



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Thursday, April 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, April 2, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 2:05 pm, 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: Treasurer Deanna Curry
Assessor Mary Annen
Sheriff Jim Jefferies
Ambulance Director Di Jones
Coroner Mark Rose
Gary Thomson
Jeff Rankin
Troy Brazelton (telephone)

III. AGENDA

A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, April 2, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Discussion on Department Personnel:** Commissioner Funk advised there has been a lot of confusion on what the County will and won't do as far as pay. Clerk Sharee Sprague advised Steve Stringham has been working with the School District and is anticipating

the County will need 30 Chromebooks. Clerk Sprague provided estimated prices for monitors and connectivity needs. Clerk Sprague advises that the computer at the Landfill is failing and needs to be upgraded as well. Clerk Sprague advised that the employees have been surveyed to assess needs to allow successful connection to work from home. As we work through things there may be a need for the County to provide internet access. Clerk Sprague reports that Verizon has a jet pack that would allow them to connect on the County's plan at a cost of \$40 a month per setup. Clerk Sprague advised that the plan for the jet pack is a minimum of 6 months, however, the plan could be suspended within that time to same, which would reduce some of that cost. By consensus, the Board directed Clerk Sprague to secure 6 monitor and keyboard and mouse combos to start and to secure additional connectivity needs as directed by Mr. Stringham.

Legal Counsel Anson Call reviewed the COVID-19 Policies, Instructions, and Guidance Policy with the Commission. Legal Counsel Call advised he spoke to Superintendent Randy Jensen, and advised Mr. Jensen has allowed the County to use the School's domain for the Chromebooks. Legal Counsel Call will work with the School Superintendent to secure a use agreement with the school district for the Chromebooks. Legal Counsel Call advised implementing the work from home is protecting people and saving lives. Legal Counsel Call advised alternating staff to have some work in the office and others at home to avoid cross contamination.

Commissioner Funk advised employees have been having headaches because of the fogger. Commissioner Funk inquired on having the time the fogging is done to evenings and if possible at 5:00 pm.

A motion to adopt COVID-19 Policies, Instructions and Guidance dated April 2, 2020, at the direction of Legal Counsel, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anson Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lasley advised Troy Brazelton purchased personal protective equipment (PPE) and is willing to sell to the County. Commissioner Lasley advised purchasing the supplies and paying for them out of the emergency funds. Commissioner Funk called Landfill Supervisor Jeff Rankin the to see if he needs any PPE. Commissioner Funk advised he will be purchasing more masks for Landfill employees. Commissioner Funk advised Mr. Rankin to review the new implemented policy and call in during the Monday, April 6, 2020, meeting with questions.

B. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Bureau of Reclamation:** Commissioner Anderson advised the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) would like the County to issue a press release on addressing the public's concern about being able to launch boats. Legal Counsel Anson call advised he will reach out to Mayor Marc Beitia to inquire on what is being done at Willow Bay.