

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in special joint session with the American Falls City Council on January 18th, 2012, at the American Falls City Hall. Present were Commissioners Vicki Meadows, Chairman, Ron Funk and Delane Anderson. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney F. Randall Kline. Present from the City of American Falls were the following:

Amy Manning – Mayor
Marc Beitia – Council President
Kristen Jensen – Council Member
Dan Hammond – Council Member
Norm Wright – Council Member
Stuart Pankratz – Council Member
Kathy Robertson – Council Member

Also present from the City of American Falls were City Clerk Robyn Herndon and city attorneys Tippi Volyn and T. J. Budge of the firm Racine, Olson, Nye, Bailey & Budge, Chartered.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ACT (ENHANCED 911): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners with Deputy Sheriff Kevin Ostler to review collections and appropriations within Power County's Enhanced 911 fund, which was established by the Board of Power County Commissioners pursuant to I.C. #31-4809. Also present were American Falls Police Chief Brandon Wilkinson and Power County Disaster Service/Ambulance District Director Di Jones. Eddie Goldsmith of the Idaho Enhanced 911 System appeared via speaker telephone. At the outset, Council President Beitia reiterated the City's request that an E-911 committee be established, which includes a member from each entity accessing the 700 MHz system, to advise on the distribution of expenses attributed to infrastructure, software, maintenance and daily operation of the E-911 and 700 MHz systems in Power County. Following discussion with Power County Prosecutor Kline, the Commissioners agreed that I.C. #31-4085 clearly precludes the Board of Commissioners from now establishing a Joint Powers Board to operate Power County's emergency communication services; however, the establishment of an advisory "E-911 Committee" to collaborate with Sheriff Jeffries could be beneficial. Mr. Goldsmith then reported that the Idaho Enhanced 911 Commission has appointed a sub-committee to identify the proper use of enhanced 911 telecommunication fees for "basic" and "enhanced" 911 services, and will present its written findings to the Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks during the Idaho Association of Counties Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for February 6th through 10th, 2012, in Boise. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to table further consideration of this matter until February 13th, 2012.

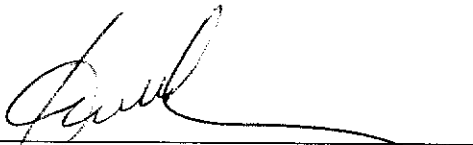
CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (LAW ENFORCEMENT): The Cooperative Agreement between Power County and the City of American Falls Re: Law Enforcement Services then came up for quarterly review by the Board of Commissioners and

City Council. At the outset, Mayor Manning reported that the Cooperative Agreement provides that the City of American Falls should be responsible for 25% of the total costs of salaries and benefits attributable to the Sheriff's Dispatch Center; however, according to the audit conducted by Power County Clerk Steinlicht dated October 4th, 2011, the City of American Falls paid 30% of those costs during fiscal year 2011. Mayor Manning then reported that the City of American Falls is not seeking a credit or refund at this time, but will continue to make quarterly payments as provided by the Cooperative Agreement until the expiration of said Agreement on September 30th, 2013.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES (CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS): City of American Falls Sanitation Supervisor Dustin Whited appeared before the Commissioners and City Council to discuss the solid waste disposal fees being charged to the City of American Falls during the annual "Spring Clean-up" campaign. At the outset, Commissioner Anderson reported that the spring clean-up loads delivered to the Transfer Station and Landfill during 2011 included not only brush and grass, but also household and other waste that essentially "contaminated" each load, which then had to be transported to Milner Butte rather than disposed of in the appropriate "brush" or "demolition" pile. Mr. Anderson reported that unless loads are properly separated, the extra expense to transport "contaminated" loads to Milner Butte creates an undue and burdensome expense for Power County. Following discussion, the City Council and Mr. Whited agreed that future spring clean-up loads should be and will be separated, and the Commissioners agreed that the City of American Falls should not be charged for "uncontaminated" spring clean-up loads. Following further discussion, the Council and Commissioners agreed that the City of American Falls should pay only those outstanding and/or past due charges for tire, battery or other hazardous material disposal and not for brush, dirt or regular household garbage. Following further discussion, the Council assured the Board of Commissioners that the City of American Falls' Wastewater Treatment Project includes a plan to dispose of all contaminated materials; and, further, that any and all specifications for future demolition or construction projects by the City of American Falls will include a provision for solid waste disposal.

POWER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS: Commissioner Meadows then reported that because the Power County Planning Board is a six (6) member Board and the Power County Commissioner Chambers is set up to accommodate a three (3) person Board, it has become inconvenient to conduct Planning & Zoning meetings at the Power County Courthouse. Following discussion, the City Council agreed to offer use of City Council Chambers for Power County's Planning & Zoning meetings, which also allows access to Power County's FTR recording program and network server.

Adjourned.



VICKI MEADOWS, Chairman



CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk