



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 12:30 pm.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 12:37 pm, 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  
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

**OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:** Assessor Mary Annen (Zoom)  
Treasurer Deanna Curry (Zoom)

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **COVID-19 Updates:** Clerk Sharee Sprague advised that the telework project is progressing and most of the equipment has arrived and IT is prioritizing implementation with hopes to have accessibility for some employees within the next couple of weeks. Commission Chair Ron Funk advised that Power County has been moved off of green due to case numbers in conjunction with hospital availability. Commissioner Funk reports that Portneuf was no longer taking cases; SIPH will be meeting weekly instead of bi-weekly; and the Power County Hospital will be getting a testing machine in the next week or so that will produce results within 1 day.

### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, September 8, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

2. **RESOLUTION #2020-04:** A resolution to reserve forgone tax levy was presented by Clerk Sharee Sprague. Commissioner Ron Funk opened the meeting at 1:51 pm clarifying that For the Record recording software was not working, therefore, the hearing would be recorded via Zoom and backed up on the County Server. The following parties acknowledged roll call of attendance;

- Commissioner Ron Funk
- Commissioner Bill Lasley
- Commissioner Delane Anderson
- Clerk Sharee Sprague
- Prosecutor Anson Call
- Treasurer Deanna Curry

Commission Chair Ron Funk read Resolution 2020-04, a Resolution to reserve \$129,753.00 in foregone tax levy funds. No members of the public were present as Commissioner Funk called for discussion. Upon conclusion, a motion to execute Resolution 2020-04 and reserve \$129,753.00 in foregone tax levy funds was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Commissioner Funk closed the hearing at 1:53 pm.

3. **Public Health & Safety Initiative:** Commissioner Ron Funk reported that he reached out to other the Elected Officials regarding the Public Safety Initiative. Clerk Sharee Sprague reported she has concerns that the Governor's viewpoint on use of the funds does not comply with the regulations. Clerk Sprague reported that another viewpoint discussed at the Clerk's Conference was that although the Governor's Office is reporting that the funds could be used as directed in his program, the Commission would need to sign an affidavit swearing that the funds used were allocated to COVID-19 public safety and what might be the viewpoint following the November Election should there be a shift in Administration. Clerk Sprague reported that the percentage of actual time spent on COVID-19 related issues by public safety personnel is relatively close to the percentage of funds allocated. However, the second point would still be of issue. Treasurer Deanna Curry reported that she is also concerned that the use of funds does not seem to follow the requirements enlisted by the US Department of Treasury. Treasurer Curry also expressed concern with the integrity of the tax bill, escrow related issues. Assessor Mary Annen reiterated Treasurer Curry's concerns specifically related to the Taxpayer not understanding that this will not be an ongoing credit. The Commission entered executive session to obtain some legal advice regarding participating in the public safety initiative. Upon conclusion of discussion, a motion that Power County not participate in Governor Little's Safety Initiative program, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept minutes as printed for meetings held on July 9 and 17, 2020, was presented Commissioner Lasley with a