



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, June 23, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 23, 2016, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:02 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT: Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair
Commissioner Delane Anderson
Commissioner Bill Lasley

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Linda Annen, Indigent Director
Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Craig Heward
Bob Steinlicht
Bob Schreiber
Stuart Pankratz
Curtis Munk
Grayden Staley
Tim Marks
Connie Shepherd

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Power County Transfer Station budget request:** Transfer Station Supervisor, Craig Heward, appeared before the Board and requested the Board consider a side by side to replace the 4-wheeler and replacement of scales at the transfer station next year as they had difficulty getting the current scale certified this year. Mr. Heward also requests the Board consider an addition to the office as it is too small. The Board inquired what traffic was reported at the Transfer Station last week and was informed there were 403 residential; 5 PSI loads; 13 City loads; 2 Snake River loads and 2 miscellaneous business, which would be about average for the summer through the gate traffic. The load would also include the brush pile. The parties discussed necessary fee changes, relocation of the scale for improved performance and improved management and delivery of services

- at the transfer station. Mr. Heward was directed to check on the tipping fees contract and report back on June 24, 2016.
2. **Gerald Fehringer Youth Center:** Bob Schreiber appeared and presented a brochure to distribute to the community showing the progress made of the youth center and asking the community to financially support the youth center. Participants at youth center reported 83 in January, February 96, March 53, April 102 and May 206. They had to replace the fridge and some play station games. They are looking for an old X Box, the pool table needs to be recovered and would like a new TV Table. There was a leak and Gary got it fixed and all is well. Youth center did not do yard sale, and should probably do so, so they can generate additional funds possible during the Salmon Barbeque and American Falls Day. The Board suggested the Youth Center contact Kathleen Lewis at SECOG for any grants available.
 3. **Great Rift Economic Development Reimbursement Projection:** Stuart Pankratz appeared on behalf of Great Rift Economic Development and provided income sources for commissioners' review. Mr. Pankratz advises that Great Rift approved the grant, however, the State is pushing them to become privately funded. Great Rift is responsible for strictly wages. Travel is paid out of county funding assistance. Kristen Jensen's raises will come out of private funding and they are trying to work with Bingham Memorial as Mrs. Jensen works in Bingham as well. City of American Falls pays \$4,850 and the City of Aberdeen also contributes, but Mr. Pankratz was not sure of the exact amount. They are seeking more support from Aberdeen and Bingham County. Commissioners would like more than Aberdeen in Bingham County to support Great Rift. Mr. Pankratz advises that Great Rift has not reviewed the MOU and would not sign today.
 4. **Power County Weed Department:** Weeds Supervisor Curtis Munk appeared before the Board and presented budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Munk advises that he needs to replace 2 ATV's, but would replace 1 this fiscal year and the other next fiscal year allowing the capital and vehicle line items the same as last year.
 5. **American Falls Fire Department:** Deputy Auditor Maureen Schelske advises that the American Falls Fire Department has not requested monies for this fiscal years asked for moneys. Ms. Schelske will get ahold of them and get them their money.
 6. **Power County Snowmobile Board:** Commissioner Anderson reports that Cassia County is in the process of building a new \$50,000.00 warming hut. The Power County Snowmobile Board advised that they were financially unable to support that endeavor, and, therefore, Cassia County has determined to re-allocate the \$3,000.00 funding that they would normally send to Power County to their new project. Commissioner Anderson advises that the Board has determined that they budget line should be reduced to \$5,000.00 to cover contracts for ongoing maintenance and repairs at Houtz Canyon. They still have money in their trust and they are not going to participate in Sublette range.
 7. **Gem Plan:** Grayden Staley and Tim Marks appeared and presented insurance updates on behalf of GemPlan. Mr. Marks presented a financial statement with Independent Auditor's report and advised that insurance premiums are increasing by 27% on average. The anticipated increase for Power County would be between 5-7 percent. They may give up a little of surplus to keep rates stable right now. The Board inquired about changes to the current plan and employee pay in. Mr. Marks advises that changes would release grandfather status and recommends against losing the status at this point.

8. **Power County Clerk:** Chief Deputy Linda Annen presented budgetary requests to the Board for the upcoming fiscal year. Chief Deputy Annen reports that the salaries had been moved to the fund that they provide the majority of support toward. If the Board determines to satisfy the digitizing of the historical records from the general contingency line, the contingency line in the clerk's budget could be eliminated. Additionally, the Clerk has requested a \$20,000 line to allow for a part-time in the event that any of her employees retire within the fiscal year. The county interpreter has passed the next step toward certification, and had requested an increase to his base earning. The Supreme Court just replaced all the court computers, therefore, the capital line was reduced by \$1,000.00.
9. **Power County Elections:** Elections director Rhea Petersen appeared before the Board and presented budgetary reports for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Petersen advises that implementation of the ballot on demand system would reduce the cost of a ballot from \$.39 to \$.11 per ballot. The county would continue to order ballots for the precincts and utilize the ballot on demand system for all early vote and absentee requests where we currently order extra ballots that largely go unused. Ms. Petersen reports that there could still be an election in August and there are 5 possible elections next year.
10. **Power County Indigent:** Indigent Director Linda Annen presented budgetary requests to the Board for the upcoming fiscal year. Director Annen advises that with the Public Defense being allocated to the Indigent levy, significant cuts were suggested in the Indigent medical budget to help sustain the influx.
11. **ISU Community Education topic:** The Board discussed viable options for relocating the community education center. The Board advised that the LDS Seminary building was being added to the tax rolls, therefore, they may be interested in selling or doing a long term lease and there was property across from Reflections Salon.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda Approval:** A motion to approve the agenda was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.
2. **Economic Development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** Legal Counsel Anson Call reviewed the MOU executed last year and advised that Great Rift is not a party to the MOU. Following legal review of the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Idaho Department of Commerce and Power County a motion to execute the same was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Power County Transfer Station:** Transfer Station Supervisor, Craig Heward, appeared before the Board with Jeff Anderson of Anderson Construction with a proposal for construction of a new pit. Building Inspector Bob Steinlicht reports that he does not believe this project would require a public works license. The Board retained the bid, directed Mr. Steinlicht to verify public works requirements, and directed Mr. Heward to review statutory bid requirements, obtain additional bids if required and report back to the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 12:00 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 12:20 pm:** A motion to exit into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 1:05 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 3:30 pm:** A motion to exit into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:


1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for June 27, 2016.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held August 8, 2016.



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk