



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, October 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 5, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:06 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT: Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair
Commissioner Delane Anderson
Commissioner Bill Lasley via Zoom

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Sharee Sprague, Clerk
Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk
Cathy Miles, Deputy Clerk
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Jeff Rankin
Assessor Mary Annen
Josh Chandler
Jase Cundick
George Brown
Matt Virgil
Chief Deputy Assessor Laura Carlon
Justin Huse
Sheriff Jim Jefferies
Barbie Workman
Treasurer Deanna Curry

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Idaho State Tax Commission:** Jase Cundick, Matt Vergal and George Brown from the Idaho State Tax Commission presented before the Commission. Mr. Brown advised he the Assessor's job is to get the right value and bill appropriately and on time. Mr. Brown advised his previous job title was deputy attorney general for the State Tax Commission. Mr. Brown advised they are half way through visiting all 44 counties. Mr. Brown advised that in a Board of Equalization (BOE) appeal new exhibits can be provided to the Board of Tax Appeals. Mr. Brown advised BOE training for County Commissioners will be done yearly due to high turnover in elected officials. Mr. Brown advised they usually try to do the training in March. Mr. Brown advised the training

goes over appraisal techniques and strongly recommends the Commissioners attend because he feels it provides a good baseline on how the BOE operates.

2. **Vector Disease Control Mosquito Abatement Report:** Justin Huse provided the 2020 year end summary. Mr. Huse advised there are record low numbers of larvicide and advised he mainly did spot treating. Mr. Huse advised he tried a new product. Mr. Huse advised last year he tested a couple hundred mosquitos for west Nile virus and advised this year he tested 21 due to low numbers.
3. **COVID-19 Updates:** Legal Counsel Anson Call advised in his weekly meeting, he was advised that Portneuf is understaffed to fill the needs for patients and sending people elsewhere. Mr. Call advised there was another death in district. Mr. Call advised Friday's numbers were 43 active cases in Power County. Mr. Call reported he was advised the Power County Hospital is not accepting visitors at the nursing home until they can do COVID testing and advised they are hoping to have it up by Friday.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, October 5, 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Landfill Update:** Jeff Rankin, Landfill Supervisor advised he did some fee schedule comparables. Mr. Rankin provided option B and C. The Commission advised they need to review the documents provided by Mr. Rankin and tabled this matter to October 19, 2020 for further discussion.

Mr. Rankin advised the shrubs aren't grinded yet and the metal grinding was completed last Thursday. Mr. Rankin advised he has not heard from the person who was going to grind the concrete.

Mr. Rankin advised the Roof at both the Rockland and Big Sky locations have lost a few shingles. Mr. Rankin advised he will contact a vendor to have them replaced.

Mr. Rankin advised he received an application for part time help from Robert Stone. Mr. Rankin advised if Mr. Stone is hired he would fill Ron Lee's position. A motion to approve the hiring of Robert Stone as a part time employee at the Landfill was presented by Commissioner Funk, with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Power County resident Josh Chandler expressed concerns for the people who use the Big Sky Transfer location who work for a living and cannot get to the transfer station before it closes or on Saturdays, they have to wait until the afternoon for it to be open. Commissioner Funk advised the same employee is alternating between Rockland and Big Sky. Commissioner Funk advised they have violators taking garbage from Bannock County and advised they are trying to regulate costs. Mr. Chandler advised he would like it open early on Saturdays. Commissioner Funk advised they are having a hard time finding part time employees. Commissioner Lasley advised the tipping fees haven't stopped and plenty of residents are still using the Big Sky transfer site during the week.