

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special session on Monday, June 7th, 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.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES – JURISDICTION ISSUES: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline and Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss jurisdictional issues, including land use, transportation and law enforcement, within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Also present via speaker telephone was Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney Douglas J. Balfour, as well as the following individuals:

Bob Wetzel – Power County Highway District Commissioner
Gilbert Hofmeister – Power County Highway District Commissioner
Steve Lusk – Power County Highway District Supervisor
Don Haskin – Power County Highway District Supervisor
Robert Steinlicht – Power County Building Administrator
Jackie Morris – Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff
Steve Hadley – Bannock County Commissioner
Zach Parris – Bannock County Prosecutor's Office
Greg Rosa – Bannock County Deputy Sheriff

Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Kline, to make an appropriate response to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' public records request under I.C. #9-337, et seq. dated June 1st, 2010, and to suggest that the Tribe contact the Power County Highway District for full, comprehensive information on County road rights-of-way. Following further discussion with Bannock County Commissioner Hadley, the Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Kline and Attorney Balfour to coordinate with Bannock County Deputy Prosecutor Zack Parris and prepare an appropriate joint press release reasserting and clarifying Power and Bannock Counties' position that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have no jurisdiction over non-members of the Tribes using public highways, even if they are within the boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk