

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 3rd, 2014. Present were Commissioner Ron Funk, Chairman, Delane Anderson and Norman Wright. Also present were Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht and Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA (I.C. #67-2343): Following a review of I.C. #67-2343, and good cause appearing therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to amend the March 3rd, 2014, Commissioner Agenda to include the following items:

Power County Sheriff – Shoshone Bannock Tribes
Fort Hall Indian Reservation Law Enforcement Jurisdiction

Power County Community Education – Adult Spanish GED Class
Three Rivers Resource, Conservation & Development (Grant Funding)

Carried.

POCATELLO REGIONAL TRANSIT (PRT) – SENIOR CITIZENS BUS SCHEDULE: John St. Vincent, Executive Director of the Power County Senior Citizens Center, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Pocatello Regional Transit's (PRT) schedule to service senior citizens' transportation needs. Also present were the following individuals:

Sister Anthony Marie – SEICAA Area of Aging Director
David Hunt – PRT Director of Services
David Doran – PRT District Mobility Manager
Skylar Beebe – PRT Operations Supervisor

At the outset, Mr. Hunt reported that the transit services provided by PRT in Power County are available to all residents on an "advance notice" basis, with senior citizens receiving services on a "donation" basis only. Mr. Hunt then presented statistical information on use of the services within Power County, showing a significant decline over the last year. Mr. Doran then reported that in areas where marketing has been an emphasis, PRT use has increased. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that an immediate and intensive public awareness campaign should be commenced by PRT to ensure that all Power County residents, and particularly senior citizens and veterans, are aware of the bus service.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – JAIL REMODEL: Following discussion with Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the quote submitted by BGM Builders, Inc., to extend the drywall above the ceiling in the Power County Jail, to correct a design flaw in the remodel project that could jeopardize security. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – TABLE MOUNTAIN REPEATER SITE (CO-LOCATION LEASE): Aaron Clark of Clark Wireless appeared before the Commissioners via

speaker telephone to discuss allowing private individuals to access the Table Mountain Repeater Site as a "co-location" facility for a monthly fee. Also present were Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Prosecutor Ryan Petersen. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Prosecutor Petersen to prepare for the Commissioners review a proposed agreement between Power County and Clark Radio to administer co-location leases at Table Mountain Repeater Site; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until April 14th, 2014.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES (FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION/LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners with Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen to review the letter dated February 24th, 2014, from U.S. Department of Justice Attorney Wendy Olson giving notice that Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Candy Dale has signed a general order authorizing the Center Violations Bureau Docket for the Fort Hall Indian Reservation; accordingly, Fort Hall tribal law enforcement officers who have received their special law enforcement commission from the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be able to issue citations for a specific set of federal misdemeanor violations on or affecting the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Following discussion, Prosecutor Petersen suggested that litigation may be the only remaining avenue to resolve these disputed jurisdictional issues. Sheriff Jeffries reported that he will be meeting with U.S. Attorney Olson within the next couple of weeks and will keep the Commissioners apprised.

POWER COUNTY DRUG COURT – SURPLUS PROPERTY (I.C. #31-801): Following discussion with Power County Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis and a review of Idaho Code #31-801, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to declare one surplus computer on site at the Power County Courthouse as surplus county property with a value of less than \$250, to be donated to the Power County Drug Court for use by participants as Judge Laggis deems appropriate. Carried.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNITY EDUCATION – ADULT SPANISH GED CLASS (THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT – GRANT FUNDING): Commissioner Wright reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Paula Jones of Three Rivers Resource Conservation & Development to discuss grant opportunities to fund the Power County Community Education Spanish GED class. Ms. Jones has determined that no grant opportunities would be available to service the Spanish GED program unless and until an existing 501(C)(3) agency is willing to incorporate that program, or until the current directors properly establish and operate their own 501(C)(3) entity. Following discussion, Commissioner Wright agreed to continue to investigate possible funding options and report as necessary.

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for February 10th and 24th, 2014, as presented. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345)(1)(b): Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. #67-2345(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee or staff member. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken at 2:00 p.m.:

Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Anderson – Aye
Commissioner Wright – Aye

Carried. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to adjourn from executive session with the understanding that no decisions, determinations, actions, votes or final dispositions need be recorded as a result of this executive session. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken at 2:30 p.m.:

Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Anderson – Aye
Commissioner Wright – Aye

Carried.

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

Current Expense	\$ 23,583.34
Ambulance District	4,121.89
District Court	340.55
Justice Fund	11,914.02
Elections	564.52
Indigent Services	1,100.00
Revaluation	544.00
Solid Waste	2,580.67
Weeds	163.94
Waterways	34.94
PILT	20,360.61

POWER COUNTY LANDFILL – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE): The Commissioners reviewed the letter to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding financial self-insurance against landfill post-closure prepared by Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht pursuant to I.C. #39-7417. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and execute the written notice of financial self-insurance to the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality as presented. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345): Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, 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 indigent medical applications. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken at 2:45 p.m.:

Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Anderson – Aye

Commissioner Wright – Aye

Carried. Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn from executive session at 3:50 p.m. to take final action and make final decisions. Upon a call for the question, the following roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Funk – Aye
Commissioner Anderson – Aye
Commissioner Wright – Aye

Carried.

INDIGENT CASE #2012-34-I: Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to issue a written “Offer of Settlement” to applicant on Power County Indigent Case #2012-34-I. Carried.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – WEBINAR (MARCH): Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that the Idaho Association of Counties webinar for March is scheduled on Wednesday, the 12th, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. and is entitled “Understanding PERSI Rate Changes and the Impacts on Your County”.

POWER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to reappoint Lynn Scherer (AF Rural Fire District), Don Haskin (Power County Highway District) and Di Jones (Homeland Security POC), each to serve an additional term of three (3) years on the Power County Communications Advisory Committee (January, 2017). Carried.


POWER COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE: Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to reappoint Power County Commissioner Ron Funk to serve an additional term of four (4) years on the Power County Public Lands Committee (January, 2018). Carried.

POWER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that an immediate and intensive public awareness campaign should be commenced to ensure that military veterans in Power County are fully aware of Veteran Administration and other benefits that have been earned; accordingly, Commissioner Anderson agreed to coordinate a media campaign with Deb Harmon of the Idaho Department of Veteran Services and Power County Veteran Service Officer Sheldon Kovarsky. Following further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review funding options during the regular fiscal year 2015 budget process.

Adjourned.



RON FUNK, Chairman


CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk