



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, June 25, 2018, 9:08 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 25, 2018, 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 Robertta Matulis, Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Treasurer Deanna Curry Di Jones Judge Paul Laggis Kristen Jensen Jarod Rick Craig Heward Ping Yan Vernon Nelson-via Telephone Stephanie Heaton Patty Porath Jerad Marschand Leslie Schei Assessor Mary Annen Cheryl Sheldrick Halling

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **FY19 Indigent Defense Grant Update:** Clerk Sharee Sprague appeared in front of the Commission and advised that Power County's FY2019 Indigent Defense Grant application has been approved in the amount of \$50,000.00. Clerk Sprague also advised that this approval replicates the signatures required by the Idaho State Public Defense Commission (PDC) when applying for the grant, however this year, they are having the Commission sign again as agreeing to the award of the grant. The Indigent Defense Grant Agreement Form was presented and signed by the Board of County Commissioners.

2. **Landfill Update:** Landfill Department Head Craig Heward appeared before the Commission to discuss services. Mr. Heward updated the Board on personnel, training status and plans. He advised the Board that all Landfill Employees received CAT Training as Level II Operators and that he has supplied the Clerk's office with employee training certificates to be filed in employee files. Commissioner Funk and Lasley asked Mr. Heward about future trainings and tests and stated that they would look into providing him with an operator's type of test/training. Mr. Heward advised that he has contacted Southern Idaho Waste about trainings and the only thing that he has received is a 52 week program and he feels that it is very hard to be able to get all of his employees in to do that training. The hiring process as far as training goes was discussed. Fee Schedule was discussed, Commissioner Funk stated that the Board along with Mr. Heward could get with Prosecutor Anson Call and come up with a more solid fee schedule taking everything into consideration to include, budgeting, surrounding county fee structures and taxes collected. Fees/Expenses need to be justified and also to consider fixed income individuals such as Senior Citizens. Concerns with employee domineer regarding public relations was discussed along with having the water located out at the Landfill tested. Upon conclusion, the Commission conceded that Commissioner Anderson will meet with Mr. Heward and Anson Call to discuss fee structures and then provide an update to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Heward was given several directives and will report back to the Commission on July 9, 2018, for an update.
3. **Public Defense Commission Update:** Jared Rick of the Public Defense Commission (PDC) appeared before the Board and provided an update and a copy of the 2018 PDC Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings Workbook. Mr. Rick discussed the workload standard, which is the standard that we have to create/use regarding contracts and annual reporting, also stating that they do intend to create model contracts for counties to use when it pertains to attorneys and applying with standards. Mr. Rick also advised that the annual report is being worked on currently and asked for possible suggestions that the Commissioners would like to be seen in that annual report. Commissioner Anderson brought up his concern with Conflict Public Defenders and funding for that position. Mr. Rick advised the Board that in the past there has been a study that showed counties were deficient in public defense, which is why the PDC was established. Commissioner Funk stated that the issue in the past with contracts was approaching it from a bid type of standpoint and how creating a situation where subpar representation could possibly be created and without having a cap for the County makes it difficult when referencing operating costs of having a conflict public defender due to workload standards, expressing his concerns that it will raise the cost of the conflict public defender contract. Commissioner Anderson enquired about where our County is on getting a regional PDC office and was advised by Mr. Rick that, that is currently in discussion in Region two (2) and that they are trying to set up a pilot program that they could take to their local legislature for funding. PDC may be able to provide assistance in hiring a conflict public defender when that issue arises and that the PDC wants to make sure that those hired to be a conflict public defender are doing what they are supposed to be doing and upholding their contract and that