

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 9th, 2009. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht.

POWER COUNTY FAIRBOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to appoint Nancy Fitch to fill the vacant position, created by the resignation of Patti Porath, on the Power County Fairboard (January, 2010). Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Dianne May to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Historical Society/Museum Board (January, 2012). Carried.

POWER COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Dianne May to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Historic Preservation Board (January, 2012). Carried.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Jim Morse to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2011). Carried. Commissioner Funk then reported that Gwen Kress has resigned her position on the Power County Guardianship Board effective immediately, leaving two vacancies on that Board.

POWER COUNTY WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Carl Hofmeister, Bill Schatz and Danielle Gunn each to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Weed Board (January, 2011). Carried.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for January 12th and 26th, 2009, as presented. Carried.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to cast a vote for Bingham County Commissioner Donovan Harrington to be appointed to the Southeastern District Board of Health to complete the five-year term of Bingham County Commissioner Wayne Brower, which term expires on June 30th, 2009. Carried.

IDAHO CONGRESSIONAL DELAGATION: Jeremy Field, Regional Director for U.S. Senator James E. Risch, and Steve Brown, Regional Director for Congressman Mike Simpson, appeared before the Commissioner for an informal visit and to discuss issues pertinent to Idaho and, more specifically, Power County. Mr. Brown then suggested that Power County and the City of American Falls put together a list of local "shovel ready" projects and provide the same to the Honorable Governor Butch Otter for consideration under the Federal Stimulus Bill. Following discussion with American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn, The Commissioners and Mayor Wynn agreed to make a written request for funding of the American Falls water/sewer systems upgrade under the Federal stimulus package. Mayor Wynn agreed to prepare a written funding request and present the same to the Commissioners for their review and approval.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – MONITORING WELLS (CASCADE EARTH SCIENCES): Dan Brunner of Cascade Earth Sciences appeared before the Commissioner to report that he has replaced Rich Gallucci, and will continue with the periodic tests of Power County's monitoring wells at the Power County Landfill.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE (HEAD START ASSOCIATION) – COUNTY-WIDE ASSESSMENT: Cathy Brey, an independent consultant hired by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, appeared before the Commissioners to request that each Commissioner complete the State of Idaho County-wide Community Assessment. The information gleaned from the assessment will be coordinated and made available to the public at the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare's early childhood information clearing house at www.earlychildhood.dhw.idaho.gov.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE: Richard Wolf and Paula Jones of Three Rivers RC&D appeared before the Commissioners with Kevin Conrad of the Bureau of Land Management to present copies of the 2006 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code and Bannock County's Urban-Wildland Interface Code setting fire protection requirements for residential development in hazardous fire areas. Mr. Wolf then requested that the Power County Commissioners invite local fire district boards, fire chiefs, Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht and Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries to a joint meeting to discuss adopting these codes in Power County. Following discussion, the Commissioner agreed to schedule the proposed meeting for March 9th, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. and this matter was tabled until that time.

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

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – CRYSTAL SUMMIT PARKING LOT: Jeff Hammes and Deb Tiller of the U.S. Forest Service appeared before the Commissioners to review the Challenge Cost Share Agreement between Power County and the U.S. Forest Service for maintenance of the Crystal Summit Parking Lot in the Mink Creek area of Power County.

Following discussion, the Commissioner agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding should also be entered into between Power County and the Pocatello Pathfinders Snowmobile Club for additional maintenance and costs, and this matter was tabled until February 23rd, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Power County and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections to support the Community Incentive Program (CIP), the Re-entry Program (REP) and/or the Mental Health Program (MHP) as presented. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Commissioners then hosted a work session with Mike Pepper, a private consultant under contract with Idaho Power to discuss Idaho Power's electrical infrastructure build-out plan in Eastern Idaho. Also present were:

Brett Crompton – PCDA Board Member
Kent Rudeen – PCDA Board Chairman
Valorie Watkins – PCDA Board Executive Director
William J. Meadows – PCDA Board Member
Amy Wynn – Mayor, City of American Falls
Kristin Jensen – Great Rift Development/American Falls City Council
Eddy Hansen – Mayor, City of Rockland
Denise Ralphs – City Clerk, City of Rockland
Scott Lish – Rockland City Council Member
Leonard May – Direct Communications
Bob Schutte – Lamb Weston
Carl Coombes – Lamb Weston
Klaren Kooppin – Kooppin Farms

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT: Power County Soil Conservation District Board Supervisors Roger Whitnah and Ivan Permann appeared before the Commissioners with their Administrative Assistant Pegi Long, to present the District's Annual Report for the period July 1st, 2007, through June 30th, 2008. Mr. Whitnah then requested that the Commissioners submit their letter of intent to provide the Power Soil Conservation District with a contribution from Power County's fiscal year 2010 budget. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to submit a letter of intent to allocate \$6,250 to the Power County Soil Conservation District from the County's fiscal year 2010 budget. Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 23,326.11
Ambulance	2,897.94
District Court	4,092.57

Justice Fund	20,890.61
Indigent	1,104.01
Revaluation	75.00
Solid Waste	3,323.28
Weeds	4,357.52
Waterways	54.39
PILT	3,721.84

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – JAIL MEDICAL: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss medical assessments and treatments required under Idaho Jail Standards for inmates housed at the Power County Jail. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow Sheriff Jeffries to contract with Dr. Jeff Keller at Badger Medical to conduct a weekly on-site clinic at the Power County Jail at the basic rate of \$300 per week for up to four prisoners plus \$75 for each additional prisoner needing medical attention.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE PLAN: Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's current Cellular telephone plan. Clerk Steinlicht reported that Kati Patterson is no longer serving as a government account representative since the Alltel and Verizon merger. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Sheriff Jeffries agreed to table further consideration of Power County's cellular telephone plan until the Verizon/Alltel merger is completed and a new government account representative has been assigned.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (U.S. CENSUS BUREAU) – 2010 CENSUS: Zee Quintero and Sergio Romero of the U.S. Census Bureau appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the census to be conducted by the U. S. Department of Commerce during 2010. Ms. Quintero and Mr. Romero requested that Power County and the City of American Falls jointly designate a "leader" to coordinate the 2010 Census within Power County. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter with the American Falls Mayor and City Council and this matter was tabled until March 9th, 2009.

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 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 #2009-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2009-05-I since applicant has other resources sufficient to pay the medical expenses incurred. Carried.

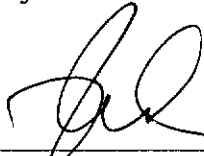
INDIGENT CASE #2009-09-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2009-09-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2009-10-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2009-10-I. Carried.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – HANGER LEASES: The Commissioners reviewed the list of past due hanger lease payments at the Power County Airport. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to refer this matter to Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline for collection.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – I-86, EXIT 40 INTERCHANGE UPGRADE: Ed Bala of the Idaho Department of Transportation appeared before the Commissioners to discuss upgrade of the I-86, Exit 40 interchange and specifically its affect on the Power County Airport. Also present were Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, American Falls Mayor Amy Wynn, City Council Member Kristen Jensen and Chief of Police Brandon Wilkinson. Mayor Wynn then expressed the City's desire to leave the intersection at Pocatello Avenue in its current configuration and submitted letters of support from Sheriff Jeffries, Chief Wilkinson and the American Falls City Council. Following discussion, the Commissioners reiterated that, except for the impact of this project on the Power County Airport, negotiations have narrowed to the point that all unresolved issues are solely between the City of American Falls and the Idaho Transportation Department.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk