

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 31st, 2011. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA (I.C. #67-2343): Following a review of I.C. #67-2343, and good cause appearing therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to amend the January 31st, 2011, Commissioner Agenda to include the following items:

Economic Development – Ridgeline Energy (Wind Project)
Power County Prosecuting Attorney/Commissioners – Mediation
Eastern Idaho State Fair – Annual Budget Report

Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RIDGELINE ENERGY (WIND PROJECT): Commissioner Anderson reported that Ridgeline Energy has scheduled a landowners meeting at the American Falls Library on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011, to discuss the wind turbine project in Power County. Commissioner Anderson further reported that the contractor for the Ridgeline Energy project, Wanzek Construction, intends to hire approximately 150 workers locally and will be hosting a jobs fair on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Power County Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

POWER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY/COMMISSIONERS – MEDIATION: Commissioner Meadows announced that on January 24th, 2011, the Power County Commissioners and Power County Prosecuting Attorney met in mediation and were able, in good faith, to resolve their differences to the mutual satisfaction of the parties; accordingly, a written mediation agreement is being prepared for the Commissioners and Mr. Kline's consideration and this matter was tabled until February 14th, 2011.

EASTERN IDAHO STATE FAIR – ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING: Commissioner Funk reported that on January 28th, 2011, he attended the annual budget hearing for the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot, Idaho. Commissioner Funk further reported that the "worst case scenario" projects a revenue shortfall of approximately \$92,000 for the 2011 Eastern Idaho State Fair, with Power County's contribution being reduced due to stagnant population and market value. Commissioner Funk further reported that several of the Eastern Idaho State Fair buildings are in need of repair or replacement. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner

Anderson, to approve the Eastern Idaho State Fair's annual budget report as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY WATERWAYS BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Ron Anderson to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Waterways Board (January, 2014).

POWER COUNTY WEED BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Burt Fehringer, Bill Schatz and Danielle Gunn each to serve an additional term of two (2) years on the Power County Weed Board, and to appoint Richard Call to serve a term of two (2) years (January, 2013).

POWER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE BOARD: Commissioner Anderson reported that Ron Morris and Linda Morris have resigned their positions on the Power County Snowmobile Board effective immediately. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Seth Lusk to serve a term of three (3) years (January, 2014) on the Power County Snowmobile Board, and to appoint Brian Payne (January, 2013) and Jaren Haskins (January, 2012), to fill the vacant positions. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – ROCKLAND DUMPSTER SITE: Sandra Bowman of the Power County Prosecuting Attorney's office appeared before the Commissioners to present a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the placement, operation and maintenance of a solid waste dumpster by Power County on a tract of land owned by the City of Rockland. Ms. Bowman reported that copies of the draft MOU have also been provided to the City of Rockland and Power County Transfer Station/Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until February 14th, 2011.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – TABLE MOUNTAIN REPEATER SITE: Sandra Bowman of the Power County Prosecuting Attorney's office appeared before the Commissioner to present draft copies of the following documents, which would grant Power County ownership of and access to the Table Mountain Repeater:

- Agreement to Convey Property by Deed between Power County and Vernon and Elaine Miller
- Access Agreement & Easement between Power County and Vernon and Elaine Miller
- Access Agreement & Easement between Power County and Brad and Lisa Ralphs

Ms. Bowman reported that copies of the proposed documents have been or will be provided to all interested parties for their review and consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until later this Spring when weather conditions improve.

HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – POWER COUNTY ORDINANCE #2011-01: Sandra Bowman of the Power County Prosecuting Attorney's office appeared before the Commissioners to present a draft copy of Power County Ordinance #2011-01, which is an ordinance to disband and terminate the Human Relations Advisory Committee that was established under Power County Ordinance #89-03. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to schedule public hearing on proposed Power County Ordinance #2011-01 for Monday, February 14th, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., and to properly publish notice of public hearing and proposed ordinance in the February 9th, 2011, edition of the Power County Press. Carried.

POWER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT: Power County Soil Conservation District Board members Roger Whitnah, Brett Leyshon and Ivan Permann appeared before the Commissioners with their Administrative Assistant Pegi Long, to present the District's Annual Report and five-year resource conservation plan. 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 2012 budget. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to submit a letter of intent to allocate \$6,500 to the Power County Soil Conservation District from the County's fiscal year 2012 budget. Carried.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT: Power County Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis appeared before the Commissioners with Sixth District Trial Court Administrator Suzanne Johnson, Sixth District Problem Solving Coordinator Matt English and Sixth District Drug Court Coordinator Deanna Smith to report that all Sixth District Drug Court funds have been exhausted and to discuss continued funding of the Power County Misdemeanor Drug Court. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Judge Laggis agreed that Ms. Smith's services to Power County, in the amount of \$400 per month, shall be paid first from the monthly drug court participant fees collected by Ms. Smith, and the balance, if any, from Power County's interlock monitoring device fund.

POWER COUNTY CLERK – QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT (I.C. #31-1611): Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht appeared before the Commissioners pursuant to I.C. #31-1611 to present the Clerk's quarterly financial reports for the period ending December 31st, 2010.

POWER COUNTY CLERK/TREASURER – JOINT QUARTERLY REPORT (I.C. #31-2306): Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry appeared before the Commissioners pursuant to I.C. #31-2306 to present their joint quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31st, 2010.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – MONTHLY REPORT (I.C. #31-2113): Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry appeared before the Commissioners pursuant to I.C. #31-2113, to present her statement of treasurer's cash for the month ending December 31st, 2010.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – ORDER FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES: Following discussion with Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry and Power County Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Annen, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the Order for Cancellation of Taxes in the amount of \$3,641.72 as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (CONTACT CHANGE): Following discussion with Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the State of Idaho Local Government Investment Pool Contact Change Form as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY TREASURER – STAFFING ISSUES: Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry appeared before the Commissioners to discuss staffing issues within the Power County Treasurer's Office. At the outset, Treasurer Curry reported that Teri Kendall has been appointed to serve as Chief Deputy Treasurer, leaving a vacancy in the full-time Deputy Treasurer position. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Treasurer Curry agreed that the vacant Deputy Treasurer position will be filled on a part-time or seasonal basis rather than full-time.

POWER COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT – ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE (ARBON POST OFFICE): Moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve and execute the Lease Assignment & Assumption for the Arbon Post Office property from Power County to the Power County Highway District. Carried.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (I.C. #63-501): The Board of Power County Commissioners then met as the Power County Board of Equalization pursuant to I.C. #63-711. Power County Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Annen appeared before the Board pursuant to I.C. #63-301 and #63-311 to present the 2010 Final Occupancy and Missed Property Rolls. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the 2010 Subsequent Property Rolls as presented and to sustain the values of Power County Assessor Douglas Glascock. Carried. There being no further business to come before the Board, the Power County Board of Equalization recessed until February 28th, 2011.

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION (I.C. #63-711): Applicant appeared before the Board of Power County Commissioners to present his Hardship Exemption Application on Power County Parcels #RPA0272-00 and #RPA0268-01. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement until February 14th, 2011.

POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: Power County Guardianship Board Chairman Donna Thornton appeared before the Commissioners to report that David Cox has resigned his position on the Power County Guardianship Board, effective immediately. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, to reappoint Jon Beake, Debbie Swanson, Jeff Barnes, Elna Neu, Debbie Crompton, Jim Morse and Donna Thornton each to serve an additional term of two (2) years on the Power County Guardianship Board (January, 2013) and to appoint Denise Ralphs (January, 2012) and Marie Sorensen (January, 2012) to fill the remaining vacant positions. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345) – POWER COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP BOARD: At the request of Power County Guardianship Board Chairman Donna Thornton, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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 wards under supervision of the Power County Guardianship Board. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Meadows – Aye
Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Anderson – Aye

Carried.

POWER COUNTY ASSESSOR – CIRCUIT BREAKER APPLICATION PROCESS: Power County Deputy Assessor Elna Neu appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the State's Property Tax Reduction Program (Circuit Breaker), which reduces property taxes for qualified applicants. Deputy Assessor Neu then reported that the Power County Assessor's office is currently conducting public outreach and will be accepting applications until April 15th, 2011.

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

Current Expense	\$ 43,805.08
Ambulance District	21,165.50
Mosquito Abatement District	16,060.00
District Court	5,527.18
Justice Fund	51,704.19
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	2,684.77
Enhanced 911 Services	10,406.50
Elections	2,273.51
Indigent Services	1,878.98
Revaluation	10,445.35
Solid Waste	10,541.47
Tort	308.20

Weeds
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5,310.61
462.23
7,207.52

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STENLICHT, Clerk