



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, May 14, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, May 14, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:32 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  
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

**OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:** Sheriff Jim Jefferies  
Chief Deputy Max Sprague  
Jared Ricks  
Jeff Rankin  
Brad Soule  
Vivian Charles

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, May 14, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Public Defense Financial Assistance:** Jared Ricks from the Public Defense Commission answered questions regarding the financial assistance. Mr. Ricks advised this year is hard to tell on caseload due to COVID-19. Mr. Ricks advised this year has held unique circumstances Mr. Ricks advised he is expecting the case numbers to increase.

Commissioner Lasley advised the public defender is funded through indigent funds.

A motion to approve the Indigent public defense FY2021 financial assistance as presented by Clerk Sharee Sprague and Jared Ricks was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Landfill Update:** Jeff Rankin Landfill Supervisor advised that D3 Construction could not find the correct tin color to match the building. Commissioner Anderson advised having D3 Construction paint the tin the color of the building. Commissioner Anderson inquired if the metal has been ordered for west side. Mr. Rankin advised all the metal is there.

Mr. Rankin presented a proposal to hire one full time employee to consolidate the two part time positions in Rockland and Big Sky. Commissioner Lasley advised Payroll Specialist Chelsy Fehringer provided a spread sheet. Mr. Rankin advised with his proposal he would change the hours at the Big Sky location and leave the hours at Rockland. Commissioner Anderson inquired on moving forward with closing the Landfill on Mondays. Mr. Rankin advised he can make it work without closing on Monday. Commissioner Anderson inquired on how many employees are scheduled each day. Mr. Rankin advised he has 3 at the Power County Transfer Station, 1 at Big Sky and 1 at Rockland.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on overtime expending per week. Mr. Rankin advised no employees are getting overtime he advised everyone is getting 40 hours a week. Commissioner Funk inquired on how many hours Mr. Rankin is working. Mr. Rankin advised he works about 42 hours a week. Mr. Rankin advised starting Saturday they are taking 30-minute lunches and changing start times. Mr. Rankin advised in the future he would like someone hired to fill his old manger position. Commissioner Funk concurred with moving forward with consolidating the two part time positions to one full time position and cutting a few hours at the Big Sky location. Discussion was had on the starting pay for the position depends on performance.

Commissioner Funk presented a motion to advertise the full-time landfill position to take place of the 2 part time positions and notify the part-time employees and invite them to apply for the full-time position, with a second presented by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Clerk Sprague advised Mr. Rankin that Ms. Fehringer could help with advertising for the position. Mr. Rankin inquired on hiring one part time position to work once a week if Ron Lee cannot work due to being on call at INL. Commissioner Funk advised it is a good idea to fill that position if Ron Lee cannot work.