

## POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

The Board of Power County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2014. Present were Commissioners Ron Funk, Chairman, Delane Anderson and Norman Wright. Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen and Deputy Clerk Jennifer Rupp.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** : Brief discussion of the posted agenda. Commission Chair, Funk made a motion to amend the agenda to include the signatures for The Certificates of Appreciation, for the outgoing elected officials, and Commissioner Wright. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion to amend the agenda to include election reports was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Motion carried.

**AIRPORT MANAGER POSITION/HANGER/HOUSE DAMAGE RENOVATIONS**: Commissioner Anderson reported that the structure of possibly having an Airport Manager and an Airport Maintenance position will not really be in the best interest of Power County. At this time discussion from the Airport Board would be to keep the position as one. The Airport Board has agreed to grant a two (2) year contract with a one year probation period to Jared Turner for the amount of \$600.00 a month to begin January 1, 2015. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the contract as stated by the Airport Board for Jared Turner in the amount of \$600.00 per month for a period of two (2) years, with a one year (1) probationary period. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson has been in contact with John Henesh whom has been doing repairs on the perimeter fence at the airport. Mr. Henesh has been instructed by Commissioner Anderson to purchase 13 fence posts for necessary repairs and was instructed to monitor the fence line and to make necessary repairs as needed and within reason.

The Airport Hanger discussion with the installed heater has a fair market value \$1,500.00 not the \$3,000.00 that Mr. Bearup would like to be reimbursed for. The Board of County Commissioners has decided that the 1000 gallon diesel tank that is on the property shall remain for possible resale at a later date. Reimbursement for the propane that had been refilled by Mr. Bearup was discussed. At this time attorney Ryan Petersen has discussed with Mr. Bearup the mutual release of litigation between parties and he was amenable to the agreement.

**POWER COUNTY AIRPORT SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT:** Don Haskin, Power County Highway District was present to review the present verbal agreement for the removal of the snow at the airport. Presently it takes approximately an hour and a half to plow and the Power County Highway District has billed approximately \$84.40 per hour and Mr. Bearup has phoned Mr. Haskin and arranged the removal. The Board of Commissioners would like a written agreement for future reference. Mr. Haskin will prepare the agreement as to the billing amount of roughly \$84.40 per hour and the removal will be on an as phoned and requested by the airport manager. Further, discussion as to the removal of the snow up Houtz Canyon, Mr. Haskin will also prepare a written agreement for those terms.

**ESCALERA / ISU PARTNERSHIP:** Wayne Miller was present telephonically. Much discussion as to employee salary, stewardship of the program, further funding. Mr. Miller stated that no further funding would probably come from ESCALARA as they have donated ten computers to the program. ISU would like to continue the process that the Board of County Commissioners has put into place. Further discussions of the program will be held.

**SNAKE RIVER DISPOSE – ALL / SIGNED CONTRACT:** Bill Jones of Snake River Disposal was present as well as Craig Heward from the Power County Landfill for the discussion of the proposed contract sent on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the current time large trailer amounts of trimmings and brush are being dumped on the ground at the Rockland Landfill site causing problems for clean-up of the landfill. Discussion of a proposed spring clean-up day to alleviate some of the larger load dumping issues. At the present time patrons will continue to dump on the ground the loads accepted by the site manager, loads over the limit will be taken to the American Falls site. Bill Jones will submit a bid to properly clean up what is currently at the site needing removal. Attorney, Ryan Peterson will draft an amendment to the contract with Snake River Disposal concerning the brush dumping at the landfill sites for large brush loads.

**POWER COUNTY LANDFILL / CITY OF ROCKLAND PROPOSED LETTER:** The discussion of the Snake River Disposal contract with Mr. Jones has prompted the prepared letter to the City of Rockland for the larger load dumping's at the landfill sites to be amended. Mr. Wright will make the necessary changes to the letter and have it sent to Mr. Petersen for the approval. Mr. Petersen will then send the letter on appropriate letter head the City of Rockland.

**POWER COUNTY TREASURER:** Deputy Treasurer, Teri Kendall presented the board with an Order for Cancellation of Taxes. After discussion and review of the assessed party County Line Farms in the first amount of \$181.36 and second amount of \$144.85, the motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the cancellation of taxes in the total amount of \$326.21 for the property description MHZ0152-04 in the amount of \$181.36 and property description

MHZ0160-03 in the amount of \$144.85 by the report dated December 29, 2014. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Commission Chair, Funk abstained.

Motion Carried.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS FRAMED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:** Framed certificates of appreciation for Clerk, Christine Steinlicht, Assessor, Doug Glascock and Commissioner Norman Wright were prepared for signatures. Discussion of an ad to be placed in the Power County Press of the certificates with the signatures of the office employees, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Rupp will follow up with each office for the signatures of employees on the Certificates of Appreciate and deliver it to the Power County Press for publication in the January 7, 2015 paper.

**POWER COUNTY PAYROLL CLERK/ SICK AND VACATION ACCRUALS:** Discussion began on the pending accruals of Assessor, Doug Glascock and Clerk, Christine Steinlicht. Commission Chair, Funk made the motion to enter into executive session with Commissioner Anderson, to second the motion.

Motion Carried.

Motion to exit executive session was made by Commissioner Chair, Funk and seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Motion carried.

After discussion of provided hours for both Assessor, Doug Glascock, and Clerk, Christine Steinlicht, Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the hours as provided by Payroll Clerk, Carolyn Skenandore for the totals to be paid to the individuals as follows;

Assessor, Doug Glascock

Vacation – 84 hours \$2,411.64

Sick – 399 hours/ 14 months COBRA coverage to be covered by Power County

Clerk, Christine Steinlicht

Comp - 21 hours \$904.26

Vacation – 75.83 hours \$2,177.07

Sick – 243.95 hours/ 8 months COBRA coverage to be covered by Power County

Commissioner Chair, Funk seconded the motion for the provided hours to be paid.

**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT / DAVE DORAN:** The Board of Commissioners attempted to phone David Doran of the Mobility Management / Rural Transit Program. Communication was unsuccessful with Mr. Doran; the issue has been placed on the agenda for January 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

**CLAIMS:** Review and discussion of the submitted claims report and demands dated December 29, 2014. After discussion of the report, the claim in the amount of \$235.00 to Stan Bearup and the two claims to Connie Shepherd in the amount of \$428.40 and \$159.60 will need further discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Chair, Funk to approve the claims report as submitted on December 29, 2014, with the exception of \$235.00 to Stan Bearup and claims \$428.40 and claim \$159.60 to Connie Shepherd to be held to the Claims Approval scheduled for January 12, 2015. Motion to approve was seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Motion carried.

**POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE / DI JONES:** Di Jones with the Power County Ambulance District appeared and provided the Board of Commissioners with a November 2014 Accounts Receivable Report. After discussion of the report, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the submitted accounts receivables report for November 2014 from the Power County Ambulance. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**POWER COUNTY ELECTION REPORTS:** It has been brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners that the 2015 Election Consolidation Calendar had not been completed in a timely manner and submitted as needed for publications. After review and follow the document has been properly filed with the Power County Press.

**POWER COUNTY WEBSITE/ RAVE COMMUNICATIONS:** Rave Communications were present to review the newly designed Power County Website. Clerk Elect, Sharee Sprague had reviewed the site and brought to Board of Commissioners attention possible changes that might be helpful to the viewing public. After discussion with individual departments and the Board of Commissioners the changes possible proposed changes by Rave Communications would be a great look to the site and would like to be implemented. Final revisions of the site will be reworked and sent to Board of Commissioners for approval and placed on the agenda at a later date.

**DEQ / THRESHER GRAIN:** Participants in the discussion were as follows; Bob Steinlicht, Power County Building Administrator, Bob Schmitt, citizen, Korey Kress, Grain Growers Association, Melissa Gibbs, DEQ, Ralph Oborn, DEQ, Rudy Dewit, Thresher Grain and Bob Spencer, Department of Agriculture appeared telephonically.

A presented petition by Bob Schmett, regarding “the odor created due to the company’s grain piles and lingering residue. . .”.

Discussion of the grain piles at the site between G&L Metal Fab & American Falls School District #381 bus shed, across from the American Falls High School and the site in town located at Forthall and Madison Ave. The odor that has begun to be emitted from the fermenting piles of spoiled grain has become bothersome to the community. Rudy Dewit representing Thresher Grain reported that removing the spoiled grain will begin immediately and apologized sincerely that the spoiled grain should not have sit this long. Melissa Gibbs and Ralph Oborn conveyed that the grain should be removed and discussed different scenarios that farmers have done in the past to remove the spoiled grain in the proper way for limited contaminates to the soil.

Discussion for the removal of the dirt mix, roughly 50 -60 truckloads was proposed to be removed and taken to Koompin Brothers to the cull potato pit. The spoiled grain was discussed and proposed that if Milner Butte will accept the spoilage. Rudy Dewit will contact Josh at Milner Butte and confirm if the site will accept the 30 – 40 truckloads of spoiled grain, also validate if the Milner Butte will validate using the Power County price structure that Thresher Grain will be responsible for.

Bob Steinlicht will follow up to be sure Power County is regulated correctly and follow up with Mr. Schmitt, citizen to be sure he is comfortable with the progression of the removal of the spoiled grain.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner, Chair Funk made the motion to enter into executive session for purposes of employee personnel issues, Commissioner, Wright seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Discussion of employee personnel issues.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Anderson made the motion to exit into executive session. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**POWER COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Commissioner Anderson informed the Board of Commissioners of the seat available on the Historical Preservation Board. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to appoint Clay Erickson to replace Keith Stocking on the Historical Preservation Board for a term of 2 years. Commissioner, Chair Funk seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Commission, Chair Funk made the motion to re-appoint Bruce Winder to continue to serve on the Power County Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Linda Ammen, Chip Ron Funk  
Clerk, Christine Steinlicht Deputy, Commission Chair, Ron Funk