

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ken Estep and Ron Funk. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline.

COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as presented. Carried. The Commissioners then discussed the option of publishing a synopsis of the Minutes in the Power County Press with notice that the full and complete text will be available at the Power County Website or from the Power County Clerk. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF (SEARCH & RESCUE) – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Following discussion with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to declare the following equipment as surplus County property with a value in excess of \$250, to be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Power County Sheriff in accordance with Idaho Law:

1990 Fort Truck (Command Post Van) – VIN #1FDJE34M3LHB48536

Carried

RAVE COMMUNICATIONS – POWER COUNTY WEBSITE: Michael Jones and Greg Gunter of Rave Communications appeared before the Commissioners to report that the recent training sessions with County employees were very productive and that the Power County Website is scheduled to go live on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Commissioners then viewed the website on-line and agreed that a press release should be issued to publicize the benefits and encourage public use of the website. Mr. Gunter then presented the Commissioners with a proposal for Rave Communications to produce and distribute monthly e-mail newsletters to subscribers at a cost of \$1,500 per month. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

LANCE FUNK D/B/A PLEASANT VALLEY AVIATION – AIRPORT LEASE: Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

DAVE SAVAGE D/B/A SAVAGE AIR – AIRPORT LEASES: Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – QUARTERLY REPORTS/H1N1 FLU VACCINES: Sandy Sorrell of the Southeastern District Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present the District's Quarterly Report for the period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to offer H1N1 (swine flu) vaccines to County employees at County expense. Carried. Clerk Steinlicht will provide notice to all Power County employees of the date and time scheduled for vaccinations at the Power County Health Department.

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY): Commissioner Meadows reported that she and Power County Assessor Doug Glascock have been appointed to serve on an Idaho Association of Counties Sub-Committee, along with Caribou County Commissioner Lloyd Rasmussen, Caribou County Assessor Preston Phelps and Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn, to analyze and discuss any proposed legislation for the exemption of personal property from taxation, including operating property; however, the Commissioners agreed that Power County will continue to coordinate opposition efforts with local taxing entities and other Counties.

HARMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – FEDERAL APPROPRIATION APPLICATION (LETTER OF SUPPORT): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to execute letters supporting Harms Memorial Hospital's Federal Appropriation Application for a fire safety system. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SCRAP METAL (SALVAGE): Power County resident Benito Chavez appeared before the Commissioners to request that he be allowed to salvage scrap metal from the Rockland and Eastern Power County dumpster sites. Following discussion with Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

POWER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Ron Morris to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Snowmobile Board (January, 2013). Carried.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL: Commissioner Meadows announced that Bob Schutte has resigned his position on the Power County Industrial Development & Urban Renewal Board effective immediately. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Karen Hammond to fill the vacant position on the Power County Industrial Development & Urban Renewal Board (January, 2012). Carried.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to reappoint Becky Smith to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2012). Carried. Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Esetp, to appoint Teri Kendall to serve a term of two (2) years on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2012). Carried.

NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN: Program Director John Lamm and Retirement Specialist Ryan Gillette of Nationwide Investment Services Corporation appeared before the Commissioners to present a letter to the Power County Commissioners dated February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from the Honorable Ben Yursa, Secretary of State and Committee Chairman of the State of Idaho Deferred Compensation Committee, giving notice that the State of Idaho Deferred Compensation Board now permits local public employers to adopt the State's deferred compensation plan, at no cost to Power County, as provided in Idaho Code #59-513. Mr. Lamm reported NRS is the third-party administrator of the State's Plan and responsible for record keeping, enrollment, education, marketing and customer service. Mr. Lamm further reported that NRS has a local, full-service office in Boise as well as representatives that service the Plan throughout the State. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Estep, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to refer this matter to Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline with a request that he prepare a draft Resolution to adopt the State plan for deferred compensation, and this matter was tabled until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

JUNIOR COLLEGE – CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve and execute the Certificates of Residency submitted by the College of Southern Idaho. Carried.

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

Current Expense	\$ 24,379.31
Ambulance District	7,459.17
District Court Fund	7,081.82
Justice Fund	40,257.54
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	2,040.00
Enhanced 911 Services	957.18
Indigent Services	1,441.69
Revaluation	465.00
Solid Waste	18,705.51
Weeds	4,443.61
Waterways	276.66
PILT	8,427.38

LS POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC – OVERLAND TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT (UTILITY CORRIDOR): Project Engineer Ryan Miller and Associate Project Manager Luke C. Papez of LS Power Development, LLC, appeared before the Commissioners with John Kotek of Gallatin Public Affairs to discuss the Overland Transmission Line Project being proposed through Idaho and Wyoming to deliver electrical power from renewable resources to areas of market demand; however, Mr. Papez reported that no specific route has been determined. Following discussion with Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Douglas Balfour and Power County Building Administrator Robert Steinlicht, the Commissioners suggested that LS Power Development, LLC, contact the Power County Gateway West Citizens Task Force to discuss proposed routes.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBES (LAND USE PLAN): Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Douglas J. Balfour appeared before the Commissioners to report that he has not yet received any response from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes or any of their representatives or attorneys to his written request for information dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to make written request to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Land Use Commission that the Land Use Planning Ordinance as proposed be withdrawn and redrafted in a manner that accurately reflects the Tribe's authority and is consistent with Federal and State laws.

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 #2010-16-I: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve indigent medical application #2010-16-I. Carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET – BUDGET REQUEST HEARINGS: Following a review of the calendar, the Commissioners agreed to schedule fiscal year 2011 budget request hearings for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.


POWER COUNTY TREASURER – ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Estep, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$39,581.60 presented by the Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES: Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners with Power County Treasurer Bobbie Mauch to discuss solid waste disposal fees, both household and commercial, which are applied annually on tax bills. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that commercial fees should be reviewed and recalculated based on current waste volume prior to the 2010 tax drive, and this matter was tabled until March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

POWER COUNTY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT – UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO (RESTRUCTURING): Power County's University of Idaho Agricultural Extension Agent Stan Gortsema appeared before the Commissioners to report that he has been advised by Extension Director Charlotte Eberlein that, due to the State's economic downturn, the University of Idaho must adapt to a possible 22% reduction in State funding during fiscal years 2010 and 2011, which will result in personnel reductions; accordingly, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the University of Idaho will begin narrowing its breadth of programming to focus on higher-priority programs being conducted on a more regional rather than local basis. Mr. Gortsema then reported that the University of Idaho intends to work closely with Power County through the restructuring process, and will be requesting information and input via surveys and questionnaires sometime before the end of this month. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Adjourned

  
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VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman

  
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CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk