



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, August 3, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Monday, August 3, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 11:31 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: Linda Nelson
Pete Nelson
Building Administrator Andi Higgins
Sandy Corbridge
Don Haskin
Jill Bowers

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **COVID-19 Updates:** Clerk Sharee Sprague provided an update to the Commission on the November election due to COVID-19. Clerk Sprague advised a special legislative session is going to be held to try and amend the law to have voting centers. Clerk Sprague advised voting in person will be taking place and advised she will be meeting with chief judges to develop a plan. Clerk Sprague advised she is thinking of coordinating something in the school auditorium. Clerk Sprague advised she has reached out to the high school government teachers to do a training with the government students and do a mock election.

Clerk Sprague advised the County was allotted \$189,800 in CARES funding for COVID

expenditures. Clerk Sprague reports that as of July 31, 2020, the county has spent \$102,000 in COVID-19 expenditures. Clerk Sprague advised there is only \$74,000 is left in contingency and advised Linda Annen is analyzing FEMA coverage to re-allocate expenditures from those funds. Clerk Sprague recommended moving forward with the telework IT project because that will allow employees to work remotely more productively and will benefit the County for years to come. Clerk Sprague recommended the Commission choose the midsize version plan proposed from Steve Stringham, IT for \$130,000 and also include the spit glass to submit for COVID-19 expenditures.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, August 3, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Planning & Zoning Written Decision:** Commissioner Funk opened the meeting at 11:30 am. Legal Counsel Anson Call presented a written decision and advised notice was provided at the previous hearing. A motion to approve the findings of facts in the decision on the appeal of the Adkins event center was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Commissioner Funk closed the hearing at 11:59 am
3. **Economic Development Grant:** A motion to sign the Department of Commerce grant agreement was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Letter of Support for Soil Conservation District:** A motion to approve the letter of support for the Soil Conservation District was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
5. **Budget Approval for Publication:** Following discussion the Commission approved a 2% raise based on reported salary contingent that employee evaluations be completed and raises distributed by the elected official accordingly. A motion to direct the Clerk to publish the FY2021 budget in the Power County Press with the tax levy comparative that shows last year and this year was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** Tabled to August 10, 2020.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 12:08 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b)