



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, June 26, 2017, 9:15 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 26, 2017, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:14 a.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

## **II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair  
Commissioner Delane Anderson  
Commissioner Bill Lasley

**ABSENT:** Sharee Sprague, Clerk

**STAFF:** Carolyn Anderson, Deputy Clerk  
Linda Annen, Indigent Director  
Anson Call, Legal Counsel (telephonically)

**OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:**

Jim Jeffries	Di Jones
Brittini Jones	Connie Woodworth
Robert Steinlicht	Deanna Curry
Mayor Marc Betia	Chief Brandon Wilkinson
Kevin Ostler	Annie Koerner (telephonically)
Mary Annen	John Riker

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **Joint Discussion with Oneida Sheriff:** Oneida County Sheriff Jones was unavailable. Discussion was held regarding future of Oneida County inmate housing at Power County. Power County Sheriff Jeffries advises that several upgrades to the current facility would be needed to avoid any major liability issues. There are current plans to expand the jail building. Sheriff Jeffries believes that a future housing contract would be a good thing, but it is currently not feasible.

### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, June 26, 2017, was presented by

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

2. **Reciprocal Fire Fighting Assistance Agreement:** A draft of the proposed agreement was briefly reviewed. Sheriff Jim Jeffries has some concerns about the fiscal obligations contained in the agreement such as possible liability for reimbursement of consumable items (fuel, foam, lubricants, etc.). Commissioner Funk will advise Legal Counsel to review agreement. Commissioner Lasley presented a motion to table discussion until a later date when all parties have been able to review agreement, with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Power County Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:** Di Jones reports that she is still seeking new employees. The May 2017 account ledger was presented for review. Ms. Jones advises she would be open to using a different billing company, or to bringing the ambulance billing "in-house". Ms. Jones will look into possible options and have them available for review during budget hearings. A motion to approve Ambulance report for May 2017 as submitted by Entrada was presented by Commissioner Anderson, with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Jones advises that she has found some new equipment that would be a great asset to the Ambulance District and would reduce the liability of worker and patient injury on calls. Stryker manufactures a Power Cot with loading system and a power stair chair, Ms. Jones would like to obtain two of each (one for each ambulance). Annie Koerner, Stryker Sales, was contacted and purchase options were discussed. A quote was sent to the Board for review. Commissioner Lasley made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Power Pro-Xt with Power Load option, and two (2) Stair Pro Model 6252 at the total OTD cost of \$80,000, with an additional installation cost up to \$2,200 to be paid from the contingency account in the Ambulance Fund, 04-00-526-00 during Fiscal Year 2017. A second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

4. **Personnel Planning & Zoning:** Commissioner Funk reports that the original Building Administrator candidate has declined the offer. The Board agreed to open applications until Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and to conduct a second round of interviews on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. A request has been made by the outgoing Building Administrator, Bob Steinlicht, to receive a benefit to use towards his supplemental insurance rather than the traditional COBRA benefit offered to employees upon separation, as he is already covered by Medicare. Seeing no conflicts within the Power County Personnel Policy, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to authorize a monthly payment for supplemental insurance up to \$200 for 15 months for Robert Steinlicht, pending approval by legal counsel. A second to the motion was made by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.
5. **Treasurer Updates & Cancellations:** Treasurer Deanna Curry presented the Board of Commissioners with LGIP monthly statements for the Regular State Investment Pool and for the Water Rights Lease funds, as well as a Statement of Treasurer's Cash ending May 31, 2017. Reports were discussed and reviewed by the Board and following discussion, a motion to accept the reports was presented by Commissioner Anderson, with a second

by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

The Treasurer then presented a cancellation of taxes for two (2) parcel numbers. A motion to cancel taxes in the total amount of \$233.41 as reported by Treasurer Curry and Assessor Mary Annen was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried and taxes were cancelled on the following parcels;

Parcel No.	Reason for Cancellation	Cancelled Amount
MHZ0421-00	Circuit breaker was not initially applied to property correctly.	\$190.57
MHZ0094-05	No attendance at Sheriff Sale, advised that it will be removed by the Tribe at a future date.	\$42.84.
TOTAL TAXES CANCELLED		\$233.41

6. **Recess:** A motion to recess for lunch at 12:10 pm was made by Commissioner Anderson, with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Motion carried.
7. **Call to Order:** The meeting was again called to order at the hour of 1:18 pm, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.
8. **Indigent Claims:** Based on further discovery, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to rescind the motion made on June 20, 2017, to approve claim 2015-25, with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.
9. **Claims:** A motion to approve Anderson Auto Body Claim in the amount of \$65.00 was presented by Commissioner Funk, with a second by Commissioner Lasley, Commissioner Anderson abstained. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. A motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$132,174.49 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried. Upon approval of the Board, the summary of claims paid are as follows;

FUND	Paid
0001 GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE)	\$ 6,469.86
0002 SICK BANK COMPENSATION	\$ -
0003 FAIR BOARD	\$ 775.51
0004 POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DIST.	\$ 2,695.18
0005 POWER COUNTY ABATEMENT DIST.	\$ -
0006 DISTRICT COURT	\$ 36,249.35
0008 JUSTICE FUND	\$ 10,326.42
0009 DRUG COURT	\$ -
0010 ENHANCED 911 SERVICES	\$ 63.69
0015 ELECTIONS	\$ 741.83
0016 INDIGENT	\$ 35,502.66
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	\$ -
0020 REVALUATION	\$ 71.22

0023 SOLID WASTE (LANDFILL)	\$ 11,327.31
0024 TORT	\$ -
0027 WEEDS	\$ 595.96
0038 WATERWAYS	\$ 390.98
0039 MUSEUM/HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 381.52
0050 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$ 26,198.00
0050 BOND-WATER RIGHTS	\$ 450.00
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$ 132,239.49</b>

10. **Certificate of Residency Application for Junior College Tuition I.C. §33-2110:** A motion pursuant to IC §33-2110 to approve the Application for Certificate of Residency for Junior College Tuition assistance as filed was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried and the following certificate of residency was approved;

Applicant Name	Credit Type	Accredited College	Term Covered
Kaylee Smith	Dual Enrollment	College of Western Idaho	Spring 2017

11. **Convene as Board of Equalization:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Power County Board of Equalization at the hour of 3:02 p.m. was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
12. **Continued Exemption Application, Community Council of Idaho:** Discussion was held regarding the resources available to fund the increased property taxes. John Riker reports that there are no funds in the budget which may be applied to such an unanticipated expenditure. Further discussion was held. Based on current legislation, discussion, and review a motion was presented by Commissioner Anderson to cancel the 2016 Sub Roll taxes on RPA1357-03 for all taxes, fees, and penalties amounting to \$19, 693.26, with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion carried on a 2/3 vote with Commissioners Funk and Anderson voting in favor and Commissioner Lasley voting against.
13. **Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners:** A motion to close the Board of Equalization Hearing and adjourn as the Power County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Power County Board of County Commissioners was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
14. **Refund of Landfill Fees on Taxes:** A request was submitted by Power County resident Jeff Stewart for a refund of \$360.00 for landfill fees assessed to his property RPD1939-00 since 2011. Mr. Stewart advises that there is no residential home on the property and that landfill services are not applicable. Assessor Mary Annen confirms that, though there are structures on the property, there is not a residence. Per prior County litigation and adopted policy, a motion was made by Commissioner Ron Funk to award a refund for one (1) year of landfill fees in the amount of \$60.00 to Jeff Stewart for RPD1939-00, with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried. Treasurer Deanna Curry advises that the Clerk will need to process

the refund payment from the Landfill fund.

15. **Waterways Forklift**: A motion to approve a bid for \$8,000.00 for the acquisition of a Forklift from BGM Builders by Power County Waterways, to be paid from PILT, was made by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
16. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**: A motion to accept minutes as printed for meetings held on June 12, 2017, was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Commissioner Lasley abstained. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

#### **C. POINTS OF ORDER:**

1. **Sick Bank Policy**: Policy changes were presented by the Sick Bank President Di Jones. A request to permit employees to make contributions at time of separation was also presented. Discussion was held regarding liability to county. It was agreed that a clause should be made stating an employee may contribute only if they reduce their COBRA/Insurance benefit by donating to the Sick Bank, and in doing so shall not increase the financial liability to the county. Di will meet with legal counsel to draft a restructured policy and bring back at the July 10th meeting for final review and approval.
2. **City Dispatch**: City of American Falls Mayor Mark Betia and City Chief of Police Brandon Wilkinson appeared to propose a new dispatch agreement with the Power County Sheriff's Department. With consideration of the work performed by the currently staffed city dispatch officer, Mayor Betia suggests increasing the current contract by \$1,750 each year for the next three years (2018,2019,2020), and then implementing a 2% increase for the following three years (2021,2022,2023), to reach a gross contract of \$61,815.00 by Fiscal Year 2023. Mayor Betia notes that this proposal has not yet been presented to the City Council, but County support would be greatly appreciated. Commissioner Funk advised the Board would like some time to consider the proposal and would have an answer to the Mayor before the next City Council meeting.
3. **Cemetery District Waterways**: Mayor Betia reports that the City is currently looking into irrigation options that would be able to provide services to Vard Meadows Park, the Cemetery, and other public places in that area. The Board of County Commissioners commended their efforts and notes that they will continue to watch for available water from the Water Bank for future rental.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Executive Indigent Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206 4:43 pm**: A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206, 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 Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
2. **Executive Indigent Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206 4:49 pm**: A motion to exit executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code, specifically indigent medical applications was made by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

**V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:**

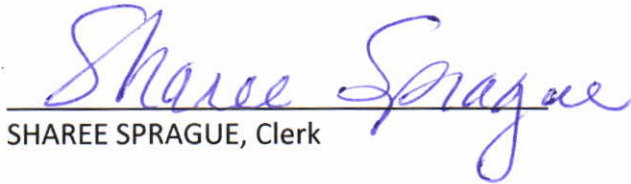
1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for July 10, 2017.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held July 10, 2017.



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk