

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25th, 2011. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present was Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – TABLE MOUNTAIN REPEATER SITE:
Power County Table Mountain Project Director Ken Estep appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Table Mountain 700 MHz project. Also present were:

General William Shawver – Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Steve Steiner – Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Pat Lucas – Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Robert Feeley – Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Jim Jeffries – Power County Sheriff
Kevin Ostler – Power County Deputy Sheriff
Di Jones – Power County Disaster Services Director
Paul Clark – Clark Wireless
Don Haskins – Power County Highway District
Robert Steinlicht – Power County Building Administrator

At the outset, General Shawver reported that the State of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is anxious to partner with local governments to enhance communications state-wide, especially in rural and remote areas, including the Table Mountain site; however, the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Idaho and Power County to provide connectivity from Kinport Peak via the State's Communication sites located at Chinese Peak and Paps Mountain to the master site located in Meridian, Idaho, which has been under review by Power County, must be finalized and executed prior to proceeding with Table Mountain connectivity. Mr. Steiner then explained that the Bureau of Homeland Security's annual fee under the Memorandum of Understanding is separate and apart from the subscriber fee charged by Ada County for administration of the master site, is based on the State's standard rate for building space, access and connectivity to support the trunked radio system that Power County has connected to the master site and cannot be billed out to individual subscriber agencies. Mr. Steiner further reported that nothing in the Memorandum of Understanding would preclude Power County, as the sole owner of the one circuit connection box, from negotiating contracts with other local entities or individuals who utilize that County infrastructure and suggested that the Board of Commissioners investigate what other Counties have negotiated with respect to sharing costs with local subscribers or perhaps investigate the possibility of a regional communications system to partner with adjacent counties and reduce costs. Following further discussion, General Shawver reported that the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security would be willing to "write-off" Power County's 2010 annual fee if the 2011 annual fee could be brought current and the Kinport Memorandum of Understanding finalized and executed. Paul Clark of Clark Radio then reported that the Table Mountain 700 MHz project should be fully operational by November 15th, 2011, and suggested that the Board of Commissioners finalize a Memorandum of Understanding as soon as

possible in order to accommodate co-location at the Paps Mountain and connectivity of Table Mountain to the master site in Meridian. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until October 31st, 2011.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk