to the Power County Building Administrator. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Mayor Wynn agreed that a joint policy should be implemented to ensure that any building or construction within the area of City impact will conform to City of American Falls Planning & Zoning regulations for possible future annexation, and this matter will be referred to Power County and City of American Falls attorneys for their review and consideration. The Commissioners and Mayor Wynn then agreed to schedule a meeting with the Power County and City of American Falls building administrators on Tuesday, February 28th, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss these issues. This matter was tabled until March 13th, 2006.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – IFT GRANT (TREES): Commissioner Estep reported he and American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn are scheduled to meet with Paul Jones of Three Rivers RC&D on Tuesday, March 7th, 2006, to discuss possible grant funding to transplant established trees from the eastern Power County area to taxing district properties within Power County. This matter was tabled until March 13th, 2006.

CLOUD SEEDING: Commissioner Estep reported that the cloud seeding operation within Power County has been ongoing this winter season, and will continue throughout the spring, and that the Soil Conservation District is in the process of collecting the land owner reports.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Commissioners reviewed board appointments that need to be made to the various county boards for 2006. Following

discussion, Commissioners agreed to table further discussion or appointments until March 13th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he had received an offer to sell the yellow SCILD bus for the sum of \$500; however, Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that the sale of any surplus County property with a value in excess of \$250 must be advertised for public auction. Following discussion, Sheriff Jeffries agreed to obtain a written estimate of value from a reputable automobile dealer before proceeding with the sale of the vehicle.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (BYRNE GRANT): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Power County School Resource Officer Byrne Grant for the upcoming fiscal year (2007) will be cut by 38% over last year, with a total reduction of 63% since it's inception. Sheriff Jeffries further reported that the School Resource Officer position has been full-time in the past; however, because of decreased funding, and School District #381's inability to assist with replacing these lost funds, Sheriff Jeffries is considering combining the School Resource Office position and the Bailiff/Courthouse Security position beginning October 1st, 2007. The Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed to discuss this matter further during the fiscal year 2007 budget process.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (WATER MASTER): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he and the Power County Highway District had reached an agreement on the water master position. Sheriff Jeffries has transferred title of the water master vehicle over to the Power County Highway District, who will be completely responsible to monitor excess irrigation water spilling onto County roadways, with the Power County Sheriff's involvement being limited to issuing citations at the request of the water master.

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.

VACATION/COMPENSATORY/SICK – CARRY-OVER: The Commissioners again reviewed the Power County Accrual Register showing vacation time, compensatory time and sick time being carried over to calendar year 2006 for each County employee. Following discussion and a review of Sections VIII B(5), VIII C(1)(d) and VIII C(2)(e) of the Power County Personnel Manual, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reduce sick accrual balances on all employees to the maximum carry-over allowed on January 1st, 2006, pursuant to the Power County Personnel Manual. Carried. Following further discussion, and a review of Section VIII B(5), VIII C(1)(d) and VIII C(2)(e), it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reduce vacation accrual balances on all employees to the maximum carry-over allowed on January 1st, 2006, pursuant to the Power County Personnel Manual, with the exception of the Power County Transfer Station employees,

who, due to extenuating and unforeseen circumstances, were given until February 1st, 2006, to comply. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN – SEMONS FINANCIAL: Mark Semons d/b/a Semons Financial appeared before the Commissioners to report that he would be willing and eager to assist Power County now or in the future with a medical insurance benefit plan for Power County employees in the event that the Gem Plan coverage is discontinued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of discussing pending tort claims. Carried.

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AGREEMENT – BEACON HOSPITAL: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reviewed the proposed Protective Custody Agreement between Power County and Beacon Hospital. Prosecutor Laggis expressed his concerns with the agreement provisions addressing the responsibility of Power County to transport patients. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Prosecutor Laggis would need additional time to review the agreement and this matter was tabled until March 13th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – EXPANSION/REMODEL PROJECT: Construction Supervisor Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company, Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the status of the Power County Courthouse expansion/remodel project. Mr. Reams presented the Commissioners with the most recent costs summary showing the construction costs and remaining contingency. Following discussion, it was agreed that Clerk Steinlicht and Brennan Construction's on-site supervisor, Dave Schultz, would coordinate the date for moving the vault contents, and Commissioner Meadows will contact the County's grounds/maintenance supervisor, Gary Thomsen, to coordinate the cleaning of Courthouse once the project has been complete, with the bill for those cleaning services being sent to Brennan Construction.

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

General	\$ 7,515.87
Ambulance	3,487.76
District Court	1,782.46
Justice	3,832.07
Indigent	5,982.99
Solid Waste	1,709.35
Weeds	25.96
Waterways	232.46
PILT	1,080.93

FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ENTITY’S LANDHOLDINGS: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Declaration of Public Entity’s Landholdings received from Falls Irrigation District to certify and report Power County’s land that is operated by Lessee Robert Zimmerman. Carried.

CAPITAL PURCHASE – DESKS (ASSESSOR/CLERK/PROSECUTOR): Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners to present the quotes they, along with Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, obtained to purchase new desks for their respective offices. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and accept the quote submitted by Bangs Office Products, and allow the Power County Clerk, Power County Assessor and Power County Prosecuting Attorney to purchase desks for their respective offices, not to exceed the amount budgeted for each department. Carried.

INDIGENT SERVICES – CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE (CAT) BOARD: The Commissioners reviewed the State Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program Ballot of Administrators for a County Commissioner to represent Region 5 on the Catastrophic Health Care (CAT) Board. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to cast a vote for Bannock County Commissioner Steve Hadley to represent Region 5 on the Administrative Board of the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Board of Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to I.C. #63-501. Power County resident Susan Brewster appeared before the Commissioners to dispute the Power County Assessor’s assessed value on Parcel #OC-A0237-00, described on the new construction role as a “non-residential building” located at 414 Grant Street, which will be included on Power County Parcel #RPA0237-00. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to take this appeal under advisement until Monday, March 13th, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Carried. There being no further business to come before the Power County Board of Equalization, the Board recessed until March 13th, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.

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 indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT MEDICAL APPLICATION #88-17-I: Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to suspend further repayment obligations by applicant in Indigent Medical Case #88-17-I, until January, 2007. Carried.

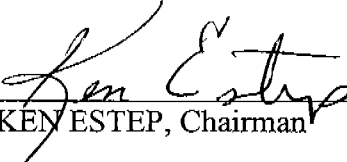
INDIGENT – NON-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Power County Indigent Services Supervisor Linda Annen appeared before the Commissioners to question whether Power

County should increase the maximum non-medical indigent annual benefit beyond the \$150 currently allowed, due to rapidly increasing utility costs. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until March 13th, 2006.

ONEIDA COUNTY -- HIGHWAY #37 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT: The Commissioners then discussed the annual winter road closure of the "narrows" area along State Highway #37 in Oneida County.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners then scheduled a quarterly jail inspection of the Power County Jail for Friday, March 3rd, 2006.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk