



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Monday, May 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 29, 2018, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:04 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 Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor Linda Annen, Indigent Director Laura Carlon, Deputy Indigent Director Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Mary Annen Chief Deputy Assessor Kim Olson Sheriff Jim Jeffries Treasurer Deanna Curry Lee Dille Di Jones Adam Michaelson Korey Morenes
	Amy Bull Amy Christensen Bill Schroeder Terrell Sorensen Stan Gortsema Ron Anderson Launa Snow

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **ISU Adult Education/TRIO Update:** Korey Morenes, Amy Bull, and Amy Christensen appeared before the Commission to provide an update on the Adult Education Program. Mr. Morenes thanked the Commission and Clerk for their participation and support recognizing that the great partnership and continued efforts of all have allowed their pilot program to become a model for others to follow. Mr. Morenes advised that the United States Department of Labor has recognized the American Falls program

success and visited the site to decipher what the elements for success have been. Following the visit, the United States Department of Labor has invited Mr. Morenes to present on the program at their National Convention. Mr. Morenes reports that they are continuing to develop the naturalization/citizenship opportunities through the program and have secured a volunteer immigration attorney to come and present on the subject in American Falls. Mr. Morenes advises that he is in the process of applying for a \$250,000.00 grant to fund a naturalization/citizenship program for two (2) years in the Blackfoot, Pocatello and American Falls Communities. Mr. Morenes advises that they are very interested in partnering with the Power County Ambulance District to educate and train paramedics that would serve within the community. Mr. Morenes reports that they currently have 18 students attending the Franciscan Sisters Catholic education site, 13 attending the Driscoll education site and 7 attending the Lamb Weston education site. Amy Bull reports that the Lamb Weston site is averaging 5 attendees per week and shared that 2 of those individuals are scheduled for promotion because of the success they have achieved through the program. Commissioner Funk recognized the success due to the work of Corey Morenes and his team. Mr. Funk advises that over the past 12 years he has served as Commissioner, they have strived for the development of this program and it appears that all the correct parties are now on the team.

Amy Christensen presented information on the ISU Veterans Free program assisting Veterans prepare for higher education success through the TRIO Grant process. Ms. Christensen advises that Veterans with 180 service time and guard or reserve that has been deployed 30 days qualifies for this free service, however, they want the opportunity to counsel all Vets even if they don't meet the service criteria. Ms. Christensen reports that her goal is to serve veterans Power, Bannock, Bingham Bonneville and Jefferson. Currently there are approximately 16,000 vets in the 5 county area that are not accessing their benefits. Ms. Christensen reports that they focus on setting up a plan that best meets the Vets needs and circumstances and fully direct Technical school as well as 4 year degree plans. Qualified Vets have 36 months of available benefits and the goal is to get them to complete their plan before the benefits expire. All Vets also qualify for free tutoring.

#### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, May 29, 2018, was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Convene as Ambulance District Board at 11:11 am:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Power County Ambulance District Board was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
3. **Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:** Director Di Jones appeared before the Board and presented the accounts receivable reports from Amerimed for the date ending April 30, 2018. Ms. Jones reported vehicle repairs needed and personnel