

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Present were Commissioners Ron Funk, Chairman, Delane Anderson and Norman Wright. 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 Funk, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to amend the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Commissioner Agenda to include the following items:

Power County Building & Grounds – Emergency Services Building (Parking Areas)  
Southeast Idaho Public Health District – Employee Shots (Flu/TB/Hepatitis)

Carried.

IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERAN SERVICES – POWER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Debbie Harmon, State Service Officer of the Idaho Division of Veteran Services appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the role of the Board of County Commissioners in providing services to Power County Veterans versus the role of the Idaho Division of Veteran Services. The Commissioners and Ms. Harmon then discussed the general job description of local Veteran Service Officers within the State of Idaho. Following discussion, the Commissioners and Ms. Harmon agreed to maintain regular contact to ensure outreach to Power County's Veterans.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COMMUNICATIONS (MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT – STATE MASTER SITE): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to further review the ASTRO 25 System Upgrade and Software Maintenance Agreements for Power County's use of the master communications site in Meridian, Idaho. At the outset, Sheriff Jeffries reported that he has scheduled a meeting of the Power County Communications Advisory Committee to review Motorola's "Level Pay Plan"; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – ROCKLAND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – FIRE SUPPRESSION): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Power County Sheriff and Rockland Rural Fire District for fire suppression services outside current fire district boundaries. At the outset, Sheriff Jeffries reported that the Idaho Sheriff's Association will be discussing the duties and responsibilities of County Sheriffs for fire suppression outside fire district boundaries at their December, 2014, meeting; accordingly, the Commissioners agreed that this matter should be removed as an agenda item unless and until Sheriff Jeffries requests further consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

POWER COUNTY SHERIFF – COURTHOUSE SECURITY (CARD LOCKS): Power County Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commissioners to review the quote submitted by IdentiSys, Inc., to install card reader locks at the Power County Courthouse, which would enhance Courthouse security efforts. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to reject

the quote and remove this matter as an agenda item unless and until Sheriff Jeffries requests further consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

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 9:55 a.m.:

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

Carried. The Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m., at which time it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, 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:

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

Carried.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING & GROUNDS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING (PARKING AREAS): The Commissioners reviewed an ariel map of parking areas adjacent to the Power County Emergency Services Building and discussed the need to expand the parking area between the EMS Building and American Falls City Hall to accommodate additional vehicles. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review this matter with American Falls Mayor Marc Beitia and Chief of Police Brandon Wilkinson; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

SOUTHEAST IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT – QUARTERLY REPORT: Judy Hoopes of the Southeast Idaho Public Health District appeared before the Commissioners to present her quarterly report for Power County for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

SOUTHEAST IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT – EMPLOYEE SHOTS (FLU/TB/HEPITITAS): Following discussion with Judy Hoopes of the Southeast Idaho Public Health District, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to renew the Letter of Agreement between Power County and Southeast Idaho Public Health District to provide flu vaccine, Hepatitis B shots and TB tests to County employees, at County expense, beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Carried.

POWER COUNTY ABATEMENT DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioners Funk, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Abatement District Board. Carried.

VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL INTERNATIONAL, INC. – MOSQUITO ABATEMENT: Justin Huse of Vector Disease Control International, Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to present the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Report for the month of July, 2014.

Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to recess as Power County Abatement District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL – ROOF QUOTES: Power County Transfer Station & Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to review the quotes submitted to replace the roof at the Transfer Station. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL – PART-TIME EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Power County Transfer Station & Landfill Supervisor Craig Heward appeared before the Commissioners to review Power County's Employee Master List of Transfer Station & Landfill employees. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Heward and Commissioner Wright should meet with Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht sometime prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, to designate step raises for the part-time Power County solid waste employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (I.C. #67-2345)(1)(b): Moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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 11:25 a.m.:

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

Carried. The Commissioners reconvened at 11:40 a.m., at which time it was moved by Commissioner Funk, 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:

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

Carried.

IDAHO POWER – IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION: Terrell Sorensen of Falls Irrigation District and John Hunt of Hunt Electric appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the negative effects that area businesses and farmers experience on a regular basis due to Idaho Power's failure and refusal to maintain electrical services throughout Power County. Also

present was Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen. Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Hunt reported that Idaho Power's antiquated power delivery system causes frequent and significant disruptions in service and renders irrigation and electrical equipment inoperable during regular use. Following discussion, the Commissioners instructed Prosecuting Attorney Petersen to prepare a written complaint to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and request that this matter be investigated and corrected; accordingly, further discussion of this matter was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – WEBINAR (AUGUST): Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that the Idaho Association of Counties webinar for August is scheduled on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. and is entitled "Planning & Zoning Issues".

POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to approve the Power County Commissioner Minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as presented. Carried.

POWER COUNTY FAIR – CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS (RELEASE/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT): Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and execute the Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement to the City of American Falls for the placement of five 300 gallon garbage cans at the Power County Fairgrounds during the Power County Fair, August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, which the City of American Falls agreed to dump daily. Carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET – GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION LINES: Commissioner Funk reported that he has been contacted by the Board of Cassia County Commissioners to discuss the joint agreement between Power and Cassia Counties regarding the Gateway West Transmission Lines Project. Commissioner Funk further reported that Cassia County as well as the Cassia and Power Citizens Task Force committees are requesting ongoing funding to appropriately address issues of concern as they arise. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget as published includes adequate funding for the joint endeavor.

POWER COUNTY WEB PAGE – RAVE COMMUNICATIONS: The Commissioners reviewed the "Website Update Task List" provided by Rave Communications dated August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as well as the link to the development site for Power County's updated web page. Power County Clerk Christine Steinlicht reported that Rave Communications will be providing weekly updates throughout the development period, which will be forwarded on to County elected officials and department heads. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Power County Elected Officials and Department Heads meeting scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to recess as Power County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as Power County Ambulance District Board. Carried.

ENTRADA, INC. – BILLING SERVICES AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Billing Services Agreement between Power County and Entrada, Inc., for ambulance billing services, which agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Prosecuting Attorney Petersen presented an updated Billing Services Agreement that he prepared for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to submit the proposed agreement to Entrada for their review and consideration; accordingly, further discussion of this matter was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funk, to recess as Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as Power County Board of Commissioners. Carried.

POWER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER – PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT (ADDENDUM): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Contract for public defender services between Power County and Robert Eldredge, which Contract is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Prosecuting Attorney Petersen presented a Contract Addendum that he prepared for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to submit the proposed Addendum to Robert Eldredge for his review and consideration; accordingly, further discussion was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

AMERICAN FALLS YOUTH MINISTRY D/B/A GERALD FEHRINGER YOUTH CENTER – LEASE AGREEMENT (ADDENDUM): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Lease Agreement between Power County and American Falls Youth Ministry, Inc. d/b/a Gerald Fehringer Youth Center to lease a portion of the Power County Courthouse Annex, which Lease is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Prosecuting Attorney Petersen presented a Lease Agreement Addendum that he prepared for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to submit the proposed Addendum to the Youth Center Board for their review and consideration; accordingly, further discussion of this matter was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

AMERICAN FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT – EXTRICATION AGREEMENT (ADDENDUM): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Agreement for extrication services between Power County and American Falls Rural Fire District, which Agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Prosecuting Attorney Petersen presented an Extrication Agreement Addendum that he prepared for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to submit the proposed Addendum to the American Falls Rural Fire District Board for their review and consideration; accordingly, further discussion of this matter was tabled until September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY BUILDING & GROUNDS – FARM LEASE (DAVID ZIMMERMAN): Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Farm Lease between Power County and David Zimmerman, which lease is scheduled to expire on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Prosecutor Petersen reported that he would be

recusing himself from further negotiations under this lease due to conflict of interest and that Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Sargent will be handling this matter further. Also present via speaker telephone was Power County Airport Board member Klaren Koopin, who addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding property lines between the Power County and David Zimmerman properties. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize the Power County Airport Board to obtain a survey of the area to determine exact property lines and to obtain the appropriate legal description for a future farm lease. Following further discussion, the Commissioners instructed Deputy Prosecutor Sargent to give Mr. Zimmerman written notice of Power County's intentions to open the farm ground lease to public bid and to prepare proposed specifications for future lease of the premises; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY AIRPORT – RENTAL AGREEMENT (STAN BEARUP): Power County Airport Board member Klaren Koopin appeared before the Commissioners via speaker telephone to review the Rental Agreement between Power County and Airport Manager Stan Bearup, which Agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also present was Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen. Following discussion, Commissioner Anderson and Prosecuting Attorney Petersen agreed to attend the next regular meeting of the Power County Airport Board to discuss renewal of the Rental Agreement; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERAVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Power County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan S. Petersen appeared before the Commissioners to review the Cooperative Agreement for administrative grant services between Power County and Three Rivers RC&D, which Agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the outset, Power County Clerk Chris Steinlicht reported that Paula Jones of Three Rivers RC&D and Kathleen Lewis of Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SEICOG) are scheduled to meet with the Board of Commissioners on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss a transfer of these administrative grant services from Three Rivers RC&D to SEICOG; accordingly, further consideration of this matter was tabled until September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

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

Current Expense	\$ 18,864.97
Ambulance District	7,906.49
Abatement District	16,060.00
District Court	3,377.69
Justice Fund	20,934.92
Misdemeanor Probation/Drug Court	884.60
Enhanced 911 Services	325.18
Elections	95.76
Indigent	3,867.54
Revaluation	317.97
Solid Waste	25,453.72

Weeds	8,535.81
Waterways	120.62
PILT	10,853.65

POWER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL – PART-TIME EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Power County resident Vivian Charles appeared before the Commissioners to discuss compensation to Power County’s part-time solid waste employees, and particularly at the manned dumpster site in Rockland, and her primary concern that the position is grossly underpaid given the length of service and dedication by the Rockland employee. Following discussion, the Commissioners reported that the hourly compensation for part-time solid waste employees will be allocated for fiscal year 2015 sometime after the public budget hearing scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

POWER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS (ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT –JAIBG): Following discussion with Power County Juvenile Probation Department Supervisor Connie Shepherd, it was moved by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and execute the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Accountability Block Grant application as presented, in the amount of \$2,500 with matching funds of \$228 to operate the Parent Project Program during Fiscal Year 2015. Carried.

POWER COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE: Power County Weed Department Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Commissioners to review the quotes he has obtained to purchase a new spray truck for the Weed Department. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve and accept the quote submitted by Hirning GMC in the amount of \$35,883.47, with the understanding that trade-in of Power County’s 1997 Ford Truck F350 1Ton 4 x 4 (VIN #1FDKF38G1VE06230) will be increased to a minimum of \$10,500. Carried.

POWER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER – IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERAN SERVICES (ANNUAL SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING): Power County Veteran Service Officer Sheldon Kovarsky appeared before the Commissioners to report that he will be unable to attend the Idaho Division of Veteran Services Annual Service Officer Training in Boise later this month; however, he has arranged to have a packet of materials presented at the session delivered to him. Mr. Kovarsky then reported that he has attended and will continue to attend the training sessions offered in Pocatello. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to continue to investigate possible options to ensure Power County’s attendance at all Service Officer Training event scheduled by the Idaho Division of Veteran Services.

Adjourned.

  
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 RON FUNK, Chairman

  
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 CHRISTINE STEINLICHT, Clerk