



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Monday, September 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 19, 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:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk Linda Annen, Indigent Director Carolyn Anderson, Deputy Clerk Ryan Petersen, Legal Counsel Anson Call, Legal Counsel	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Sheriff Jim Jeffries Treasurer Deanna Curry Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague Abe Luca Alan Phillips Brigham Griffin Connie Shepherd Daniel Moore Di Jones	Doug Balfour, Esq. Hap Boyer John Ellison Kathleen Lewis Pete Williams Preston Crompton Richard Creason Ron Anderson Stan Gortsema

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **West End Boat Ramp:** Hap Boyer of Bureau of Reclamation reports the request for west end boat ramp was awarded. Mr. Boyer reports that they are still working on getting a construction meeting with work to begin in the fall of 2016. The construction will cause periodic closures beginning labor day through mid-May of 2017. Completion date is set for May 2018. Contract total estimated at \$1,740,000 includes a new restroom. Mr.

Boyer reports that the Bureaus is required to do press release advising of closure at least 30 days prior to any closure. Mr. Boyer advises that a letter supporting the closures may be necessary. By consensus, the Board directed Doug Balfour to draft a letter of support and directed Clerk Sprague to assist with the insertion of the Commissioners letterhead.

2. **Jail Intercom:** Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague appeared before the Board and explained that the intercom system is gradually depreciating and needs to be repaired. Chief Deputy Sprague reports that the system been repaired several times and cannot sustain anymore repairs without upgrading. Sheriff Jeffries reports that the intercom upgrade is estimated to cost around \$12,000.00. Sheriff Jeffries will report on the inmate commissary balance and update bids to the intercom and cameras and report back to the Board.
3. **Driver's License:** Sheriff Jeffries reports the need for a handicapped entrance to Driver's License. Sheriff Jeffries reports that the Sheriff's Association suggests each county request the mandate be transferred to the transportation department, which would need to be presented to the legislature and would like the support of the Commission. Sheriff Jeffries advises the Sheriff's Association will be in further discussion.
4. **Marine Patrol Storage Building:** Sheriff Jeffries reports his office is seeking a grant to build a marine storage building. Sheriff Jeffries will be writing the grant again to emphasize the benefit to the patrons and the benefit of improving law enforcement response time.
5. **Jail Repairs:** Sheriff Jeffries reports that they had two (2) showers leaking through mortar and walls in the jail. Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague is rebuilding showers with new tile.
6. **Fire Department Claim for a Damaged Hand Held Radio:** Sheriff Jeffries reports that Search and Rescue dropped a radio in water and damaged the radio. Chief Williams requested the matter be turned into the insurance, however, the claim was larger than the deductible, therefore, the matter was addressed within the budget.
7. **Health & Welfare for Civil Service of Papers Contract:** Sheriff Jeffries reports that the county needs to renew the contract for service of civil papers with the Department of Health and Welfare, however, he neglected to bring it with him. Sheriff Jeffries reports there are no significant changes to the contract and he would request the Board to sign the same. By consensus, agreed to sign the contract when submitted.

**B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Amend Agenda and Approve:** A motion to amend the agenda to to move County Bond Ballot Discussion/Clarifications to 3:30 pm on the grounds that one of the parties is unavailable at the time slotted, the discussion is time sensitive and cannot be extended to the next regular meeting of the Board and then approve the agenda was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.
2. **Telmate Agreement:** Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague appeared before the Board and explained that Telmate is a service that allows inmates family to

deposit money for them in any other venue that utilizes their service. Additionally, all calls are recorded. Sheriff Jeffries presented Telmate agreement for consideration. Sheriff is supportive of current agreement, however, recognizes that terms may change down the road. Following discussion, a motion to execute the agreement with Telmate was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.

3. **Power County Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:** Director Di Jones appeared before the Board and presented the accounts receivable reports from Entrada. Additionally, Director Jones reports that the Auditor has scheduled to meet with herself and her Clerk on October 19, 2016. All IAD batteries have been replaced and are functioning correctly. Following discussion, a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Ambulance District - Patient Billing:** Following executive discussion, a motion to cancel EMS Billings in the amount of \$1,077.64 on the grounds that there is no ability to regain or recover the loss was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, Motion unanimously carried.
5. **Treasurer Updates:** Treasurer Deanna Curry presented the Board of Commissioners with a LGIP monthly statement, Treasurer's Cash, Joint Quarterly Report ending July 31, 2016. Reports were discussed and reviewed by the Board and following discussion, a motion to accept the reports was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.
6. **Direct Communications Connectivity Discussion:** Brigham Griffin appeared before the Board and requested consideration for rental of rack space in the EMS Building at a rate of \$100.00 per month. They are accessing the same conduit company as used by the Department of Education and leasing fiber as well. The rack unit is less than 2" and they would need 5 of those as well as additional spaces for connectivity lines. The Board inquired of Mr. Griffin. EMS Director Di Jones reports that currently Direct Communications charges \$112.00 per month for phone and internet for the Rockland Station. If Direct Communications will provide internet and phone at equal or better service as currently receiving, the Board would support the rental. Di will work with Anson Call to draft a Memorandum of Agreement and the Board will consider execution of the same on October 11, 2106.

A motion to accept Direct Communication proposal for rental of ¼ rack space for 10 units in lieu of i/p services at equal or better services at the Rockland station. Access switches with scheduled access or communication with the Power County Sheriff's Dispatch after hours and direct Di Jones and Anson Call to draft a contract for issue was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

7. **Indigent Claims:** A motion to deny claim 2016-0111 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board,

motion unanimously carried.

8. **Indigent Uncollectable Accounts for Fiscal Year:** A motion to write-off the uncollectable indigent accounts as presented by Indigent Director Linda Annen was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
9. **Certificate of Residency Application for Junior College Tuition I.C. §33-2110:** A motion to approve the Applications for Certificate of Residency filed pursuant to I.C. §33-2110 for Junior College Tuition assistance for the 2016-2017 Fall and Spring semesters was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried and the following applications were approved;
  - Rayanna McLean
  - Evan Reed
  - Ridge M Farr
  - Tianna M Wiese
  - Zakery L Smith
  - Sadie Brooke Parish
  - Charlotte M Wilson
  - Tyla M Garner
  - Eryn M Parrish
  - Mason S Smith
10. **Salary Approvals:** A motion to grant salary approvals as presented by Carolyn Anderson was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
11. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** A motion to correct the patient billing amounts for September 8, 2016 as presented by Director Jones and then approve minutes for meetings held on September 6 and September 8, 2016, as corrected was presented Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
12. **CAI – Software & Support Agreement:** A motion to execute the software and support agreement from Computer Arts Inc. was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. . Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
13. **Levy Certifications:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reported the levy certifications for all Power County Taxing Districts to the Board of Commissioners. Concluding discussion a motion to accept the L1 Levy Certification Report as submitted was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
14. **Power County Resolution No. 2016-06:** Commissioner Funk opened the resolution hearing at 12:12 pm with the following parties in attendance;
  - Commissioner Ron Funk

- Commissioner Delane Anderson
- Commissioner Bill Lasley
- Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen
- Chief Deputy Anson Call

Legal Counsel Anson Call read Resolution 2016-06, a resolution to adjust budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to transfer monies from the current expense contingency fund to deficient dedicated funds. Following reading of the resolution, a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-06 was presented by commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

15. **Power County Resolution No. 2016-07:** Commissioner Funk opened the resolution hearing at 12:18 pm with the following parties in attendance;

- Commissioner Ron Funk
- Commissioner Delane Anderson
- Commissioner Bill Lasley
- Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen
- Chief Deputy Anson Call

Legal Counsel Anson Call read Resolution 2016-06, a resolution to adjust budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to transfer monies from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes fund to deficient dedicated funds in the Justice Fund. Following reading of the resolution, a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-07 was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

16. **Power County Resolution No. 2016-08:** Commissioner Funk opened the resolution hearing at 12:21 pm with the following parties in attendance;

- Commissioner Ron Funk
- Commissioner Delane Anderson
- Commissioner Bill Lasley
- Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen
- Chief Deputy Anson Call

Legal Counsel Anson Call read Resolution 2016-08, a resolution to adjust budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to transfer monies from the Ambulance District contingency fund to deficient dedicated funds within the Ambulance District Budget. Following reading of the resolution, a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-08 was presented by commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

17. **Power County Resolution No. 2016-09:** Commissioner Funk opened the resolution hearing at 12:24 pm with the following parties in attendance;

- Commissioner Ron Funk
- Commissioner Delane Anderson
- Commissioner Bill Lasley
- Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Petersen
- Chief Deputy Anson Call

Legal Counsel Anson Call read Resolution 2016-09, a resolution to adjust budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to transfer monies from the Waterways Fund expenditure grant account to deficient dedicated salary funds within the Waterways Fund. Following reading of the resolution, a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-09 was presented by commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

**C. POINTS OF ORDER:**

1. **Public Defense Joint Power Agreement:** The Board reviewed and considered the Joint Power Agreement executed by the Oneida County Commissioners. Having previously approved the execution of the agreement and having been executed by the Oneida County Commission, by consensus the Board agreed to execute the agreement.
2. **Jail Expansion:** Sheriff Jeffries inquired if there has been any progress toward the jail expansion. Commissioner Funk explained the ongoing construction concerns at the Annex as well as possible bond assessment for the county. The Board discussed option of housing inmates for Cassia County. The matter shall be tabled and re-scheduled at a later date.
3. **Claims:** Chief Deputy Linda Annen presented claims on behalf of Maureen Schelske. Ms. Annen reports additional claims are needed related to mental holds. Following discussion, the Board directed Ms. Annen to proceed with the mental holds payment processing and the claims will be re-submitted to the board at the next commission meeting.
4. **Annex Building Repair Myers-Anderson:** Commissioner Funk updated the parties as to the pending fiscal obligations for the county that may impact other areas of the county budget. Kathleen Lewis explained that applicable grants at this time would be unsuccessful. There are very few grant areas for the type of repairs needed. Richard Creason reports that the county could hold off for another year if needed. The Board concurred that discussion should be tabled pending resolution of the pending bond on the November election ballot. Legal counsel, Ryan Petersen explained the indemnification concerns within the contract. By consensus, the Board agreed to table at this time.
5. **County Bond Ballot Discussion/Clarifications:** The Board attempted to contact legal counsel for Magnolia as scheduled, however were unsuccessful. No discussion or action was taken.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Enter Executive Session Patient Billing pursuant to I.C. §74-206 10:51 am:** A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent patient billing was made by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.