



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, March 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m.**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 12, 2018, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:04 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 Laura Carlon, Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Treasurer Deanna Curry Assessor Mary Annen Chelsy Fehringer, Deputy Clerk Adam Permann Aleana Cardona Alijanna Broncho Anita Faulkner Brandi Young Chet Taylor (telephone) Chuck Larsen Di Jones Doran Lambson Doug Balfour (telephone) Eduardo Ramirez Elizabeth Torrez Jim Norton (telephone) Ken Estep Kimberly Medel Maggi Mann Matt Rose and Scouts McKinnon Bradley Ramiro Mendez Ryan Newman Trevor Povey

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **AF High School FFA Presentation:** 2018 American Falls High School Future Farmers of American Ag issues team presented on the sage-grouse species. Parties in attendance inquired of the team and upon conclusion, the team received comments and suggestions

to improve their presentation from the Board of County Commissioners, Elected Clerk and Bureau of Land Management.

2. **S.E. Idaho Public Health Quarterly Update:** Maggie Mann and Ken Estep appeared on behalf of the SE Idaho Public Health Board and presented an update for the Commission.
3. **Water Rights:** Commissioner Funk reports that Idaho Department of Water Resources notified that well number 3 at FMC is being pumped and there is no meter on the well. Commissioner Funk reports that FMC is working on getting it worked out and the rights updated with the state, FMC is using the water but it appears that the wrong water rights were recorded with the state.
4. **Deaton & Company Annual Audit Report:** Doran Lambson and Brandi Young appeared on behalf of Deaton and Company. Mr. Lambson advised that the transfer of investments toward the purchase of the water rights required a single audit of federal monies be completed separately. The separate audit was completed, however, as the County does not employ a person with qualifications to write the SEFA, they completed that task as well on behalf of the county. Mr. Lambson clarified that the Search and Rescue fundraising monies have been cleared from inclusion in the audit. Mr. Lambson apologized for not meeting with the Auditor and Treasurer to clarify the market value reporting on investment funds as promised last year and agreed to contact the parties in July to arrange the same. Upon conclusion, Mr. Lambson recognized and thanked the Clerk for providing updates throughout the year and advises that no issues were found during the audit and reports the audit is clean.

#### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, March 12, 2018 was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. addition of creating a board.
2. **Indigent Claims:** A motion to deny Case No. 2018-3 and Case No. 2018-4 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Update:** Ryan Newman of the BOR Upper Snake Field Office appeared and provided an update on reclamation projects and operations within the area. Mr. Newman explained water management requirements and snow pack estimates. Mr. Newman advises that barring a dry hot spring, the water levels for the upcoming season should be adequate. Mr. Newman advises that they have hired a new field manager. Mr. Newman reports that the water levels have prevented completion of the boat ramp at the West Boat dock. Mr. Newman advises that there is an area in the reclamation district that was not assessed, therefore, they will be doing the assessment in house, develop a good access to the water and eliminate partial roads that do not lead anywhere. Upon conclusion a motion to execute the Renewal Agreement of Development, Administration, Operation and Maintenance of the Seagull Bay Recreation Area for a period of five (5) additional years was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
4. **Exemption Application Parcel No. RCP0077-00:** Jim Norton appeared telephonically and presented his application for relief of taxes stating hardship on the grounds that he