


POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special emergency session on Friday, May 27th, 2011. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present was Power County Deputy Clerk Jennifer Rupp.

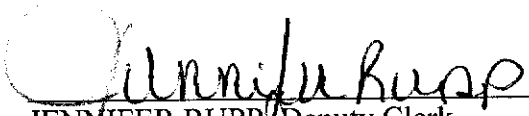
POWER COUNTY SHERIFF/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – SNAKE RIVER ACCESS:

Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Power County Disaster Services Director Di Jones appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Power County's authority to close the Snake River boat and recreational access ramps below the American Falls Reservoir due to excessive river and stream flows which may cause an imminent danger to life and property as to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the local governments. Also present via speaker telephone was Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline. Following discussion with Prosecutor Kline, the Commissioners agreed that Power County currently has no regulatory or statutory authority to close public access to the Snake River below the American Falls Reservoir and that, based upon the advice of legal counsel, any closure currently in effect should be immediately rescinded. Following further discussion, Sheriff Jeffries agreed to post warnings at each boat and recreational access ramp along the Snake River below the American Falls Reservoir that the area is currently at flood stage, is likely to become more dangerous over the next several days and should be entered with a deep understanding of the potential for great risk to self or others. Following a review of I.C. #67-7031, Prosecuting Attorney Kline and the Commissioners agreed that Power County may have the option of adopting a local ordinance to deal with some of these concerns, and this matter was tabled until June 7th, 2011.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



JENNIFER RUPP, Deputy Clerk