



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers

543 Bannock Ave.

American Falls, ID 83211

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Monday, February 25, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 25, 2019, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:13 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 Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Auditor Linda Annen, Indigent Director Laura Carlon, Deputy Indigent Director Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Mary Annen Treasurer Deanna Curry Sheriff Jim Jeffries Captain Kevin Ostler Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague Blaine Udy (telephone) Brett Leyshon Di Jones Doran Lambson Gary Thompson Ivan Permann Kami Chandler Pat Sullivan (telephone) Peggi Long Richard Creason (telephone) Ryan Robinson Seth Lusk Stace Gehrhart Terrell Sorensen

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Legislative Session update:** Pat Sullivan appeared telephonically and updated the Commission on Legislative issues. Mr. Sullivan reports that the education funding bill is

moving forward in collaboration with a workgroup including various parties with knowledge of such education and it is anticipated that the bill would be completed this session. Mr. Sullivan reports that the complexity of the Medicaid expansion issue is becoming very visible and proposed funding mechanisms appear to be far more impactful than anticipated. Mr. Sullivan anticipates that they may develop some sort of a temporary bill to allow law makers additional time to resolve the funding complexity issue. Mr. Sullivan advises that the Personal Property Tax Exemption bill and the Grocery Tax bill appear to be dead for this session. Mr. Sullivan reports that bill introduction is down by 35% this year, probably due to the number of legislative changes this year in conjunction with the new Governor. Mr. Sullivan reports that it is anticipated that the Committees will be shutting down by March 7th in anticipation of closing the session. Clerk Sharee Sprague inquired of House Bill 154 changing the distribution of Sales tax revenue between city and counties as it has a negative impact to all but four (4) counties in the State and requested Mr. Sullivan follow-up on the status. Clerk Sprague advised that Representative Erpelding advised that he thought they could stop the bill. Commissioner Anderson inquired about House Bill 87 changing definitions for exemption of farm equipment, stating that passage would have significant impact on Power County. Commissioner Lasley inquired about Senate Bill 1041 allows for enforcement of Ground Water District regulations by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and House Bill 170 requiring Social Workers to mirandize parents in the child protection investigations citing concerns with budgetary aspect as well as allowing criminal responsibilities to be initiated in civil case procedures. Legal Counsel Anson Call and Sheriff Jim Jeffries advise that they are opposed to the bill. Sheriff Jeffries inquired about Senate Bill 1074 clarifying the obligations of a county sheriff in providing medical care to individuals no longer in the sheriff's custody expressing the undue obligation passage of such bill would incur on counties. Mr. Sullivan agreed to follow up on said bills and report back to the Commission on March 11, 2019.

2. **Power County Ambulance Administration:** Director Di Jones discussed implementation of Ambulance Services in Power County and expressed concerns with information having been shared by employees of the Power County Hospital directly to Ambulance employees. Ms. Jones reports that the Rockland School District has found funding for radios and is ready to be added to the repeater. The Commission suggests that the Radio Advisory Committee meet and determine cost estimation options.
3. **Power County Soil Conservation District:** Ivan Permann, Brett Leyshon, and Pegi Long appeared before the Commission and provided an update for the Soil Conservation District. The parties advise that they need to get somebody in the office full-time. Ms. Long advises that they have not hired anyone at this point and training takes approximately one (1) year, so they are a bit out prior to having that position filled. The parties request the Commission consider contributing \$8,000.00 per year for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for February 25, 2019, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.