



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Friday, June 26, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Friday, June 26, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 11:08 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
Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk
Anson Call, Legal Counsel
Travis Stevens-White, Deputy Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Assessor Mary Annen
Richard Hartley
Adam Bliven
Doug Nilsson
IAC Director Seth Grigg
Treasurer Deanna Curry
Senator Kelly Anthon
Senator Jim Guthrie

Cassia County Elected Officials;

- Commissioner Kent Searie
- Commissioner Leonard Beck
- Commissioner Bob Kunau
- Clerk Joseph Larsen
- Treasurer Laura Greener

III. AGENDA

A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Friday, June 26, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Convene as Board of Equalization at 11:09 am:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Power County Board of Equalization was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by

Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

3. **Mark Rose BOE Appeal:** Assessor Mary Annen advised MGR Irrevocable Trust withdrew the hearing and a new recalculation based on unfinished portion of building was recommended. Assessor Annen advised the previous assessed value for the land was \$22,500 and that still remained as her assessed value. Assessor Annen advised the building was assessed at \$160,300 and a new calculation was \$150,530. Assessor Annen advised she met with Mark Rose and Mr. Rose accepted the recommendations. A motion to approve the Assessor's recommendation for parcel no. RPA0776-00 with the adjusted value for the combined land and building for \$173,130.00 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Adam Bliven BOE Appeal:** The hearing opened at 11:36 am with applicant Adam Bliven presenting arguments to support the appeal for the assessment of his property. Mr. Bliven presented the following exhibits;

Exhibit 1: Mr. Bliven provided parcel numbers for the following; RPA0880-00, RPA0084-00, RPA0020-00 and RPA0081-00 for houses he believes are similar. Mr. Bliven also provided land parcels; RPA0341-00, RP0024-00, RPA0058-00, RPA0087-00. Mr. Bliven advised he was appealing due to other properties nearby him are taxed the same or less, and he feels are more valuable and sellable because they are real property. Mr. Bliven advised to have an inspected of his home cost \$300.00.

Exhibit 2: Mr. Bliven provided the commission with the Power County Press Volume 44 for June 24, 2020 edition. Mr. Bliven advised with COVID-19 it has been difficult for him to gather enough evidence for his appeal.

Commissioner Lasley inquired of how much Mr. Bliven purchased the property and land. Mr. Bliven advised he purchased the property 19 years ago for \$36,000 for the land and trailer. Mr. Bliven estimates the value of his home to be \$15,000. Mr. Bliven advised he is collectively challenging the land and the home assessed value. Mr. Bliven advised the assessed value by Assessor Annen is \$32,085 For both land and home.

Assessor Mary Annen, argued on behalf of the Assessment and presented the following exhibits;

Exhibit A: Assessor Annen provided a map with other parcels that were sold in relation to Mr. Bliven's property.

Exhibit B: Assessor Annen provided a list of sales made from the map. Assessor provided sales of mobile homes not on permeant foundation. Ms. Annen advised there was a double wide trailer that sold for \$40,000 in April of this year.

Exhibit C: Assessor Annen advised that to remain in compliance with the State Tax Commission there needs to be an increase by 15%.

Presentation and examination of evidence concluded at 12:13 pm and the Board