



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, April 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 24, 2017, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:08 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	
	Laura Carlon, Indigent Clerk	
	Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor	
	Ryan Petersen, Legal Counsel	
	Anson Call, Legal Counsel	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Sheriff Jim Jeffries	Dennis Smith
	Captain Kevin Ostler	Di Jones
	Treasurer Deanna Curry	Doran Lambson
	Ardean Anderson	Edith Morris
	Arwyn Thornton	Jack Morris
	Brandi Young	Kathy Lilya
	Chester Taylor	Mandy Hernandez
	Craig Heward	Nathan Palmer
	Curt Neville	Oneida County Commission (telephone)
	Dennis Cherry	Ryan Stoker

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Outside Audit Report:** Doran Lambson and Brandi Young of Deaton and Company appeared before the Board and presented the outside audit for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Lambson reports that the audit is clean and previous comments submitted have been

addressed. The parties discussed concerns with timeliness of the audit and communication between parties. Mr. Lambson advises that Deaton and Company will be bringing on another auditor to assist with the audit last year. The new auditor has more experience with governmental situations, which should greatly assist in the areas of concern. Mr. Lambson recommends the parties meet and develop a procedure and timeline for the upcoming audit and assures the Commission that they will avail themselves to joint meetings between them, the county and Computer Arts. Ms. Young confirms that she will be available for discussion with Computer Arts and will contact Chaz with the Investment Pool to discuss market value reporting on county investments.

2. **Disaster Damage Update:** Director Di Jones appeared before the Commission advising that she attended the meeting coordinated by Mayor Mark Beitia to discuss disaster damages and advised that disaster section applied in the Disaster Declaration issued by the county was tied to FEMA funds, which were granted upon appeal. Ms. Jones reports that she is coordinating the necessary procedure and process for application and will report back to the Commission as things develop.
3. **Falls View Cemetery:** Members of the Falls View Cemetery Board thanked the Commission for their help in the past and explained the fiscal impact was much higher than anticipated. Mr. Taylor advises that the Cemetery was able to re-negotiate water rental from Idaho Power at \$3,200.00 annually with a five (5) year lease with an option to renew. Moving forward they are requesting ability to get water from the county anticipating a need of one (1) CFS to irrigate their twenty-seven (27) acres. Commissioner Funk advises that the use of water from the county would require the Cemetery to get authorization from the Idaho Water Resource Board, which may receive opposition from other users in the aquifer. Commissioner Lasley explained the location of water rights owned by the County and the difficulty of moving water between locations Falls View Cemetery Board Members recognized the assistance from the County and Chet Taylor's use of personal equipment and time given toward the Cemetery water project.
4. **Joint Public Defense Services Discussion:** Power and Oneida Boards of Commissioners met jointly and discussed progress on the Joint Public Defense Services Office. The Commissions agreed to conduct a joint evaluation of the Attorney and continue to collaborate on continued improvements to the office.
5. **Seagull Bay Yacht Club - Memorandum Discussion:** The Seagull Bay Yacht Club Board Members appeared before the Commission and requested clarification on the terms of the Memorandum between the Club and the County. Following discussion, the Yacht Club executed the agreement.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, April 24, 2017, was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Commissioner Funk absent. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Power County Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:** Director Di Jones appeared before the Commission and presented the accounts receivable reports from Entrada for the date ending February 28, 2017. Ms. Jones advises that there has been

difficulty in getting payments through Medicare and Medicaid. The Commission inquired of costs associated with Life Flight and Portneuf Air as a constituent had contacted them advising that their helicopter service cost over \$40,000.00. Ms. Jones advises the rate sounds fairly accurate depending on who provides the service, therefore, it is a good investment to purchase insurance. Ms. Jones advises that the personnel situation for the Ambulance is becoming increasingly difficult. Therefore, there may need to be some substantial changes in the next budget cycle. Following discussion, a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Power County Ambulance Administration Patient Billing:** Following executive session, a motion to authorize Di Jones to negotiate a billing reduction up to 50% on account #3707 in exchange for cash payment ability was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Cancellation of Taxes:** Power County Treasurer Deanna Curry presented a cancellation of taxes on parcel number MHZ0324-01 for fees and penalties. A motion to cancel taxes the total amount of \$40.20 as reported by Treasurer Curry was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
5. **Clerk/Treasurer Reports:** A motion to accept the Statement of Treasurer's Cash, Office of the State Treasurer Monthly Statement and Treasurer/Auditor Joint Quarterly Report was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried unanimously.
6. **Power County Ambulance Personnel:** Director Di Jones advises that it is nearly impossible to cover required ambulance shifts as many of her volunteers and part-time employees have taken other employment or are unable to leave their employment to cover shifts. Ms. Jones expressed concerns with coverage, and discussed options moving forward to re-staff the District to better serve the patrons. Following discussion, a motion to authorize Ms. Jones to begin the application process to employ three (3) full-time employees was presented 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 2017-0044 was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
8. **Indigent Claims Appeal:** Commissioner Ron Funk announced the time and place for Indigent Appeal hearing on Power County Indigent Claims 2017-0001 and 2017-0002. Executive session for examination began at 3:01 pm and ended at 4:45 pm. Following consideration of evidence provided, a motion to extend the matter for forty-five (45) days to allow the patient to become compliant and provide additional required information and reset the matter for final decision on June 8, 2017, at the hour of 9:00 am was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
9. **Claims:** A motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$133,025.15 was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk.