



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in a budget hearing session Tuesday, June 25, 2019, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:29 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  
Linda Annen, Indigent Director  
Laura Carlon, Deputy Indigent Director

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Assessor Mary Annen  
Sheriff Jim Jefferies  
Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague  
Terrell Sorensen  
Chris Whalen (Via phone)

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Assessor Budget Hearing:** Assessor Mary Annen appeared before the Commission and presented budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. Assessor Annen requests a part-time position be provided to allow for adequate coverage in the office and in the field. Assessor Annen advises she will be seeking a quote to remove counters in the mapping room to allow for relocation of property records.
2. **Sheriff Budget Hearing:** Sheriff Jim Jeffries appeared before the Commission and presented budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. The Sheriff advises that the School is still supportive of assisting with funding toward and School Resource Officer. Sheriff Jeffries presented updated leasing options for vehicles and proposal for grant purchase

of e-ticketing program. The parties discussed fire district challenges in concerns within the county.

3. **Indigent Budget Hearing:** Linda Annen and Laura Carlon appeared before the Commission and presented budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. The parties reported that the Medicaid expansion changes should not begin to be revealed until March. Presently the counties were advised that the process is to pre-qualify all parties that currently qualify for food stamps and other Medicaid programs. It is estimated that the pre-qualification will be upwards toward 60% of the targeted parties. The County will still be responsible for people with poor insurance that may incur catastrophic issues. The parties report that there are no needed changes to the current budget and request the budget be carried over to Fiscal year 2020.
4. **Extension Office Budget Hearing:** Terrell Sorensen appeared before the Commission and provided and update and budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. Sorensen requests raises for the Administrative Staff and otherwise requests the current budget be carried over to Fiscal year 2020.
5. **Weeds Department Budget Hearing:** Curtis Munk appeared before the Commission and provided and update and budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. Munk requests raises for the Administrative Staff and otherwise requests the current budget be carried over to Fiscal year 2020. Mr. Munk had a discussion on the budget spray bill and if it should be billed to the Airport. Curtis was instructed to follow up with Karen and report back to the Commission. Mr. Munk also inquired about having a second phone in the shop for emergencies. Mr. Munk advises he intends on retiring at the end of the year.

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

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

#### **C. POINTS OF ORDER:**

1. **Budget Workshop:** Clerk Sharee Sprague updated the Board on budget requests and the following known impacts to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget;
  - Anticipated 5% increase to medical insurance premiums
  - ICRMP Insurance premiums are up \$3,500.00
  - Computer Arts computer software and maintenance premiums will increase 1.45% overall. However, IT rates will increase to \$65.00 per hour and the county would need to increase pre-purchase hours to meet our current need
  - The mandate to remove all computers using Window 7 or older by January 2020 may have a significant impact to the budget
  - Unemployment rates remain the same
  - Net revenue from the rentals is estimated to be \$44, 464.00
  - State Travel Policy, adopted by Power County, will cause approximately a 10% increase travel reimbursement rates
  - Drug Court testing dollars have been allocated in the amount of \$10,200.00