



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, June 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday June 29, 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
Carolyn Skenandore, Deputy Clerk
Linda Annen, Indigent Director
Jennifer Rupp, Indigent Clerk
Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor
Ryan Petersen, Prosecutor
Anson Call II, Chief Deputy Prosecutor
Adam Strong, Legal Intern

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Treasurer Deanna Curry
Di Jones, EMS Director
Donna Thornton, Deputy Assessor
Dr. Wayne Miller (phone)
Greg Gunter, Rave Communications
Sheriff Jim Jeffries
Justin Huse, Vector Disease Control
Kathy Walker VISTA Volunteer
Assessor Mary Annen
Mike Jones, Rave Communications
Robert Eldredge, Public Defender
Rudy Pena, Escalera
Scott Nash, University of Idaho (phone)
Tim Bennett, Vector Disease Control
Wilma Robertson Idaho State Tax Commission

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Extension Office Space request:** Scott Nash, University Of Idaho Extension Officer for Bingham County appeared telephonically and advises that the Governor has approved the University to hire 3 specialists one of which will be housed in Southeastern Idaho. The position duties would be split 50% statewide and 50% districtwide 4H training including workshops and training. Mr. Nash requests the County to consider allowing the use of office space and utilities with the exception of a phone. Stating the advantage of the county would be that the Specialist would be onsite and provide the county access to all the other state's programs and additional extension support. The Commissioners inquired of the fulfillment of the counties Extension Agent.

By consensus, the Board agrees to reconsider the request once the new manager is hired.

2. **Website Development/Maintenance:** Greg Gunter and Mike Jones of Rave Communications appeared before the Board to discuss status and concerns to the website development and maintenance fees. The Board expressed concerns about the speed of the website and functionality of some of the links. Rave communications advised of steps taken to increase productivity and suggested limiting the number of parties in control of updates and changes to the website. The first lone bill for website maintenance came in at \$48.00, but would estimate ongoing budgetary allotment to be around \$200.00 or less.

The Commissioners inquired of the number of webpages assigned to the Agenda, which Rave Communications advises is not an issue to the speed of the website. Further, Mr. Gunter explained the file size of a pdf is usually larger than a doc file.

The Commissioners inquired about the number of "plug-ins" setting out on the website. Rave Communications advises that the plug-ins were originally designed based on the website building workshops and requests provided. Several of the non-essential plug-ins have been disabled to increase speed of the site.

Rave communications suggests that the county have a "web master" to be in charge of updates to the website that would collaborate with the programmer for ongoing changes, updates and maintenance of the website. Mr. Gunter infers that Jennifer Rupp has been acting as the webmaster, she and programmer both understand WordPress and use the same jargon. Clerk Sprague advises that Jennifer Rupp does not have any knowledge in WordPress and she and/or whomever the Commissioners assign as web masters need to be trained in WordPress to provide a better product. Commissioner Anderson inquired if a flat rate of \$80 a month would suffice to allow for a basis for the ongoing maintenance to see if the county could determine a firm commitment needed for ongoing maintenance of the website.

3. **Probation Quarterly Report:** Wade Dishion appeared and presented May 2015. Mr. Dishion advises that parties are discharged either successfully or unsuccessfully. Successful requires payment of all fines. Unsuccessful is done with Court directives. Commissioner Lasley inquired of a better report that would provide a better clarity of the probation activity on a quarterly basis. Mr. Dishion agrees to continue sending the monthly reports and present better detailed reports on a quarterly basis.

4. **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)**: Assessor Mary Annen appeared in person and Wilma Robertson appeared by telephone regarding the details involved in development of the separate GIS Program. Ms. Robertson advises that if she were to continue working on the county maps, she could have them all online by the end of the year. If the county needs the mapping system online prior, they could look at contracting with an intern, however, she would recommend strategic oversight and collaboration on the interns access and job description. Ms. Robertson advises that the county currently owns 2 licenses for accessing the mapping information. Ms. Robertson advised on the protocol for departments sharing information and advises that currently the county's licenses are sufficient, however, there may be a need to upgrade when other departments are sharing information.
5. **Vector Disease Control**: Tim Bennett and Justin Huse appeared before the Board and presented proposed budget requests for Fiscal Year 2016 advising that the contract amount would remain the same and is set up to automatically renew unless the County deems to cancel the contract with thirty (30) days written notice.
6. **Public Defender Services**: Robert Eldredge, Power County Public Defender, appeared before the Board of Commissioners and presented a draft contract for consideration for implementation in the new budget year. Said contract is reported to satisfy the elements of the law suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) against the State of Idaho to the best of Mr. Eldredge's knowledge of said suit to date,
7. **Ambulance Licensure**: Power County Ambulance Director, Di Jones, appeared before the Commission and advises that they county has been approved for community health service and will be working toward having required training approved and then begin promoting the available service through providers. Ms. Jones explains that the program would serve as follow up care prescribed by providers that would allow the ambulance service to satisfy follow needs in place of requiring patients to return to emergent care for the routine procedures prescribed.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda**: A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, June 29, 2015, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
2. **Rural Subdivision Exemptions**: Deputy Assessor Donna Thornton appeared before the Commissioners and updated the Commissioners on Rural Subdivision agricultural tax values. Ms. Thornton explains that the exemptions occur as a result of agricultural land having been subdivided for development, however, the development has not been completed and, therefore, pursuant to IC 63-602K, the tax value does not change until such time as the land is developed and no longer used for agricultural use. Mr. Thornton presented the following rural subdivision exemptions qualifying for relief pursuant to IC 63-602K;
 - Snake River on the Falls
 - South Bay
 - Sunrise Acres Subdivision (Olive Glen Subdivision)
 - Blind Springs
 - L&C Trust Unplotted

- Waters Edge
- L&C Trust

A motion to approve Rural Subdivision exemptions as presented by Deputy Assessor Thornton was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

3. **Treasurer Report:** A motion to accept the Statement of Treasurer’s Cash, and the Office of the State Treasurer Monthly Statement dated June 16, 2015 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept minutes as presented for meetings held on June 22, 2015, was presented Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
5. **Indigent Claims:** A motion to deny indigent claims 2015-72, 2015-70, 2015-77 and 2015-73 and to put into suspension 2015-65 was presented by was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
6. **Claims:** A motion to approve the claims as presented was presented by Commissioner Anderson, with a second by Commissioner Funk. (Commissioner Lasley was absent) Following an audible call of the board, the motion carried.

GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE)	\$15,329.66
POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DIST.	\$ 3,939.52
DISTRICT COURT	\$ 4,362.13
JUSTICE FUND	\$ 4,249.26
ENHANCED 911 SERVICES	\$ 1,148.00
ELECTIONS	\$ 5,005.00
INDIGENT	\$ 1,831.23
REVALUATION	\$ 1,547.20
SOLID WASTE (LANDFILL)	\$ 404.34
WEEDS	\$10,007.36
WATERWAYS	\$ 680.53
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$ 2,760.81
	\$51,265.04

7. **Certificate of Residency:** A motion to deny the application of Destiny Line for Certificate of Residency pursuant to I.C. §33-2110 for Junior College Tuition assistance through College of Southern Idaho, on the grounds that the applicant has registered her residency with the Twin Falls County Elections Office was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
8. **Power County Ambulance:** A motion to accept the accounts receivable report as presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Lasley was absent)
9. **Three Rivers Grant:** A motion to accept a grant from Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be utilized for the purpose of planting trees at the Power County Fairgrounds was presented by

Commissioner Lasley, with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Escalera:** Rudy Pena of Escalera, Dr. Wayne Miller of Idaho State University, and Kathy Walker AmeriCorps Volunteer Service to American (VISTA) representative appeared before the Board to discuss the Community Education Program. Dr. Miller and Mr. Pena will meet on July 15, 2015 and develop options for ongoing collaboration and then report back to the Commissioners. Ms. Walker reports that there is a VISTA volunteer dedicated to American Falls.
2. **Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co.:** Jeff Fuss appeared by telephone and explained that there had been an incorrect reference to repeater site needed for the project. By consensus, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the matter should be returned to the Radio Committee for further discussion before the matter moves forward.
3. **Fairground Contracts:** Legal Intern, Adam Strong and Chief Deputy Prosecutor Anson Call updated the Commission regarding contract necessity at the Power County Fairgrounds. Following discussion additional research and recommendations would need to be conducted and then reported to the Board.
4. **Rockland Transfer Station Property Acquisition:** By consensus, the Board tabled this agenda item to allow for additional information to be gathered and legal counsel provided.
5. **Cafeteria Plan:** Following discussion, the Board determined that additional information is required prior to action, therefore, the matter is tabled until July 13, 2015, and the administrators of the Cafeteria Plan shall be invited to advise the Board on details and county liability.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Indigent pursuant to I.C. §67-2345 2:03 pm:** A Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §67-2345, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent medical applications was made by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
2. **Indigent pursuant to I.C. §67-2345 2:49 pm:** A Motion to exit executive session pursuant to I.C. §67-2345, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent medical applications was made by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for June 30, 2015.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held July 13, 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 29, 2015

ARRIVED	APPEARED	LEFT
8:50 am	Sharee Sprague	6:00 pm
8:50 am	Bill Lasley	1:56 pm
8:50 am	Ron Funk	6:00 pm
8:50 am	Delane Anderson	6:00 pm
9:03 am	Anson Call	6:00 pm
computer failure – times lost	Ryan Petersen	**computer failure – times lost**
	Scott Nash (phone)	
	Greg Gunter	
	Mike Jones	
	Donna Thornton	
	Rudy Pena	
	Kathy Walker	
	Dr. Wayne Miller (phone)	
	Deanna Curry	
	Justin Huse	
	Tim Bennett	
Mary Annen		
Wilma Robertson		
2:01 pm	Jenni Rupp	2:49 pm
2:10 pm	Linda Annen	2:49 pm
2:50 pm	Maureen Schelske	2:57 pm
2:57 pm	Robert Eldredge	3:19 pm
3:05 pm	Di Jones	3:50 pm
3:55 pm	Maureen Schelske	4:38 pm
4:15 pm	Jim Jeffries	4:30 pm
4:41 pm	Adam Strong	5:25 pm
5:15 pm	Bill Lasley	6:00 pm
5:36 pm	Anson Call	5:45 pm