



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:16 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
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Ron Anderson Assessor Mary Annen Coroner Mark Rose Ann Wheeler Ray Henery Sheriff Jim Jeffries
	<b>Appeared via Zoom:</b> Prosecutor Anson Call (Zoom) Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague (Zoom) Korey Morenes (Zoom) Amy Bull (Zoom) Michael Morrissey (Zoom)

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

- Waterways:** Ron Anderson appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Mr. Anderson provided the governing document for Waterways. Mr. Anderson reports that the only budget change would be to increase the salary line. Clerk Sharee Sprague advised the Waterways available cash balance as of today is \$127,675.31 of which remaining budget expenditures for FY2020 would be deducted. Following discussion, Commissioner Anderson directed to increase salary to \$16,000 to allow for work needed for non-contract labors. Increase benefit lines to accommodate. Reduce the grant line to \$40,000 to better accurately reflect what we anticipate getting and add a line for F&G maintenance.
- Assessor:** Assessor Mary Annen appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs for her Office. Assessor Annen reports that she adjusted a full-time salary line to better reflect anticipated charges and increased the part-time line to

account for the actual cost of the position. Assessor Annen reported on the Revaluation budget advising that she estimates the Industrial Appraisals to cost about \$13,000/parcel and we have a possibility of 5 properties. Assessor Annen reports that she looked into the option of having revaluations outsourced, however, it was extremely costly. Assessor Annen advises she will be keeping revaluations in house and is looking at purchasing a mail processing system to assist with distributions to property owners.

3. **Clerk/Auditor:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reports that she has left her Clerk's Office budget flat with the exception of corrected the Webtime/ACA reporting fee. Clerk Sprague reports she has frozen approximately \$18,000 in this budget and anticipates there would be other areas that will not need to be expended this fiscal year.

**District Court:** Clerk Sprague reported on the District Court budget advising that she restructured job responsibilities by moving some to the Clerk's Office and has eliminated one full-time position from the District Court Budget. She is will continue to analyze the impact of those duties impact to the Clerk's Office in FY2021 and may need to adjust the shared employee fees to meet GASB Standards in FY2022. Clerk Sprague reports she has frozen approximately \$90,000 in this budget and anticipates there would be other areas that will not need to be expended this fiscal year.

**Elections:** Clerk Sprague reports that she is requesting the Election Budget remain flat this upcoming year. Clerk Sprague advises that the Chief Deputy Secretary of State will be visiting on site to evaluate Election Security and assist with reporting COVID expenditures to provide the most efficient use of funds due to the County. Clerk Sprague advises that they are anticipating in person voting in some form for the November Election.

**Indigent:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reports that she is requesting the Indigent Budget to remain flat for the next fiscal year. Clerk Sprague advises that the budgetary impact of Medicare Expansion Legislation is still unknown. Commissioner Lasley reports that CAT cases have not diminished extensively. Commissioner Lasley advises that should the county receive cases that appear to be COVID related, they should be rejected and the providers should seek reimbursement through the COVID health care measures in place. Clerk Sprague advises that if there is a personnel shift in her office, she may seek to hire past Director Linda Annen to manage the Indigent program. Clerk Sprague reports she has frozen approximately \$114,000 in this budget and anticipates there would be other areas that could still be frozen or would not need to be expended this fiscal year.

4. **Coroner:** Coroner Mark Rose reports no changes are needed to the upcoming budget. Coroner Rose reports that lab expenses may go up as DHW is requiring more testing due to opioid deaths. Coroner Rose reports that the Ada County Autopsy contract rates will not be increasing this year.

5. **Advocate:** Ann Wheeler and Emilia Cedillo appeared before the Commission and provided service and financial updates on Advocacy services in Power County. Ms. Wheeler reports that they would request the budget support received from Power County last year continue for upcoming year. Commissioner Funk inquired if the decreased rental break given needs to continue. Ms. Wheeler advised that pending