



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, February 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 20, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:05 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 Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Auditor Laura Carlon, Indigent Director Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Lee Dille Building Administrator Andi Higgins Deputy Assessor Britni Jones Sheriff Jim Jefferies Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague Craig Heward Ivan Permann Brett Leyshan Pegi Long Nat Matlack Jeff Stewart Marita Poulson Doug Ruff Travis Stevens-White Treasurer Deanna Curry Vicki Meadows Seth Greggs Public Defender Mike Morrissey Judge Paul Laggis Curtis Munk Brad Ralphs (telephone)

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Public Defense Report:** Public Defender Mike Morrissey presented updates before the Commission. Mr. Morrissey advised the case number totals from October 2019-

January 31, 2020 was 31 felony, 36 misdemeanor, 17 juvenile and 4 child protection cases. Mr. Morrissey advised they could either hire a part-time or intern to assist with managing case load. Mr. Morrissey advises that advertising should be done after law school graduation for an intern or part time attorney to manage misdemeanor cases. Mr. Morrissey reports that upon review of the changes in case load from last year to this year, he would suggest moving forward with contract conflict public defenders to manage case load. Commissioner Lasley inquired on balancing work load with contracting a conflict public defender. Mr. Morrissey advised when he takes vacation he coordinates his schedule with the Court. Mr. Morrissey advises in April he will review numbers again and assess for non-compliance and then report back to the Commission. Mr. Morrissey reported that the timelines that the PDC evaluates continuing legal education (CLE) reporting differs from his licensening timelines. Therefore, although he has completed continuing education, the PDC is reporting him as noncompliant. Mr. Morrissey advised he will communicate with Jared Ricks of the Public Defense Commission and coordinate a plan to complete the additional 7 hours of CLE training for PDC compliance.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, February 10, 2020 with discussion added on water, property and rectifying the Weed Department bill, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept minutes as printed for meetings held on December 23, 2019, January 13, 2020, January 21, 2020, January 24, 2020 and January 27, 2020, was presented Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
3. **Power Soil & Water Conservation District:** Ivan Permann presented Power Soil & Water Conservation District updates before the Commission. Mr. Permann advised they are requesting a contribution of \$8,500 for FY2021. Commissioner Lasley inquired on if \$9,500 is contributed for FY2021 if the extra \$1,000 will go towards scholarships. Commissioner Funk advised opening the scholarships for 2 students of \$500 dollar each scholarship with the ability to attend college in Utah. There was a unanimous shake of the head to open up to Utah from the Power Soil & Water Conservations District Committee members. Pegi Long advised they are having a hard time having high school students apply for scholarships.

Mr. Permann said they applied for a no till grant which they have a 50/50 percent chance for award, however, they won't know until August.

A motion to dedicate \$9,500 for FY2021 to the Power Soil & Water Conservation District dependent on budgetary authorization based on flow with the legislature was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.