



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Friday, July 17, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Friday, July 17, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:33 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

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Health Director Maggie Mann
Emergency Management Di Jones
Bannock County;

- Commissioner Ernie Moser
- Commissioner Jeff Hough
- Commissioner Terrel N. Tovey

Bingham County;

- Commissioner Mark R. Bair
- Commissioner Whitney Manwaring
- Commissioner Jessica Lewis

Oneida County;

- Commissioner Bob Stokes
- Commissioner Bill Lewis
- Commissioner Bob Christophersen

Daniel Moore

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Budget Discussion**: Clerk Sharee Sprague provided estimated values for the taxing districts to the Commission. Clerk Sprague advised \$194,327 would need to be cut from

budget if it is flat lined.

Commissioner Lasley advised he met with Ambulance Administrator Di Jones regarding employee wages.

Commissioner Anderson advised he wants the County to take care of the lawn for the rental properties.

Discussion was had on an agreement with the Highway District on Pictometry use in the future.

Clerk Sprague advised she will upload spreadsheet and email to the Commission for review.

2. **COVID-19 Updates:** Maggie Mann Southeastern Idaho Public Health Director advised there are 135 active COVID-19 cases in the district that they are currently monitoring. Ms. Mann advised there are 7 people hospitalized throughout the district and 1 hospitalization from Power County. Ms. Mann advised the Board of Health Meeting is next Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11:30 am to sign on to a regional response plan. Ms. Mann advised once the plan is finalized she will disburse to all Commissioners. Ms. Mann was asked if the COVID-19 cases increase is reflective of 4th of July gatherings. Ms. Mann advised she has not made a direct tie but the timing fits. Ms. Mann did advise that some positive cases participated in Lava Hot Springs for the 4th of July.

Commissioner Funk inquired on any testing issues with not wanting to test people when reported they were around a positive COVID-19 case. Ms. Mann advised early on when COVID-19 had first developed she heard that, but hasn't heard of recently and has not heard it come through on the hotline. Ms. Mann advised there are plenty of materials to collect the sample but the State laboratory is completely over run and hold up to get results. Ms. Mann advised the State ran lab is overrun as well as private labs. Ms. Mann advised the results are received in at least 7 days if not more.

Ms. Mann advised she has been hearing from a lot of people asking why masks aren't mandated, but a lot of people are also saying don't mandate masks because it will infringe on their rights. Ms. Mann advised given where data is at right now with COVID-19 cases she recommends wearing masks.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Friday, July 17, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Public Health and Safety Initiative:** Commissioner Anderson advised the State of Idaho was given 1.2 billion to disburse to the counties/cities. Legal Counsel Anson Call informed the Commission on what other counties are doing. Mr. Call advised most of the cities/counties are going to file their notice today and wait to see if it turns out to be legal or not. Mr. Call advised he has a draft letter from Latah County. Mr. Call advised the letter states that the State understands the letter of intent is not binding and may seek to not participate and pull out at any point. Mr. Call advised he spoke with Doug Wood in