



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, April 13, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 13, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:02 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse via Zoom.

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
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: D6 Commissioners
Maggie Mann
Jeff Rankin
Mike Morrissey
Assessor Mary Annen
Ambulance Director Di Jones
Kami Chandler

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Fairgrounds Facilities COVID-19 Closures:** Commissioner Lasley advised the Fair Board decided they aren't renting out the Fairgrounds for parties. Legal Counsel Anson Call advised directing high school students to the administrative board for legal counsel for spring rodeo activities.
2. **District 6 COVID-19:** The Commission met with the District 6 Commissioners regarding COVID-19. Maggi Mann from Southeastern Idaho Public Health advised there are 27

known fatalities in Idaho. Ms. Mann advised the personal protective equipment (PPE) is doing okay in hospital setting. Ms. Mann advised the Stay at Home Order expires in a couple days. Ms. Mann advised considerations are supposed to be reviewed at the hospital level, increase testing capacity for anyone who is systematic, and contact tracing for all confirmed cases. Ms. Mann advised social distancing measures remain important if we want low numbers. Ms. Mann advised the rate of recovery is not something that is tracked. Ms. Mann advised that out of the 10 cases that are in District 6 there are only 4 actively being monitored. Ms. Mann advised people who are symptomatic should get tested and doesn't recommend testing people who aren't symptomatic.

3. **Landfill Update:** Landfill Supervisor Jeff Rankin advised they are busy and trying to keep their distance and clean at the Landfill. Mr. Rankin advised they have masks and gloves and will distribute the same to Rockland and Big Sky. Mr. Rankin inquired on the concrete sawing. Commissioner Lasley advised Craig Heward advised putting the concrete to make a pad for concrete sawing. Commissioner Anderson advised they have used concrete for the Johnson property and will need more. Commissioner Funk directed Mr. Rankin to use at the concrete at the Landfill and if there is left over something will be worked out. Mr. Rankin inquired on which Commissioner to direct Landfill questions. Commissioner Funk directed Mr. Rankin to reach out to Commissioner Lasley for the Rockland site and any Commissioner he can get a hold off for other locations. Mr. Rankin advised he wants to create a full-time position and change hours for both Rockland and Big sky locations. Mr. Rankin advised Mike Mathews wants time off before he retires in June. Mr. Rankin advised he can cover for Mr. Mathews for 5 or 6 days total. Commissioner Funk directed Mr. Rankin to meet with Payroll Clerk Chelsy Fehringer to analyze combining the Rockland and Big Sky locations and making one full time position and see what it looks like financially. Commissioner Lasley advised he will work with Mr. Rankin and Ms. Fehringer and come up with a proposal.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on quotes for the two cylinders that require capping out at the Landfill and directed Mr. Rankin to reach out to the Koompins. Mr. Rankin advised he will call and get a quote.

4. **Public Defense Update:** Public Defender Mike Morrissey advised he had a telephone conference with Jared Ricks from the Public Defense Commission. Mr. Morrissey advised he went over qualifications, meeting the standards and qualifying for any grants. Mr. Morrissey advised he is keeping a close eye on caseload standards and monitoring compliance. Mr. Morrissey advised he will continue to track caseload and move forward contracts for conflict public defense assistance. Commissioner Anderson inquired on Mr. Morrissey's caseload diminishing or is it COVID-19 related. Mr. Morrissey advised he is maintaining numbers and is unsure what it is. Mr. Morrissey advised part can be seasonal. Mr. Morrissey advised he has been comparing month by month and numbers have been lower.
5. **Jail Inspection:** Commissioner Funk inquired on it being feasible to do the jail inspection due to COVID-19 virus. Legal Counsel Anson Call advised the statute doesn't