



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Amended Meeting Minutes

*Commission Chambers*  
*543 Bannock Ave.*  
*American Falls, ID 83211*  
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Monday, March 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 25, 2019, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:07 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 Anson Call, Prosecutor/Legal Counsel Linda Annen, Indigent Director Laura Carlon, Deputy Indigent Clerk Chelsy Fehringer, Deputy Payroll Clerk Maureen Schelske, Deputy Auditor	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Mary Annen Chief Deputy Assessor Kim Olson Treasurer Deanna Curry Sheriff Jim Jeffries Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague Judge Paul Laggis	Daniel Moore Ashley Buttars Craig Heward Di Jones Jeff Rankin JoAnn Martinez

### III. AGENDA

#### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Legislative Update:** Pat Sullivan appeared telephonically and updated the Commission on Legislative issues. Mr. Sullivan reports that the education funding bill appears to be very complex and may not be funded this Legislative session. Mr. Sullivan advises that personal property tax exemption has been pushed to the next legislative session and the Legislature has been working toward getting the Medicaid Expansion bill requirements and funding set out. Mr. Sullivan reports that Seth Grigg of the Idaho Association of Counties has represented the counties well on the proposed impacts to

the counties and it appears that the funding framework that would have required counties to fund 45% of the cost of enrolling county residents in Medicaid will not move forward this year. Mr. Sullivan reports that the Legislature may work Saturday, but appear to be completed by the end of the month. Mr. Sullivan agreed to appear telephonically at the next Commission meeting depending on his schedule availability and will check back with a viable date and time.

2. **Landfill:** Craig Heward and Jeff Rankin appeared to present an update on Transfer Station services. Mr. Heward reports that they received a bid from Quality Overhead Door for the door repair in the amount of \$15,300.00. Mr. Heward reports that the recommendation is to enlarge the door size to prevent future issues. Mr. Heward shared pictures of the Big Sky building repair needs from his phone. Mr. Heward would recommend closing the Big Sky Transfer site as the majority of the use appears to be from Bannock County residents. The estimated cost to operate the site is \$3,100.00. Mr. Anderson reports that there are approximately 140 Power County residents that would utilize the transfer site. Mr. Rankin advises that the operational costs for the transfer site will be escalating due to the change of season. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to table decision to a later date. Commissioner Lasley reported that Rockland Mayor Eddie Hansen did not sign the easement between the City and Power County Highway District as he believes some of the issues are between Power County and the Highway District. The concerns have been forwarded to Anson Call and a response letter has been sent to the Rockland City Council directing them to seek legal counsel. Notice has been given that if the matter extends much longer, the Rockland Transfer Site may need to be closed and the bins removed pending resolution of the easement issue. Commissioner Funk advises that Mayor Hansen wants the County to be responsible for the fencing responsibilities attached to the property; however, the County is not a landowner and cannot sign on to property owner mandates.
3. **Maintenance and Grounds:** Commissioner Anderson requested legal counsel regarding the status of agreements for maintenance and grounds services. The Commission entered executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(f) and subsequently no action was taken.
4. **Power County Drug Court:** Sixth District Problem Solving Courts Manager JoAnn Martinez appeared before the Commission to provide an update on Drug Court services in Power County. Ms. Martinez advises that she will be providing services to Power County, therefore, the reimbursed employee position previously hosted by Power County would no longer be needed. Ms. Martinez reports there are currently 150 drug court participants in the Sixth District of which 17 are Power County participants. Ms. Martinez reports that the State provides \$10,200.00 in annual substance abuse testing, which will increase to \$11,900.00 for fiscal year 2020. Ms. Martinez reports that the \$52,188.00 was expended annually toward treatment for the 17 Power County participants. Ms. Martinez reports that Power County has a very high success rate of 78%, which correlates to the importance of the great relationships forged in the program. Judge Laggis and Ms. Martinez explained that the counties in the District have all been using different treatment services and have struggled to get