



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 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 Commissioner Delane Anderson Commissioner Bill Lasley
ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk Laura Carlon, Deputy Clerk Ryan Petersen, Prosecutor
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Mary Annen Chief Deputy Assessor Kim Olson Sheriff Jim Jeffries Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague Deputy Kevin Ostler Adam Tichert Bill Schroeder Connie Woodworth Craig Heward Grayden Staley Jared Turner Lee Dille Ray Henery Richard Hartley Ron Stilwell Terrell Sorensen Tim Marks

## III. AGENDA

### A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday, June 28, 2017, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

### B. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Board of Equalization Appeals:** Clerk Sharee Sprague advises that the Assessor's Office is developing a spreadsheet listing all parcels on which an appeal has been filed. The

Board discussed the hearing process and developed an outline to be shared with the applicants at the hearings scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2017.

2. **Historical Society:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reports that she was advised that Ken Estep had requested his meeting be rescheduled to Thursday or Friday. Upon determination of time availability on Friday, the Clerk's Office will reach out and reschedule.
3. **Landfill:** Department Head Craig Heward appeared before the Commission and presented budgetary request for the forthcoming fiscal year. Mr. Heward advises that Billy Reaves is scheduled to retire. Commissioner Lasley reported that the land was surveyed in Rockland and City will be following up with the Commission after property ownership has been determined. Mr. Heward advises that Snake River raising load rates to \$19.46/load for Rockland/Big Sky and \$21.00/load for Arbon Valley. Tire disposal fees are increasing from \$132.50 to \$200/ton. The Commission discussed uniforms, boots and other equipment distribution, rotation and limitations. The parties discussed increasing the equipment line to allow for purchase of a loader to offset continued rental fees. Mr. Heward advises that construction would need to be increased to allow for bigger trailers in the pit, as well as remodel and expand the office. The commission directed Mr. Heward to follow-up on the equipment policy and implement the same with his employees as soon as possible, obtain bids for building need and larger trailer costs.
4. **Airport:** Manager Jared Turner appeared before the Commission and presented budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission directed Mr. Turner to meet with EMS Director Di Jones to discuss upcoming projects and grant opportunities. Mr. Turner advises that the county could implement a typical ramp access fee of \$.05-\$.10 for the fueling station if needed.
5. **Service Officer:** Veterans Service Officer Ray Henery appeared before the Commission and presented budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission directed Mr. Henery advises that the Pocatello VA Clinic moving to the old hospital. The top floor will be rented out and they will be adding dental and vision services upon relocation. Clerk Sharee advises that a place holder was put in for possible retirement, which will not be needed as the position does not qualify for retirement and suggested those funds remain static and then re-apportioned as salary for Mr. Henery in the upcoming budget if the remainder of the budgetary funds can sustain that change.
6. **GemPlan:** Tim Marks and Grayden Stayley appeared on behalf of the Gem Plan and presented medical insurance information for the county. Mr. Marks advises that the GemPlan Board decided to utilize some of their reserved to offset the impact of insurance increases to the counties and voted that rate increases for the counties be limited to no more than 5%. Presently Power County is at 138% loss ratio, therefore, it is anticipated that the increase for Power County would be the 5% margin. Given the recent insurance trends, it is anticipated that next year the county may expect much more significant increases.
7. **Fairboard:** Adam Tichert, Bill Schroeder and Terrell Sorensen appeared before the Commission and presented budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year.
8. **Extension Office:** Terrell Sorensen appeared before the Commission and presented extension office budgetary requests for upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Sorensen requested

an increase in travel and support personnel and advised that he would not decline an upgraded vehicle.

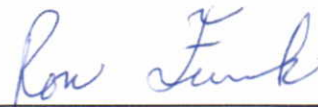
9. **Search and Rescue**: Ron Stilwell appeared before the Commission and requested his budget remain the same as last year.
10. **Power County Sheriff**: Lee Dille appeared before the Board at the request of Sheriff Jim Jeffries to present updated construction costs for the jail remodel. Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Board and presented budgetary requests for the upcoming year. The Sheriff is requesting an increase to salaries and increases in his expense budget as provided in the written report which includes an allocation for rotation of new vehicles. The Sheriff advises that the jail medical contract was not funded with enough to cover the costs of the contract and therefore will need to be updated to correct the shortage. The Board requested that the Sheriff reserve as much of the current budget for application against the upcoming budget as possible.
11. **Waterways**: Commissioner Anderson advises that the Waterways budget will remain static with the exception that a contract line in the amount of \$5,000.00 needs to be added to allow for cleaning at the West Boat Ramp and advised that the line would need to be funded from PILT this first year.

#### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (no executive session was held)

#### V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting**: The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for June 29, 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 4:50 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held July 24, 2017.



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COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



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SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk