

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 26th, 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.

IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES: Debbie Harmon with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of veterans benefits awarded in Power County.

POWER/CASSIA REGIONAL SNOWMOBILE GROOMING BOARD: Commissioner Meadows reported that Power County's representatives to the Power/Cassia Regional Snowmobile Grooming Board, Ron Morris and Linda Morris, had recently resigned their positions. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to appoint David Rupp and Randy Moffit to serve as Power County's representatives to the Power/Cassia Regional Snowmobile Grooming Board. Carried.

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY TOUR: Commissioner Estep reported that Darrell Buffalo at Idaho State University has invited the Power County Historical Society Board, Power County Elected Officials and City of American Falls Elected Officials to visit the Idaho State University Campus on Wednesday, June 28th, 2006, for a tour of the ISU outreach office, Performing Arts Center and Idaho Museum of Natural History. Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht will get a head count and RSVP to Mr. Buffalo.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION/REMODEL – CHANGE WORK ORDERS: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the work change orders submitted by Brennan Construction Company, Inc. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING & GROUNDS – PAVING: Power County Maintenance Supervisor Gary Thomsen appeared before the Commissioners to review the quotes submitted to pave and seal portions of the Power County Courthouse and Annex parking areas. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and accept the quote submitted by Liddil Paving Company as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET REQUEST: Power County Airport Manager Stan Bearup appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the fiscal year 2007 budget request for the Power County Airport.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – HOUSE RENTAL: Power County Airport Manager Stan Bearup appeared before the Commissioners to report that the current renter of the Airport residence will be moving on or before July 6th, 2006. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Bearup to submit the \$500 per month rental proceeds on the Airport house to the Power County Clerk, after which a warrant will be issued to Mr. Bearup for those rental proceeds, and a 1099 will be issued for that rental income.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – CHARLES BEARUP LEASE: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners with Stan Bearup to review the proposed Airport Hanger Lease between Power County and Charles Bearup. Following discussion, Mr. Bearup agreed to review the proposed lease with his father, Charles Bearup and this matter was tabled until July 10th, 2006.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Craig Madsen and Sandy Sorrell of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the Health Department's quarterly report for the period ending March 31st, 2006.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD – MUSEUM: Power County Commissioner Ken Estep reported that the next meeting of the Power County Historical Society Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28th, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Historical Society Board intends to review and possibly update their By-Laws.

FMC PLANT CLOSURE – SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Meadows reported that FMC plant in Eastern Power County, which is scheduled to be closed and dismantled by July 31st, 2006, has made a second invitation to allow Power County Offices and Departments to view the surplus office equipment and furniture that is available for donation to Power County. The Commissioners agreed to schedule a visit to the FMC site on Tuesday, June 27th, 2006, to allow Power County employees to view and take possession of needed items.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – CREDIT CARD LATE FEES: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the late fees being charged by the Bank of Commerce on the Power County Sheriff's Office credit card accounts. Also present was Power County Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske, who has been granted authority by Sheriff Jeffries to negotiate charges and discuss billings on all Power County Sheriff Office credit card accounts. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht to issue demand warrants on Power County Sheriff credit card accounts to eliminate late fees and penalties.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to present salary information that he has obtained from other area law enforcement agencies, and requested that the Commissioners review and consider the same when allocating salaries for the Power County Sheriff's Office employees for the fiscal year 2007.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY – SIGNS: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague appeared before the Commissioners to present the quotes they have received to place informational and security signs throughout the building. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and accept the quote submitted by Sign-A-Rama in the amount of \$1,329.68 to purchase and place embossed plastic security and information signs throughout the Power County Courthouse. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT – CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT: Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to request that he be allowed to obtain a credit card. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht to obtain a credit card account for appropriate use by the Power County Building Department and Planning & Zoning and instructed Mr. Steinlicht to meet with Power County Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske to get the account set up and provide Ms. Schelske with authority to access information on said account.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES – SOUTHEAST IDAHO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEICOG): Power County Planning & Zoning Administrator Robert Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the draft proposal submitted by Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG) on June 12th, 2006, to assist Power County with updating and amending its Development Code and Land Use Plan. Mr. Steinlicht reported that the next meeting of the Power County Planning & Zoning Board is scheduled for July 18th, 2006, and the Commissioners agreed that they would like to discuss the draft proposal, and other options, with the Planning & Zoning Board at that time. The Commissioners agreed to table this matter until July 31st, 2006.

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. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until July 10th, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – MONITORING WELLS: The Commissioners reviewed the letter dated June 22nd, 2006, from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding ground water monitoring at the Power County Landfill. DEQ, after evaluating the previously acquired ground water sampling data, has determined that the ground water sampling frequency should be reduced from three times per year to two times per year. Prosecuting Attorney Laggis agreed to follow up Power County's sampling consultant, Cascade Earth Sciences.

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

AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT – EXTRICATION AGREEMENT:

Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissions with an updated Agreement for extrication services between the Power County Ambulance District and American Falls Rural Fire District for fiscal year 2007. Clerk Steinlicht will submit the original Agreement to the American Falls Rural Fire District Board of Commissioners for their review and approval. This matter was tabled until July 17th, 2006.

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

General	\$ 13,757.13
Ambulance	1,248.80
District Court	7,197.09
Justice	7,686.65
Indigent	1,450.29
Revaluation	219.55
Solid Waste	5,327.46
Waterways	769.92
PILT	38,714.46

POWER COUNTY ASSESSOR – RURAL SUBDIVISIONS: Power County Deputy Assessor Donna Thornton appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the effects of House Bill 676 which repeals Idaho Code #63-602FF and eliminates the rural homesite development exemption. Deputy Assessor Thornton explained that if the owner of property previously granted the rural homesite exemption files a statement with the County Commissioners indicating that the land will be devoted to agriculture in 2006, then the land is deemed as qualifying for the speculative value exemption found in Idaho Code #63-602K. Deputy Assessor Thornton then presented the Commissioners with a copy of the form statement that Power County Assessor Doug Glascock has prepared for that purpose.

POWER COUNTY ASSESSOR – MAPPING PROGRAM: Power County Deputy Assessor Donna Thornton appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the mapping training for Power County, Highway District and City of American Falls employees and officials scheduled for July 19th and 20th, 2006, at the American Falls High School. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the three participating entities should equally share in the cost of the program by paying \$900 each, for a total of \$2,700. Commissioner Meadows agreed to contact the City of American Falls and the Power County Highway District to discuss shared expenses directly with each entity.

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 taking up personnel issues. Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – AREA OF CITY IMPACT (BUILDING ISSUES):

Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that City of American Falls attorney Randy Kline will be submitting a proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding building code enforcement within the area of City impact to Power County within the next several days. This matter was tabled until July 10th, 2006.


FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET – WORK SESSION: The Board of Power County Commissioners then conducted a fiscal year 2007 budget work session and following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to move the fiscal year 2007 budget to the Power County Clerk and consider a \$2,000 salary increase for certain positions and a 1% overall increase for all positions.

Following a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner (First District) Ray Zimmerman – Aye
Commissioner (Second District) Vicki Meadows – Nay
Commissioner (Third District) Ken Estep – Aye

Motion carried.

Adjourned.



KEN ESTEP, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk