

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present was Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht.

POWER COUNTY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT: Power County Extension Agent Stan Gortsema appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the status of operations at the Power County Extension Department. Following discussion, Mr. Gortsema agreed to provide the Commissioners with a copy of job descriptions for Extension Department staff.

POWER COUNTY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: The Board of Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Investment Committee to review options for the investment of County Funds. Also present was Investment Committee Member/Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch, special county auditor Scott Jones and American Falls Bank of Commerce Branch Manager Karen Hammond. Following discussion and a review of the County's most recent "Operation in Funds" summary, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to invest an amount up to \$2.5 million in higher yielding Certificates of Deposit and to authorize the Power County Treasurer to research interest bearing opportunities at local financial institutions and to make those investments in a manner which would protect FDIC assurances. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Commissioner Minutes for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as presented. Carried.

HIGH COUNTRY RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – CLOUD SEEDING: Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to execute the Pledge Payment Form to contribute \$1,000 toward High Country RC&D's cloud seeding operation in an effort to increase upper Snake River watershed. Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the proposed job description for his position and to review current and future development projects within Power County.

POWER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT – JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) (PARENT PROJECT): Power County Juvenile Probation Department Supervisor Connie Shepherd appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the proposed job description for her position and to

discuss juvenile justice services within Power County. Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Juvenile Accountability Project Award in the amount of \$4,400 to fund the parent project program in Power County during fiscal year 2010. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION – CONTRACT: Power County Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed contract for adult misdemeanor probation services between Power County and Ada Probation Services, Inc., d/b/a Power County Adult Misdemeanor Probation Department. At the outset, Judge Laggis clarified that all “supervised” misdemeanor probationers shall report to Davey Burrell at the Power County Adult Misdemeanor Probation Department and pay the monthly supervision fee of \$50.00 directly to Mr. Burrell; however, “unsupervised” adult misdemeanor probationers shall neither pay a monthly probation fee nor report to any person or entity. Commissioner Funk reported that the formal written contract is being prepared and this matter was tabled until October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the proposed job description for his position. Mr. Heward then presented the Commissioners with a copy of the City of American Falls’ pick up and trailer hauls to the Power County Transfer Station and Landfill during fiscal year 2009. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review this matter further with the City of American Falls at the next joint meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

NORTHWEST ENERGY – MOUNTAIN STATES TRANSMISSION INTERTIE (MSTI) – TRANSMISSION/UTILITY CORRIDOR: Ron Olson and Tom Pankratz of Northwest Energy appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the final map depicting MSTI’s transmission and utility corridor through Power County. Mr. Olson reported that a regional public meeting on the proposed route is scheduled in Aberdeen, Idaho, on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE: Power County Ambulance District Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the proposed job description for her position.

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

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES: Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to present a copy of the proposed job description for her position. Ms. Jones then reported that the Board of Power County Commissioners should officially designate a "Public Information Officer" pursuant to the County's Emergency Operations Plan", and the Commissioners agreed to table consideration of this matter until October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT: Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a proposed job description for his position and Mr. Munk presented copies of Bonneville and Camas Counties Weed Department Supervisor job descriptions. Mr. Munk agreed to put a written description together for Power County and will provide a copy to the Commissioners.

POWER COUNTY CLERK – FIXED ASSET/INVENTORY CONTROL: Following discussion with Power County Weed Supervisor Curtis Munk and Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht, and considering that the former full-time secretarial position has been replaced with a part-time employee, the Commissioners agreed that, effective immediately, Power County's inventory control, including fixed asset management, will be tracked by the Power County Clerk through the County's financial fixed asset data base rather than by the Power County Weed Department Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, 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. 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 #2010-05-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2010-05-I. Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2010-06-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to deny indigent medical application #2010-06-I since the applicant is not a resident of Power County as defined by I.C. #31-3506 and since the application was processed as incomplete pursuant to I.C. #31-3505(A)(2). Carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 11,747.29
Ambulance District	10,578.29

District Court	734.01
Justice Fund	11,791.30
Enhanced 911 Services	956.91
Indigent Services	10,643.92
Revaluation	598.85
Solid Waste	653.33
Tort	30,027.50
Weeds	192.83
Waterways	2,097.15
PILT	9,098.70

U. S. CENSUS BUREAU – 2010 CENSUS: Power County’s certified language interpreter Jerry Cuevas appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the duties and responsibilities of serving as Chairman of Power County’s “Complete Count Committee” for the 2010 Census being conducted through the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Commissioners and Mr. Cuevas then contacted Tim Vesselka of the U. S. Census Bureau by telephone to arrange for Mr. Cuevas to meet directly with Dr. Sergio Romero sometime this week to discuss the needs within Power County, and this matter was tabled until October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COMMUNICATIONS (MASTER SITE AGREEMENT/FEES): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to report that he will be forwarding a copy of the proposed Southwest Idaho Wireless Integrated Network (SWIWIN) Participation Agreement to Nicky Jansen, Ada County’s project manager for the state-wide 700 MHz system, to determine whether the participant fee for Power County has been calculated correctly, and the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

POWER COUNTY DISASTER SERVICES – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to designate Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries as Power County’s official “Point of Contract” on all Homeland Security Grants for interoperability projects. Carried. Commissioner Estep agreed to contact Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services Director Ken Fagnet to report the change in Power County’s “Point of Contact”.

CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – JOINT MEETING: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to reschedule the joint meeting of the Power County Commissioners and the American Falls City Council for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, instead of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. County Clerk Chris Steinlicht and City Clerk Robyn Herndon will coordinate an appropriate agenda.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT: Power County Drug Court Administrator Kerry Hong appeared before the Commissioners to present a status update, including increased treatment contact, improved accountability and extended support (post graduation) for the Power County Drug Court. Also present were the following individuals:

Suzanne Johnson – Sixth District Trial Court Administrator  
Linda Young – Pacific Rim Counseling Center  
Robert O. Eldredge – Power County Public Defender  
F. Randall Kline – Power County Prosecuting Attorney  
Rachel Pease – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare  
Davonna Bailey – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare  
Honorable Paul S. Laggis – Power County Magistrate Judge  
Patty Porath – Power County’s Court Appointed Special Advocate  
Chuck Misner – Power County Juvenile Probation Officer

Mr. Hong then reported that the Power County Drug Court has increased utilization of Sixth District and State resources to fund the Power County Drug Court. Following further discussion, Mr. Hong agreed to provide the Commissioners with Power County’s recidivism/success rates once those have been calculated.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 – AUTHORIZED FUND TRANSFERS: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the following budgeted fiscal year 2010 fund transfers:

\$150,000 from PILT Fund to Justice Fund  
\$3,135 from General Fund to Sick Leave Bank Fund  
\$72,000 from Justice Fund to Enhanced 911 Fund  
\$9,000 from Justice Fund to Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court Fund  
\$75 from LID Fund to PILT Fund

Carried.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT: The Commissioners reviewed the quotes received for snow removal at the Power County Courthouse and Annex during the upcoming winter season. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and accept the quote submitted by ABC Snow Removal in the amount of \$225.00 per service. Carried.

Adjourned

  
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VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STENLICHT, Clerk