

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Present were Commissioners Ken Fstep, Chairman, Vicki Meadows and Ray Zimmerman. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – SKATE BOARD PARK: American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn appeared before the Commissioners to report that she had recently met with Rick Phillips, Government and Public Affairs Director of the J.R. Simplot Company, to discuss the possibility of obtaining a corporate donation for the proposed skate board park, to be located in the American Falls City Park. Mr. Phillips has suggested that the City of American Falls put together a formal proposal and cost estimate for the skate board park project and submit the same to J.R. Simplot Company with a written request for a corporate donation.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2005: Independent auditors Charles Clark and Brandi Young of firm Deaton & Company appeared before the Commissioners to present the Audited Financial Statements and other financial information for Power County's fiscal year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Following discussion, the Commissioners requested additional time to review the statement and this matter was tabled until April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

CLERK'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2005: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht presented the Clerk's Annual Financial Report for the County's fiscal year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The Commissioners requested time to review the report and this matter was tabled until April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he will be discussing the School Resource Officer position with Kara Thompson, Byrne Grant Operations Analyst in the Planning, Grants & Research Division of the Idaho State Police, to determine whether the program, if restructured and/or combined with the Courthouse Bailiff and Security position, would comply with the current grant requirements.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COURT BAILIFF/COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries then presented the Commissioners with a draft list of the duties and responsibilities that will be required of the Court Bailiff and Courthouse Security Deputy beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, which is the date that Sheriff Jeffries

anticipates that those duties will be returned to the custody and control of the Power County Sheriff.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – WARRANTS OF DISTRAINT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Warrants of Distrainment that are pending on several parcels of personal property within Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would like to review these personal property parcels prior to public sale or disposal. This matter was tabled until April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SEARCH & RESCUE: The Commissioners reviewed the expenditure detail report for the Search & Rescue allocation in the PILT fund with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed that all future claims for payment submitted by the Power County Search & Rescue will be routed first through the Power County Sheriff for approval and then to the Power County Clerk for process and payment.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – DRIVERS LICENSE DEPARTMENT: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that minor renovations and/or repairs need to be made in the driver license area of the Power County Sheriff's Office. Following discussion, Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis agreed that any sheriff office employee could perform those repairs and renovations during their regular working hours; otherwise, overtime and/or compensatory time would apply.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (OFFICE SPACE): Commissioner Meadows reported that she had discussed the need for additional office space for the Power County EMT's "Patient Care Reporting Test Site" with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Ambulance District Director Di Armstrong, and that Ms. Armstrong is agreeable to convert the current EMT storage area at the Emergency Medical Services Building into additional office space; however, minor renovations will need to be made to accommodate an office. Commissioner Meadows further reported that storage space would then need to be made available to store the EMT equipment, possibly in the garage area of the 569 Bannock Avenue property that is currently being used by the Power County Assessor to store files and equipment during the Power County Courthouse expansion and renovation project. The Commissioners agreed to address this matter further once that extra storage space is available.

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

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL: Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company appeared before the Commissioners to update and discuss the status of the Power County Courthouse Expansion/Remodel project and particularly the mismatched exterior brick on the new section and additional problems with the Courtroom area. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to contact Keeven Shropshire to discuss these issues. Mr. Reams then indicated that the project is still on schedule and the Courthouse should be ready for occupancy on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Clerk Steinlicht reported that she has coordinated the move with the moving company and the computer/telephone technical assistance people during the first week of May, 2006.

FMC PLANT CLOSURE – SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Meadows reported that FMC plant in Eastern Power County, which is scheduled to be completely closed and dismantled by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, has offered to donate surplus office equipment to Power County. Clerk Steinlicht reported that several elected officials and department heads are interested in viewing the available equipment and Commissioner Meadows agreed to coordinate a time for representatives from each County office to visit the FMC site and view the available equipment.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Marty Fehringer to serve a three (3) year term on the Power County Planning & Zoning Board (Jan. 2009). Carried. Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint Kevin Rhead to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board created by the resignation of Bill Lasley (Jan. 2008). Carried.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to reappoint Ben Cavaness and Mike Dimer each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (Jan. 2008). Carried. Commissioner Meadows then reported that the Power County Guardianship Board has elected to return to an eleven person board with no alternate board members.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SNAKE RIVER DISPOSAL: The Commissioners reviewed the request submitted by Ryan Frasure of IDS to be considered and allowed to bid upon the expiration of the contract between Power County and Snake River Disposal to provide garbage collection services of residential and commercial garbage at the Rockland, Big Sky and Arbon Valley sites. The Commissioners agreed to review the written agreement between Power County and Snake River Disposal and discuss this matter further with Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – IFT GRANT: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that Paula Jones of Three Rivers RC&D prepared and submitted the Ifft Foundation Fund grant application on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, which is a grant in the amount of \$35,075, including in-kind, to replace 90 trees from a field windbreak in Easter Power County to five different locations within Power

County. Clerk Steinlicht reported that the grant award should be received by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and this matter was tabled until that time.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – FINANCIAL ASSURANCE: The Commissioners reviewed the letter to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding financial self-insurance against landfill post-closure costs prepared by Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht. Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the written notice of financial self-insurance to the State Department of Environmental Quality as presented. Carried.

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

General	\$ 8,672.50
Ambulance	875.71
District Court	1,397.00
Justice	13,377.76
Indigent	4,977.73
Junior College	3,750.00
Solid Waste	3.35
PILT	1,225.25

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. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN POWER COUNTY: The Commissioners reviewed the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Commissioner meeting synopsis prepared by Russ Anderson of the Knowlton Group regarding economic development opportunities within Eastern Power County and agreed to attend a meeting scheduled on April the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pocatello Municipal Airport to discuss these issues further with representatives from the City of Pocatello and Hooper Knowlton.

POWER COUNTY CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER – ASSIGNMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the temporary Assignment of the Power County conflict public defender services from John Souza to Robert Eldgredge from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board and Building Administrator Bob Steinlicht will be following up on information that certain confined animal feeding operations within Power County are in violation of County

ordinance by exceeding the number of animal units allowed near residences. This matter was tabled until April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Adjourned.

  
KEN ESTEP, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk