



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, July 17, 2017, 1:00 pm.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Monday, July 17, 2017, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 1:03 pm, 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:** Linda Annen, Indigent Director  
Laura Carlon, Deputy Clerk  
Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor

**OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:** Anson Call, Power County Chief Deputy Prosecutor  
Bryan Wheat, Special Assistant United States Attorney  
Commissioner Mark Bair, Bingham County  
Detective Josh Campbell, City of American Falls  
Henry Atencio, Department of Corrections (telephone)  
Max Sprague, Power County Chief Deputy Sheriff  
Mayor Brian Blad, City of Pocatello  
Mayor Kevin England, City of Chubbuck  
Mayor Merlin Smedley, City of Burley  
Mayor Paul Loomis, City of Blackfoot  
Mayor Rebecca Casper, City of Idaho Falls  
Prosecutor Cleve Colson, Bingham County  
Prosecutor Lance Stevenson, Minidoka County  
Prosecutor Steve Herzon, Bannock County  
Rafael Gonzales, United States Attorney (telephone)  
Sheriff Jim Jeffries, Power County

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, July 17, 2017, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Indigent Claims:** A motion to approve and sign the Agreement and Consensual Lien for claim 2017-75 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA):** Commission Chair Funk released the meeting to the SAUSA members.

Bingham County Prosecutor Cleve Colson opened the meeting.

A motion to reappoint the standing executive committee was presented by Blackfoot Mayor Paul Loomis with a second by Idaho Falls Mayor Rebecca Casper. Following audible call of the members, motion unanimously carried.

Bingham County Prosecutor Cleve Colson provided a financial accounting.

A motion to accept Jefferson County and the City of Rigby as new members was presented by Bannock County Prosecutor Steve Herzon with a second by Idaho Falls Mayor Rebecca Casper. Following audible call of the members, motion unanimously carried.

Blackfoot Mayor Paul Loomis provided legislative report to the members.

Rafael Gonzalez provided US Attorney report to the members.

Bryan Wheat provided a SAUSA case report summary.

Henry Atencio provided Idaho Department of corrections report to the members.

The members considered County and City Partners' comments.

Idaho Falls Mayor Rebecca Casper nominated Idaho Falls Chief of Police Bryce Johnson to replace Ammon Mayor Dana Kirkham on the Executive Committee effective October 1, 2017, as Mayor Kirkham will not be seeking re-election. A second to the nomination was presented by Minidoka Prosecutor Lance Stevenson. With no other nominations received, nomination stands and a unanimous vote was cast.

The members discussed COLA increase feasibility. Upon conclusion, a motion to 3% Cost of Living to the salary for Bryan Wheat, effective October 1, 2017, was presented by Idaho Falls Mayor Rebecca Casper with a second by Minidoka Prosecutor Lance Stevenson. Following audible call of the members, motion unanimously carried.

The next SAUSA Meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2018 at 1:30 pm at Chubbuck City Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

4. **Agenda Amended:** A motion to amend the agenda for Monday, July 17, 2017, to include Weed Control Spraying Agreement with the Tribe was presented by Commissioner



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

5. **Weed Control Spraying Agreement with the Tribe:** A motion to authorize Curtis Munk to sign a Letter of Cooperation with the Tribe was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

**B. POINTS OF ORDER:**

1. **American Falls Cemetery Water Rights:** The Commissioners contacted Chester Taylor and discussed email received regarding water rights at the cemetery. Upon conclusion, the matter was referred to legal counsel and tabled.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Executive Indigent Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206 1:00 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 presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
2. **Executive Indigent Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206 1:22 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 presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. 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 24, 2017.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held September 11, 2017.

  
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COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk