



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, June 1, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, on June 1, 2015, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:00 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
Adam M Strong, Legal Counsel Intern

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Transfer Station:** - Craig Heward and Jeff Rankin appeared before the Commissioners and presented proposed budget requests for Fiscal Year 2016.
A BUDGET: Written submission reflects a standard 3% salary increase, however, Craig requested that salaries be set up to reflect skill level and job descriptions.
B BUDGET: Craig and Jeff advise that the landfill sites need considerable work completed. Rockland and Big Sky both need concrete and/or pavement installed to address puddling and accessibility as well as fencing repairs completed.
2. **Extension Office:** Jennifer Thaxton and Scott Nash appeared on behalf of the County Agent/Extension Office Budget. Mr. Nash updated the Board on the status of acquisition of the new Extension Agent. Ms. Thaxton advises that she didn't anticipate many changes to the budget, however, requested salary increases to compete with cost of living increases.
3. **Power County Historical Society:** Ken Estep appeared on behalf of the Historical Society Board to present Budget requests. There is a request leave general expenses at \$1,900.00 and add the following line items to the budget:
 1. \$4,000.00 Salary for part-time administrative services.
 2. \$20,000.00 toward building the history book.
4. **Donated Vehicle:** Ken Estep reported that Atomic City had previously donated a 1946 Rio Fire Truck to Power County for use of trade-up value on purchase of a fire truck by the Arbon Valley

Fire District if ever established, however, citizens do not seem interested in establishing a fire district and therefore, truck should be auctioned off. Commissioner Funk inquires if the County could designate the funds toward Arbon Valley in some fashion. Adam Strong, legal intern, advises that the vehicle could be declared surplus and auctioned off, proceeds would be received in the general fund and the Commissioners could then allocate where funds would be distributed. Commissioner Lasley inquires if the proceeds could be designated toward the cost of the history book. Adam Strong will verify options and advise.

5. **Waterways:** Ron Anderson appeared before the Board on behalf of the Waterways Board to present Budget requests. Mr. Anderson reports that \$2,500.00 was received by Bannock County on behalf of the Idaho Fish and Game Department to be used toward restrooms. No major changes to the budget are anticipated.
6. **Great Rift:** Kristen Jensen appeared on behalf of Great Rift Development and presented budget requests to the Board. Ms. Jensen reported on breakdown of funding and changes between the City of American Falls, City of Aberdeen and area employers. Ms. Jensen updated the Board on promotion of business development within the community.
7. **GEM PLAN:** Grayden Staley and Tim Marxx appeared on behalf of GEM Plan and explained the process and how to appeal the process. Blue Cross administers the policy, however the GEM Plan Board has the final determination. Any appeals should be reported to Liddy or Grayden for processing at GEM Plan for processing. Vaughn Rasmussen, Bear Lake County Commissioner, is the fifth (5th) district representative. Currently twenty-one (21) of the forty-four (44) counties participate in the GEM Plan, however Bannock and Canyon Counties are not participants of the shared pool. The Board tries to protect the founding member counties. Mr. Marxx reports that the insurance rates for Power County over the past few years has been;
 - 3% rate increase 2011.
 - 4% rate increase 2012.
 - 4% rate increase 2013.
 - 2% rate increase 2014.

The Board has determined the current year rate increase would be capped at 2%. The GEM Plan is currently undergoing their Federal five (5) year audit. Commissioner Lasley inquired where the County stood within the luxury tax requirements of the Affordable Care Act and Mr. Marxx advises that the county is well over the Federal requirements. Benefits are currently grandfathered, however, as the Affordable Care Act progresses, the benefits may change.

8. **Fair Board:** Bill Schroeder and Adam Teichert appeared on behalf of the Fair Board and presented budget requests to the Board. Commissioner Adam Strong, legal intern, advised the parties on the status of recommended the contractual changes. Mr. Schroeder asks that budgetary amounts remain the same with the exception to add 3% to the to the construction and building fund to build a new barn for the lambs. The CASE tractor is having some mechanical errors. The Board received an IFFT Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, which is being applied toward tree replacement. There is considerable fencing that needs to be repaired. Commissioner Anderson will contact Ron Stilwell for consideration of completing the repairs.
9. **Power County Hospital District:** Dallas Clinger appeared telephonically for an update on the district and the process of replacement of the physical therapy building. Mr. Clinger advises that the structure of insurance and Medicaid reimbursement has changed which combined equates to a fiscal loss to the District. No changes in collaboration between the County and the District are anticipated or requested.

B. **MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda Approval:** A motion to approve the agenda was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.
2. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept minutes as printed for meetings held on May 26, 2015 was presented Commissioner Anderson with a second by

Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Change of Employee Salary:** A motion to approved the requested salary increase of \$500.00 for Kurtis Workman upon successful completion of STC Basic Mapping Course and recognize his high achievement score of 98% on the test was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

C. **POINTS OF ORDER:**

1. **Personnel Manuel and County Policy:** The Board directed legal counsel to meet with the Elected Officials to review the current personnel manual and begin development of policy and amendments to the manual.

IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. No Executive Session Held.

V. **ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:**

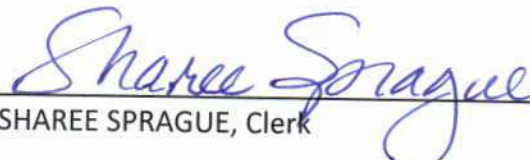
1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for June 2, 2015.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held June 8, 2015.



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk

**The following is a record of parties that participated in
the Business of the Power County Commissioners on
Monday, June 1, 2015**

ARRIVED	APPEARED	LEFT
8:30 am	Sharee Sprague	12:25 pm
8:30 am	Bill Lasley	12:25 pm
8:45 am	Ron Funk	12:25 pm
8:55 am	Delane Anderson	12:25 pm
8:55 am	Jeff Rankin	9:54 am
8:55 am	Craig Heward	9:54 am
9:19 am	Adam Strong (legal intern)	10:00 am
9:53 am	Ken Estep	11:03 am
10:00 am	Jennifer Thaxton	10:18 am
10:00 am	Scott Nash	10:18 am
10:43 am	Ron Anderson	11:19 am
10:54 am	Adam Strong (legal intern)	11:03 am
11:30 am	Kristen Jensen	12:08 pm
1:01 pm	Sharee Sprague	4:07 pm
1:00 pm	Bill Lasley	4:07 pm
1:00 pm	Ron Funk	4:07 pm
1:00 pm	Delane Anderson	4:07 pm
1:00 pm	Grayden Staley	1:54 pm
1:00 pm	Tim Marxx	1:54 pm
1:50 pm	Bill Schroeder	2:49 pm
1:50 pm	Adam Teichert	2:49 pm
1:57 pm	Adam Strong (legal intern)	3:00 pm
3:12 pm	Dallas Clinger (telephonically)	3:18 pm
3:51 pm	Adam Strong (legal intern)	4:00 pm
3:51 pm	Ryan Petersen	4:00 pm