



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Thursday, June 27, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, June 27, 2019, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:09 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  
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Henry Johnson  
EMS Director Di Jones  
Sheriff Jim Jefferies  
Chief Deputy Max Sprague  
Assessor Mary Annen  
Chief Deputy Assessor Kim Olsen  
Jared Turner  
Alex Chizewsky  
Karima Tomasino  
Tim Landolt  
Mark Linn  
Trent Burge  
Randy Jensen

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Prosecutor:** Anson Call appeared before the Commission to discuss budgetary needs for the Prosecutors Office in the upcoming fiscal year. Prosecutor Call reports that the increase in civil needs for his office has risen and he may need to add a deputy to his office to sustain the workload if the county can fiscally manage the same.
2. **Airport:** Airport manager Jared Turner appeared before the Commission and presented budget needs at the Airport for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. Turner reports that they are

working on an increased grant to allow for repairs and upgrades, but past years have not produced much on that end.

3. **IT Services/CAI:** Steve Stringham came before the Commission and provided an update on IT Services and upcoming upgrade needs. Mr. Stringham reports that effective January 2020 Windows 7 will no longer be supported by Microsoft, therefore the County to update operating systems to prevent security breaches. Estimated costs at this point are close to \$200,000.00, but continued avenues for savings are still being investigated.
4. **Building Administrator:** Building Administrator Andi Higgins appeared before the Commission and presented budget needs for Fiscal Year 2020. Ms. Higgins reports that the some of the membership and publication lines need to be increased to cover increased costs to required licensing and associations.
5. **School Resource Officer Partnership with School District 381:** Randy Jensen, Sheriff Jim Jeffries and Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague appeared before the Commission to discuss the ability to secure a School Resource Officer for the High School. Mr. Jensen reports that the School District could guarantee a funding of \$30,000.00 for two (2) consecutive years effective October 2019. The parties discussed options and Mr. Jensen presented a proposed MOU for review. Legal Counsel, Anson Call, advised that he would review the same and report back to the Commission. The Commission reported that they were in favor of having School Resource Officer for the High School, however, without any revenue to assist with the funding they previously could not manage to fund the position. The Commission reports that with the guarantee by the School District, they believe they will be able to fund the position for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission confirmed with the parties that should guaranteed funding dissipate, the position may have to be removed in the future.
6. **Advocate:** Ann Wheeler appeared on behalf of the Woman's Advocate requesting the Commission continue to contribute to their organization for the next fiscal year. Ms. Wheeler provided domestic battery statistics for the county for the past year. Ms. Wheeler reports that they would request the same \$7,500.00 monetary contribution be given toward the program. Ms. Wheeler reports that intend to continue to rent from the County for the upcoming year.

**B. MOTIONS:**

1. **911 System:** This matter came before the Commission for decision following discussion held on June 24, 2019. Sheriff Jim Jeffries reports that he has included the additional options. Commissioner Funk inquired of the encryption options. Henry Johnson advised that the radios would need to be evaluated and if unable to support the