

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 30th, 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.

PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES -- IDENTITY THEFT ENTERPRISE: Kent Tew and Jarred Scott of Identity Theft Enterprise appeared before the Commissioners to discuss identity theft and the negative economic impact it can have on individuals and businesses. Mr. Tew is requesting that his Company be allowed to provide education and training to Power County employees in an effort to reduce any potential liability to the individual employee as well as Power County. The Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until the next meeting of the Power County Elected Officials on November 27th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL -- RENTED EQUIPMENT: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to review several proposals for the rental of a Wheel Loader to use at the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take the proposals under advisement until January 8th, 2007.

POWER COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN -- GEM PLAN: Commissioner Estep reported that Grayden Staley and Barbara Steele of Mutual Insurance Company, who also serve as agents for the Gem Plan, will meet with the Power County Elected Officials on Monday, November 27th, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Gem Plan medical insurance coverage for Power County employees and to provide the Power County Commissioners with the annual reports on Power County's medical insurance benefit plan, and this matter was tabled until that time.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA (DECEMBER): Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to meet in December on the 11th, 18th (afternoon only) and the 27th (morning only).

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL -- SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT (SNAKE RIVER DISPOSE-ALL, INC.): Bill and Jamie Bowman d/b/a Snake River Dispose-All appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement between Power County and Snake River Dispose-All, Inc., which expired on August 1st, 2005. Also present was Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward. At the outset, Mr. Bowman requested that the contract surcharge be increased due to the higher fuel costs. Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, the Commissioners agreed that the contract should be opened for public bid and this matter was tabled until November 27th, 2006.

2006 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that due to the 2006 Special Legislative Session held August 25th, 2006, the Idaho Secretary of State's Office had issued a directive to redact several words from Proposition #2. Clerk Steinlicht further reported that Poll Workers have been instructed to encourage voters to contact the Idaho Secretary of State's Office if they have questions or concerns.

CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS: Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that the Clerk's office is continuing to gather credit card account information from County offices and departments and this matter was tabled until November 13th, 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 discussing issues of potential litigation. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – CHARLES BEARUP LEASE: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that Charles Bearup, who wishes to negotiate an airport hanger lease with Power County, has been out of the area for an extended period and is unsure when he will return. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to remove this matter as an agenda item until Mr. Bearup returns to the area and contacts Power County.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – AIRPORT RENTAL AGREEMENT (STAN BEARUP): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reviewed the Airport Rental Agreement between Power County and Stan Bearup for rental of the Power County Airport residence located at 2681 Airport Road and the airplane hanger associated therewith, which agreement expired on October 1st, 2006. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until November 13th, 2006.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – ASSIGNMENT OF NON-COMMERCIAL AIRPORT HANGER LEASE (RICK FARNSWORTH D/B/A ECONOMY CASH STORES, INC.): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that he has not yet received back the signed Assignment of Non-Commercial Airport Hanger lease between Rick Farnsworth d/b/a Economy Cash Stores and Ron Miller, Klaren Koopin and Will Rowe, and suggested that Commissioner Zimmerman contact the parties to question the status of the Assignment. This matter was tabled until November 13th, 2006.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES – ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that on October 23rd, 2006, he made a written request to the Idaho Attorney General, requesting an opinion regarding the statute of limitations on delinquent property taxes. Prosecutor Laggis requested, and the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until November 27th, 2006.

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

General Fund	\$ 4,633.56
Ambulance	377.86
District Court	1,447.17
Justice Fund	8,713.78
Indigent	7,776.84
Junior College	5,000.00
Revaluation	39.46
Solid Waste	1,667.90
Weeds	74.17
Waterways	11.93
PILT	3,782.66

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – IFFT TREE GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that the tree relocation project has been completed as anticipated; however, there remains unspent grant money to possibly expand the project and transplant additional trees from the windbreak in Eastern Power County to several other locations throughout the County, and perhaps Idaho State University. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that they would like to discuss this matter further with Paul Jones of Three Rivers Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D), and other taxing entities within Power County, and this matter was tabled until January 22nd, 2006.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER CONNECTIVITY: The Commissioners reviewed the memorandum from Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries indicating that the Bureau of Homeland Security had agreed to proceed with the 24-strand fiber cable for connectivity, and has authorized Connective Computer Cabling Company to proceed with the connectivity project. This matter was tabled until November 13th, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of taking up indigent medical applications. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2006-13-I: Following a request for reconsideration, it was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve indigent medical application #2006-13-I. Carried.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT) – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: The Commissioners reviewed the request of volunteer EMT Bob

Barkus to be treated as an independent contractor rather than a volunteer employee. Following a review of the recommendations of Power County's independent auditor Charlie Clark, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Barkus does not meet the definition of "independent contractor" and as such will be treated as a Power County employee for all services rendered to the Power County Ambulance District.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Harms Memorial Hospital Administrator Dallas Clinger appeared before the Commissioners to report that several Power County Ambulance billings have been submitted untimely to the Hospital, resulting in a loss of revenue. Mr. Clinger suggested that the Ambulance District and Harms Memorial Hospital coordinate efforts to insure that billings be received by the Hospital within thirty (30) days from the date of service. The Commissioners advised Mr. Clinger that the ambulance billing contract between Power County and Medical Solutions is scheduled to expire at the end of the year, and that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 11th, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and renegotiate renewal. The Commissioners invited Mr. Clinger to also appear at that meeting to discuss billing issues and concerns he might have, and this matter was tabled until that time.

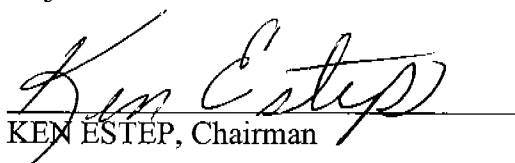
Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to recess as Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

COUNTY TRAVEL VEHICLE: The Commissioners reviewed mileage reimbursement requests submitted by each Power County employee from October 1, 2005, through September 30th, 2006, to determine if an additional vehicle needs to be purchased for employee travel. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until November 13th, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to move into executive session for the purpose of taking up personnel issues. Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – AREA OF CITY IMPACT (BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of American Falls and Power County regarding building code enforcement within the American Falls Area of City Impact. Carried. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis indicated that the original will be returned to the City of American Falls for their review.

Adjourned.


KEN ESTEP, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk