

POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, June 24, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:08 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:	Treasurer Deanna Curry Assessor Mary Annen Jeff Rankin Landfill Director Connie Woodworth Probation Director Andi Higgins Building Weeds Admin Di Jones EMS Director Kami Chandler Jared Turner
	Bob Schreiber Debbie Hemmert Maria Gabriel Shantay Bloxham Lee Dille Kathleen Ulrich (phone) Wade Dishion (Zoom)

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Transfer Station:** Landfill Director Jeff Rankin appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Mr. Rankin advises he needs a building for equipment and would like to have cost of living raises for all employees. Mr. Rankin reports he has hired a full-time employee and would like to equalize her compensation to the others after 6 months and he is still trying to hire part-time employees. The Commission discussed options for rental of a water truck or installation of water tank on the truck in lieu of purchase of a water truck.
2. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Deanna Curry appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Treasurer Curry reports that she has left her Office budget flat with the exception of adding a line to cover the maintenance for her copier.

3. **Building Administrator/Weeds Departments:** Joint Department Manager Andi Higgins appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Ms. Higgins presented an updated on the Wind Farms. Ms. Higgins advised that \$21,000 a year is paid by Building Admin, Planning and Zoning and Weeds toward the Pictometry Software. Ms. Higgins advises that they do not use as much as Assessor's Office, the City and Power County Highway Dist. Ms. Higgins advised having Kyler review and see what percentage is being used and divided out and paid accordingly. Ms. Higgins suggests having a shared user's fee assessed.
Ms. Higgins advised she contacted the Weed Control sprayers and has not heard back. Ms. Higgins advised Curtis Munk would start the sprayers in October and ended in November.
The parties discussed the budgeted amount for seasonal sprayers currently. Commissioner Lasley directed Andi to sit down with Chelsy and Sharee to determine a bottom line target for summer sprayers. Clerk Sprague reports that as of budget proposals provided, the estimated savings by combining the departments would be \$12,440.00.
4. **Juvenile Justice:** Juvenile Justice Director Connie Woodworth appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Ms. Woodworth reports that many lines in the budget could probably be reduced. Ms. Woodworth requests a Youth program line be added in 06-00 for ankle monitors; advised to leave pretrial at \$1,000 and leave the other line at \$120,000. Ms. Woodworth reports that the 08-09 Juvenile Justice County Funds could be reduced or left flat and request a 3% salary increase for herself and her assistant and requests the county to cover any increases to insurance.
5. **Youth Center:** Mary Annen and Bob Schreiber appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs for the Youth Center. Mr. Schreiber advises the current contribution. Mary Annen reports they have listed the surplus property on FB Market place. Mr. Schreiber advises that Rebecca Gallegos is doing a great job. She has been doing a lot of activities and providing prizes. Her husband is usually down helping with the kids. Ms. Annen reports that due to COVID they have suspended rental of the facility and they have a bank balance of \$2,200.00.
6. **SEICCA:** Debbie Hemmert, Maria Gabriel and Shantay Bloxham appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Ms. Gabriel reports that \$12,756.00 was provided in services which served 55 households with rental, utilities, shelter or deposit to get a home. Crisis funding served 269 households. \$93,411 energy assistance was provided and they received a \$227,000 agency wide allotment. Rental assistance referrals are provided. Commissioner Funk inquired on City assistance. Maria advises that the city does not provide any assistance. Commissioner Lasley inquired if Idaho Power provided any support and Ms. Gabrieal advised that the help with the weatherization program a lot. Ms. Hemmert reports that Idaho Power company won't assist unless home is strictly electric. They do not cover homes with Intermountain Gas. They can sometimes help if they fit into the SEICAA weatherization program.
7. **Senior Center:** Kathleen Ulrich appeared telephonically before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs requesting the same support as last year. Ms. Ulrich

- advises that they are providing about 45 meals via curbside each day and have provided 80 food boxes for the elderly. Ms. Ulrich advises that they are busier than ever with COVID and depending on the status of the community they hope to open the dining room on July 6th. Ms. Ulrich reports they are still looking for a bus and options and asked about insurance. The Board advised that the county cannot insure something they don't own. The Commission advised that should they get a bus up and going, the county could possibly contribute toward expenses incurred.
8. **Ambulance and Emergency Management:** Director Di Jones AND Kami Chandler appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Ms. Jones reports that she is requesting an increase in vehicle operating in both budgets due to recent history and anticipated projections. Ms. Jones reports that the proportionate increase in the Emergency Management budget can be shifted from the repairs/communications line.
Ms. Jones advised the Commission on difficulty in fulfilling shifts and the need to reduce number of part-time workers and hire full-time personnel. The projections show the estimated increases for the full-time personnel. If 3 full time paramedics were hired, it would reduce the number of part-time workers scheduled at a time to 2 per shift for Rockland and American Falls. The \$100,000 part-time line would be reduced, but it is undetermined by how much. By restructuring there would be 2 part-time employees would lose their position. Ms. Jones reports that other needs include increases for updating monitors and purchasing power cots for the other ambulances. Ms. Jones advises that she is focused on remedying the personnel issue so that she could take some time off and that she considering retirement dates within the next five (5) years and wants the county would be covered. Commissioner Anderson inquired if personnel or equipment is priority. Ms. Jones reports that for the betterment of the county, personnel would be priority.
9. **Adult Probation:** Wade Dishion of Dishion Enterprises appeared before the Commission via Zoom Video Conference and presented FY2021 budget needs. Mr. Dishion advises that they would need a consistent 65 paid probationers for the program to be self-sufficient and they are still unable to sustain without subsidy from the County. Mr. Dishion reported on a water issue and smell in the building. The Commission directed Mr. Dishion to contact Seth Lusk and report the issue and have him submit a bid to the Commission for consideration. Clerk Sprague advised he could call her office for the contact information.
10. **Airport:** Jared Turner appeared before the Commission and presented FY2021 budget needs. Mr. Turner reports that we did not get funded for CIP grant, therefore, it can be removed from the budget line. Mr. Turner shifted some funding from repairs/maintenance to capital to allow inclusion in special projects and better report actual expenditures. Mr. Turner explained that he did some work that would have been billed in the following fiscal year to qualify for grant funding. Now that the grant has not been granted, we will need to pay for the extra work. Mr. Turner provided updated needs at the Airport if funding is possible in the upcoming year. Mr. Turner reports Anson Call is working on the right of way issue and will report course of action once determined.

11. **Budget Notes:** Clerk Sharee Sprague presented several miscellaneous budget items. Upon conclusion, by consensus the Commission deemed that the professional services in the Bond – Water Rights fund is no longer necessary and could be removed.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, June 24, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

C. POINTS OF ORDER

1. Lee Dille appeared before the Commission and recommended researching vendor options and cost on the building projects. Mr. Dille advised that he would estimate the cost to investigate would less than \$1,000. The Commission advised that the matter was not on the Agenda and would need to be addressed on Friday.

IV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for June 29, 2020.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held August 31, 2020.



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



FLOR CARDONA, Deputy Clerk