



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:12 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:** Amy Bull  
Korey Mereness  
Laura Gramirez  
Liliana Olivas  
Craig Heward  
Wade Dishion  
Steve Stringham  
Mayor Marc Beitia  
Arianna Hernandez  
Alexia Medel  
Jessica Chiapa  
Gracie Nelson  
Britton Bolger  
Fernando Montelongo  
Building Administrator Andi Higgins  
Treasurer Deanna Curry  
Curtis Munk  
Sheriff Jim Jefferies  
Terrell Sorensen

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **Tort Claim Dismissal:** Anson Call Legal Counsel advised the Commission the Beck claim was dismissed.

2. **ISU Adult Education & Community Council Update:** Korey Mereness from ISU Adult Education provided an update to the Commission. Laura Gramirez and Liliana Olivas from Community Council of Idaho advised that the Council can pay for the fees if student works in agriculture. Commissioner Funk advised he would like to have people working in the farm take the chemical applicators test. Commissioner Lasley advised that the employees from Driscoll have showed interest in taking those exams. Commissioner Anderson inquired on the GED testing fees. Ms. Olivas advised that the total for the GED testing is \$120.00. Ms. Olivas advised that payment for the exam and mileage to drive to the exam location can be paid through the Community Council of Idaho. Commissioner Funk advised that a card is given for the chemical exam and credits need to be accumulated. If the credits are accumulated the exam will not need to be retaken.

Ms. Olivas advised they have been in the Community Learning Center and have 4 students currently enrolled. Ms. Olivas is looking to enroll an additional 4 students and advised that they are regrouping to provide the necessary guidance for the students that are starting at a lower educational level. Ms. Olivas advised the Spanish is formal Spanish and they are noticing a need for more class time. Ms. Olivas inquired on a grant to pay for mileage to have the instructor come down to American Falls an extra day. Commissioner Funk suggested on contacting SEICOG. Mr. Mereness advised he will be meeting with them soon. Mr. Mereness advised that the students can take the ESL class with Adult Education and take the GED class with the Community Council of Idaho. Mr. Mereness advised that Dave Doran of SEICOG will help find grants with no fee.

3. **Adult Probation:** Wade Dishion from Misdemeanor Probation provided the fourth quarter report. Mr. Dishion advised he will be going to Odyssey training on April 22, 2020 and advised it is very cumbersome to pull reports from Odyssey. Mr. Dishion advised they have 41 people on probation and 20 closures. Mr. Dishion advised the cost of supervision is an average of \$2,307.66 per month and they have had some waivers for cost of supervision.
4. **Computer Arts Update:** Steve Stringham provided an update on Computer Arts. Mr. Stringham advised he is about three quarters of a way completed on Windows 10 updates on the desktop computers. Mr. Stringham advised he has experienced a lot of problematic computers with the Sheriff's Office dispatch. Mr. Stringham advised his involvement with the 911 system is minimal. Mr. Stringham advised that he needs to meet with the IT from Bannock County and have a computer/laptop at Bannock County for the Power County Dispatch to take 911 calls in case of an emergency. Mr. Stringham advised the tablets for the E-ticketing have not been deployed.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on Commissioner Funk's computer being all set up. Mr. Stringham advised he will be working on Commissioner Funk's computer to get it all set up.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on having the Planning & Zoning Board use of one of the conference rooms for their meetings and being able to record it. Mr. Stringham