



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers

543 Bannock Ave.

American Falls, ID 83211

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Monday, August 13, 2018, 9:03 a.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 13, 2018, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:03 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

### II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT: Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair, Appeared via Telephone  
Commissioner Bill Lasley  
Commissioner Delane Anderson

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Sharee Sprague, Clerk  
Robertta Matulis, Deputy Clerk  
Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor  
Laura Carlon, Deputy Indigent Director  
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Andrea Higgins  
Connie Woodworth  
Kami Chandler  
Craig Heward  
Senator Jim Guthrie  
Lee Dille  
Blake Youde  
Emily Mclur  
Cpt. Kevin Ostler  
Sheriff Jim Jeffries  
Neil Schneider  
Bill Curry

### III. AGENDA

#### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Public Surplus Webinar**: Tabled until next Commissioner's Meeting on August 27, 2018.
2. **Public Law 280 Update**: Senator Jim Guthrie, Blake Youde and Emily Mclur appeared before the Commission to provide an update on Public Law 280. Senator Guthrie thanked the Commissioners for reaching out and prompting a discussion. Doug Balfour inquired of any concerns regarding the draft of the Bill and Senator Guthrie advised that the State has not financially stepped up as they said they would in certain areas where the Tribe is concerned. Attorney Blake Youde advised that the Shoshone Bannock Tribes desire and focus is to provide ample opportunity to their tribal members and the Bill is necessary to streamline that success signifying Mental healthcare as a main focus of those services. Mr. Balfour stated his concern with retrocession and would feel more

comfortable if the Senator had the ability to back out if necessary and if it was mentioned in the Bill. Senator Guthrie stated that for them to even become retroceded it will still require a Government entity to be involved in the decision making process. The on-going issue is if the State doesn't meet their need, will the Federal Government? And if the Federal Government doesn't meet their needs, will the State? Mr. Youde advised that all the governing bodies must all agree.

Commissioner Anderson stated that from an economic stand point, the only way Power County can continue to grow would be towards the East and that would be Tribal Land and that he wants to have a cordial relationship with the Tribes. Senator Guthrie stated that he knows Power County and the Tribes have not had the best relationships in the past and he feels this is an opportunity for that to grow in a positive way. Legal Counsel Anson Call stated that there has been an ongoing lack of trust and in order to build trust, there has to be some way to prove that what is discussed will be followed through by positive action. The proposed question of how we can make this situation better, where there can be economic growth good for both parties is a continued issue. Mr. Call feels that there may need to be smaller steps taken in order for the County to feel more comfortable and establishing better relationships with law enforcement on more things would be a good first step. Sheriff Jeffries advised that in the past there has been zero help when there have been legal issues, for example trespassing tickets or speeding tickets. Sheriff Jeffries went on to state that he would appreciate more clarity and communication between the two parties. Commissioner Anderson and Sheriff Jeffries stated that they are both currently opposed to retrocession. Senator Guthrie thanked the Commission for the meeting and reassured the Commission that he wants what is best for both sides.

3. **Concrete Proposal:** Neil Schneider of Adamson's Concrete Sawing & Drilling appeared before the Commission and offered services for crushing and recycling concrete at the Landfill. Mr. Schneider provided a quote of \$4.00 per ton with the Landfill having an estimated 10,000 tons of concrete for crushing. The estimated completion time of the project would be one (1) to two (2) months due to travel and workload. Mr. Schneider stated that they could crush approximately 50-100 tons an hour on the provided machine. Mr. Schneider also advised that if the Commission wanted to reprocess the asphalt out at the Landfill, he could do so during the winter season. Mr. Schneider advised that his company is currently two months out from starting a job. Upon further discussion, this topic has been tabled until a later date.
4. **Building Administrator Performance Evaluation/Report:** Building Administrator Andrea Higgins appeared before the Commission for her annual Performance Evaluation and Report. The Commission highlighted the improvements recognized by her service and the parties outlined areas of focus for the upcoming year.
5. **Juvenile Probation Performance Evaluation/Report:** Connie Woodworth of Juvenile Probation appeared before the Commission for her Annual Performance Evaluation and Report. Ms. Woodworth advised the Commission that Safety/Security is an ongoing concern within her department. Industry standards were addressed by Commissioner Anderson regarding electronic monitoring of Juveniles. Ms. Woodworth advised that she does not agree with Electronic Monitoring for Juveniles. Ms. Woodworth presented