

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – JAIL MASTER PLAN (ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONS): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to inquire whether they would be interested in receiving the initial presentation from Rocky Mountain Corrections to expand Power County's current jail facility. Sheriff Jeffries reported that Rocky Mountain Corrections is a leader in the field of justice facility design and could fulfill all facets of project development, including design, construction and finance. The Commissioners agreed to view the presentation and this matter was tabled until March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – RESOLUTION #2007-01 (SURPLUS COUNTY VEHICLE): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that the City of American Falls has agreed to purchase the 2000 GMC pickup from the Power County Sheriff for the amount of \$6,500. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute Power County Resolution #2007-01, a Resolution authorizing the Power County Sheriff to sell the following surplus County vehicle to the City of American Falls for public use:

2000 GMC Pickup  
VIN #2GTEK19T4Y1328525

Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COURTHOUSE SECURITY DOORS: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he and Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague are in the process of gathering quotes to upgrade the locking mechanism on the exterior door located at the southeast corner of the Power County Courthouse and to install a key pad lock on the Power County Magistrate Court work area door. This matter was tabled until March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SEARCH & RESCUE (DIVE TEAM): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Search & Rescue Dive Team will be meeting to reorganize and to set a schedule for regular meetings and training events. Sheriff Jeffries reported, and the Commissioners agreed, that all funding allocated for the Dive Team should be under the direction and supervision of the Power County Search & Rescue and the Power County Sheriff.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS (COPS INTEROPERABILITY): Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones and

Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's State Homeland Security Program Grant to build a county-wide interoperability communications system that will interface with Bingham County, Bannock County and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, more commonly referred to as the COPS Interoperability Grant. Following discussion, Ms. Jones agreed to contact Gordy Howell, the regional COPS Interoperability Grant Manager out of Bannock County to discuss grant activity of agencies within Power County.

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

AMBULANCE PURCHASE: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report that the new ambulance was delivered on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and that the application for title has been made and the original title, when received, will be delivered to the Power County Clerk. Ms. Jones further reported that the ambulance being replaced can now be used as a mobile command center by the Power County Disaster Services Department.

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

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – LAW ENFORCEMENT CONNECTIVITY: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that Connective Computer Cabling will soon begin inside cabling work at the American Falls Police Department, with the trenching and outdoor cabling to be completed as weather permits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): At the request of Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 for the purpose of discussing issues of potential litigation.

POWER COUNTY REPEATER SITES – PAPS MOUNTAIN EASEMENT: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Easement Agreement between Power County and Raymond and Betty Joyce Scherer for ingress and egress of the Paps Mountain repeater site has been expired for some time. Commissioner Funk reported that he had been discussing renewal of the Easement Agreement with Mark Scherer, and that Mr. Scherer has requested an annual review and renewal of any future Easement. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to make an offer to increase the Easement compensation to \$1,000 each fiscal year beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, if Mr. Scherer would agree to accept the previously negotiated amount of \$350 for ingress and egress during the period March 1<sup>st</sup>, through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis will prepare a proposed Easement Agreement and Commissioner Funk agreed to discuss this offer with Mark Scherer. This matter was tabled until March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION: Richard Wolf of Three Rivers Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) and Kevin Conrad of the Bureau of Land Management appeared before the Commissioners to discuss fire suppression services in wildland/urban interface areas; and, specifically, to request that the Board of Power County Commissioners become proactive in adopting building and development codes that address fire mitigation and defensible space requirements for development in wildland/urban interface areas. Mr. Wolf provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Bannock County codes that apply to new construction or structures moved into designated interface areas. The Commissioners advised Mr. Wolf that the Power County Planning & Zoning Board is currently in the process of updating Power County's building and development codes and suggested that Three Rivers RC&D contact Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht to participate in that process.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – PAST DUE ACCOUNTS: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis reported that his recent efforts to collect on the four (4) past due accounts of the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill have been successful. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that in the future, past due accounts should bear interest at the statutory rate and instructed Prosecuting Attorney Laggis to review Power County's fee ordinances.

CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Crystal Summit Parking Lot between Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, U.S. Forest Service and Power and Bannock Counties, as discussed on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, has not yet been received. Clerk Steinlicht agreed to follow up directly with David Sleight and Gerald Towers of the U. S. Forest Service and this matter was tabled until March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – IFFT TREE GRANT: Commissioner Estep reported that he is in the process of contacting public entities and agencies to determine the number of additional trees that will need to be transplanted from a windbreak in Eastern Power County under the Idaho Community Foundation Ifft tree grant, and the Commissioners agreed to table further discussion of this matter until March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD: Commissioner Estep reported that J.R. Simplot Company has donated a new television with DVD and VCR units to the Power County Historical Society Board. Commissioner Estep further reported that the Power County Historical Society Board is in the process of reorganizing and the intention is to reduce the number of it's Board members to five (5); accordingly, the two vacant positions will not be filled.

POWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to disband the Power County Economic Development Board, since the Power County Development

Authority (PCDA) is currently providing all economic development services for Power County. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT (IDAHO DISPOSAL SYSTEMS): Ryan Frasure of Idaho Disposal Systems appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the terms of the Agreement for Disposal of Solid Waste between Power County and Idaho Disposal Systems, and specifically the misunderstanding on the compensation provisions of the Agreement. Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis presented the Commissioners with a draft “First Addendum to Agreement Between Power County and Idaho Disposal Systems” which provides for compensation of \$145 per haul and has been signed by Mr. Frasure. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the First Addendum to the Agreement for Disposal of Solid Waste between Power County and Idaho Disposal Systems for solid waste disposal services as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE – POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2007-03 (FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET OPENING): Power County Extension Agent Stan Gortsema appeared before the Commissioners to report that he will be receiving unanticipated revenue from the University of Idaho to hire a part-time FCS position in Power County and requested that the Fiscal Year 2007 budget be opened pursuant to I.C. #31-1605 to allow for those funds to be expended prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to publish the Notice of Public Hearing and proposed Power County Resolution #2007-02 in the March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> editions of the Power County Press, which is a resolution to open the fiscal year 2007 Power County budget to show unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$6,000 for the County Extension Department in the General Fund. Carried. This matter was tabled until the public hearing scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 1 p.m.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT – SURPLUS PROPERTY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to declare the wrecked 8 x 10 ATV Trailer at the Power County Weed Department as surplus County property with a value of less than \$250 and authorize Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk to dispose of the same. 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. There being no business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Commissioners reviewed the written notice from the Southeastern District Health Department indicating that former Power County Commissioner Ray Zimmerman had recently resigned from the Southeastern District Health Department Board, and that the Board of Power County Commissioners would need to nominate a new Board member to

serve the remainder of Mr. Zimmerman's term, which expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to nominate Power County Commissioner Ken Estep to fill the vacant Board position on the Southeastern District Health Department Board. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PARKING ISSUES: The Commissioners again reviewed the request of the Southeastern District Health Department to reserve the public parking area between the southeast corner of the Power County Courthouse and the Southeastern District Health Department for patients and clients of the Southeastern District Health Department's Power County Office. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to request that all County employees and Southeastern District Health Department employees park in the designated area north of the Courthouse, and to post the area in front of the Health Department as "patient parking only".

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

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE: Steve Ryan and Greg Merrill of IdeaCom appeared before the Commissioners to discuss upgrading the Power County Courthouse telephone system to accommodate the Power County Emergency Services and Search & Rescue Buildings. Mr. Merrill reported that the proposed new system could be tailored to accommodate the individual needs of each County Office/Department. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to discuss the proposed telephone system upgrade with the Power County Elected Officials and Department Heads and this matter was tabled until Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

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

INDIGENT CASE #2007-07-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2007-07-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2007-10-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2007-10-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2007-09-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2007-09-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2007-04-I: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to discontinue payment of medical insurance premiums on Indigent Case #2007-04-I. Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 22,473.42
Ambulance	3,050.28
District Court	3,022.20
Justice Fund	3,154.05
Indigent	5,363.63
Solid Waste	2,103.65
Waterways	123.06
PILT	5,368.62

POWER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The following Power County Development Authority Board members appeared before the Commissioners to discuss economic development opportunities within Power County:

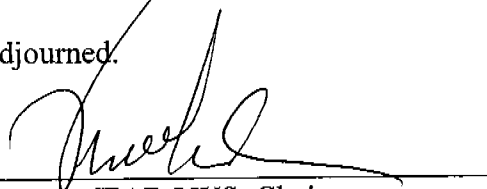
Kent Rudeen, Chairman  
Brett Crompton, Vice-Chair  
Bill Meadows  
Norm Wright  
Bob Schutte  
Stacy Hohenfeld  
Valerie Watkins


Also present from the Great Rift Economic Development Board were the following Board members:

Stuart Pankratz  
Kristen Jensen

Also present were Power County Assessor Doug Glascock, Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht.

Adjourned.

  
VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

  
CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk