

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 25th, 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 Randy Kline.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – MONTHLY REPORT (I.C. #31-2113): Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch appeared before the Commissioners pursuant to I.C. #31-2113 to present her Statement of Treasurer's Cash for the month ending July 31st, 2008. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Treasurer's monthly report as presented. Carried.

ENHANCED 911 FEES – ANNUAL REVIEW: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to continue the \$1.25 per line fee on cellular and telephone lines in Power County to fund the enhanced 911 emergency system. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – QUARTERLY REPORT: Sandy Sorrell of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the Health District's Quarterly Report for Power County for the period ending June 30th, 2008.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Employment Contract between Power County and Douglas J. Balfour, Chartered, to complete the drafting of a new Comprehensive Plan and Development Code. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP): Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to discuss communication enhancements to be completed through Homeland Security Grant funding. At the outset, the Commissioners reported that they had recently conducted on-site inspections of current and potential repeater sites within Power and Bannock Counties. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the amended award for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) extending the performance period of the grant through February 28th, 2009. Carried. Ms. Jones then presented the Commissioners with a list of the 2008 HSGP changes and requirements.

POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT: 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 BILLING CONTRACT – ENTRADA: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Service Contract Agreement for billing services between Power County Ambulance District and Entrada Medical Management Company as presented and amended by interlineation. Carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT): Power County Ambulance District Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Idaho EMS Bureau and the Idaho EMS Physician Commission have made changes to their Medical Supervision Guide, which will require higher standards and levels of training for basic and advanced emergency medical technicians. Ms. Jones then reported that the Ambulance District will be offering a class for basic EMTs in the near future, which will include these new standards for certification. Ms. Jones then presented the Commissioners with a copy of her work schedule for August, 2008. Following discussion and a review of the Ambulance District budget, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to authorize Power County Ambulance District Director Di Jones to hire five (5) part-time advanced Emergency medical technicians. Carried. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to increase the EMT pay scale, effective October 1st, 2008, as follows:

First Responder:

\$12.00 per shift
\$22.00 per call
\$32.00 per transfer
\$15.00 per contract

Basic EMT:

\$15.00 per shift
\$30.00 per call
\$40.00 per transfer
\$15.00 per contract

Advanced EMT:

\$20.00 per shift
\$36.00 per call
\$46.00 per transfer
\$15.00 per contract

Carried.

AMBULANCE FEE RESOLUTION: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to present her proposal to update the Power County Ambulance District's fee schedule for services. The Commissioners agreed that, pursuant to I.C. #63-1311A, an updated fee resolution would require proper publication and public hearing. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to refer this matter

to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, and this matter was tabled until September 8th, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Current Expense	\$ 27,898.10
Ambulance District	2,216.75
District Court	3,688.05
Justice Fund	5,222.11
Indigent	13,156.86
Revaluation	1,618.75
Solid Waste	594.51
Weeds	2,872.22
Waterways	85.90
PILT	1,981.65

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, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent medical applications. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

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

Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2008-30-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve indigent medical application #2008-30-I. Carried.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (LAW ENFORCEMENT): American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn and Chief of Police Brandon Wilkinson appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries to discuss the Cooperative Agreement between Power County and the City of American Falls regarding law enforcement services, which was signed by the Commissioners on May 30th, 2008, and forwarded to the City of American Falls for their review and consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners and City agreed that the Cooperative Agreement as signed should be amended to extend the term of the Agreement through September 30th, 2013, and include a three percent (3%) increase per

fiscal year. Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline agreed to prepare an amended agreement and this matter was tabled until September 29th, 2008.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – JAIL MEDICAL PROVIDER: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he has been in contact with several jail medical providers to negotiate an agreement for on-site inmate medical care beginning October 1st, 2008. Sheriff Jeffries reported that he would present his findings and recommendations to the Commissioners on Monday, September 22nd, 2008, and this matter was tabled until that time.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – JAIL MASTER PLAN: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners with Idaho Department of Corrections Director Brent Reinke, State Warden Randy Blades and Idaho's Chief of Prisons Pam Sonnen, to discuss the Jail Master Plan being prepared for Power County by Rocky Mountain Corrections, and a long-term agreement for the housing of state inmates in Power County. Also present was Greg Sage of Rocky Mountain Corrections. At the outset, Director Reinke indicated that several other Counties are also looking into lease purchase options with Rocky Mountain Corrections, which may ultimately exceed the State's ability to guarantee that all open beds can be filled by the Department of Corrections; however, the Department of Corrections would consider Power County's proposal as a "pilot" project between the State of Idaho and County governments. Director Reinke then suggested that the Commissioners allow his Department additional time to discuss long term allocation and funding issues with the Idaho State Legislature. Following discussion, the Commissioners, Sheriff Jeffries and Director Reinke agreed to continue open communication regarding prison standards and inmate housing fees.


FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Meadows announced that it was the date and time scheduled for public hearing on Power County's proposed fiscal year 2009 budget as published. There being no public objection, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the fiscal year 2009 budget, as published, with the following adjustments:

1. Increase General Fund Expense Account #01-11-750-14 – Emergency Services 2006 SHSP Homeland Security Grant from \$47,879 to \$52,879.
2. Decrease General Fund Expense Account #01-11-750-13 – Emergency Services Miscellaneous Grant from \$7,500 to \$2,500.
3. Increase Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-406-00 – Salaries for Part-time EMT from \$110,000 to \$190,000.
4. Increase Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-411-00 – Social Security Benefit from \$14,400 to \$20,600.
5. Increase Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-415-00 – State Unemployment Benefit from \$830 to \$1,230.
6. Increase Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-416-00 – Workman's Compensation Insurance from \$7,500 to \$10,500.
7. Decrease Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-526-00 – Contingency Account from \$100,000 to \$50,000.


8. Decrease Ambulance Fund Expense Account #04-00-526-01 – Reserve Contingency Salary from \$52,500 to \$12,900.

Carried.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk