

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. 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 – DRUG DOG: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that Deputy Sheriff Jared Beck has been certified as a drug dog officer, and that the Sheriff's Office has been matched with a new drug dog, Spike. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to authorize the purchase of a new drug dog for the Power County's Sheriff's Office to be paid from Justice Fund Reserve Contingency Capital funds (08-07-800-00). Carried.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF - LEXIPOL SUBSCRIPTION: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioner to report that Power County has been invited by the Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program (ICRMP) to participate in the Lexipol Policy Manual System, which would provide solid law enforcement policies, semi-annual policy updates and daily on-line training of officers/deputies. Sheriff Jeffries further reported that ICRMP has offered to share the costs with Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed to contact the American Falls Police Department to determine if the program could be expanded to include the Police Department.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – BANNOCK COUNTY TACTICAL RESPONSE (STAR TEAM): Power County Sheriff Jim appeared before the Commissioners to report that several Power County deputies/officers are participating in the Bannock County STAR tactical team for regional special operations force.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – LAW ENFORCEMENT CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT): Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Idaho Transportation Department completed the Homeland Security Broadband Connection from the Power County Courthouse to the Power County Emergency Operations Center on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Ms. Jones further reported that the ITD/Homeland Security grant funds for the law enforcement connectivity project should be disbursed within the next several weeks.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (KIMPORT PROJECT): Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of the Power County Interoperable Connectivity Project to enhance communications on Kimport Peak. Ms. Jones advised

the Commissioners that funding has now been allocated to upgrade the Power County Sheriff's dispatch console, with project completion scheduled for May, 2008. Ms. Jones further reported that all new radios will then be programmed and operable under the 700 MHz system.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS (FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the following quarterly Homeland Security Financial Status Reports:

- 2004 SHSP (#2004-GE-T4-0034)
- 2005 SHSP (#2005-GE-T5-0044)
- 2006 HSGP (#2006-GE-T6-0030)
- 2007 EMPG (#2007-EM-E7-0009)

Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2008-01 (IDAHO TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS GRANT): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2008-01 accepting the grant offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics, in the maximum amount of \$15,019 for the purpose of obtaining State Aid under Project #LNS8U01 in the development of the American Falls/Power County Airport. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL – POWER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2008-02 (EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE POLICY): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt Power County Resolution #2008-02 amending the Power County Personnel Manual to include a Power County Employee Candidate Policy. Carried.

DEATON & COMPANY – FISCAL YEAR 2007 AUDIT: The Commissioners reviewed the two proposed Management Comments submitted by Power County's independent auditors at Deaton & Company. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review these comments with the Power County Fair Board at their next regular meeting and this matter was tabled until February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

POWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE EMERGENCY PLAN: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and adopt the Power County Courthouse Emergency Plan prepared by Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht pursuant to I.C.A.R. 48 and Sixth District Administrative Order #08-01. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT – POLYGRAPH CERTIFICATION: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Paul Laggis and American Falls Police Department Officer Dave Chavez appeared before the Commissioners with Drug Court Coordinator Tina Chavez to

request that Power County share in the cost of equipment and training for Officer Chavez to become polygraph certified, with a guarantee that Mr. Chavez's services would then be provided to the Power County Drug Court without charge. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Power County and the City of American Falls may need to enter into a formal written agreement for the County's use of a City Officer, and this matter was tabled until the next joint City/County meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Meadows – Aye  
Commissioner Estep – Aye  
Commissioner Funk – Aye

Carried.

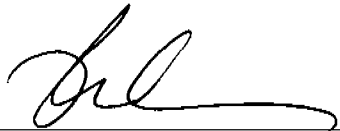
POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – LAND APPLICATION PERMITS (CITY OF POCATELLO): The Commissioners contacted special Planning & Zoning Attorney Doug Balfour by telephone to discuss the City of Pocatello's obligation to obtain a permit for the land application of wastewater on the City's property adjacent to the Pocatello Municipal Airport. Mr. Balfour reported that the City of Pocatello has taken the position that the application of wastewater on City of Pocatello property is not a Power County issue; however, the City of Pocatello has agreed that any application of wastewater outside City of Pocatello boundaries in Eastern Power County would require a County Special Use Permit.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – APPEALS AND VARIANCES: Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Doug Balfour appeared before the Commissioners by speaker telephone to discuss Section 10-2-3A of the County Code dealing with Planning & Zoning appeals and variances. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Balfour to prepare a proposed Ordinance amending Section 10-2-3 of the County Code to limit appeal hearings before the Commissioner to the record established by the Power County Planning & Zoning Board and a determination as to whether the Planning & Zoning Board's Findings and Conclusions were supported by substantial, competent evidence and are proper under the law. Carried. This matter was tabled until February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to move into executive session, pursuant to I.C. #67-2345 to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

Carried.

Adjourned.



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VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk