



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers

543 Bannock Ave.

American Falls, ID 83211

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 5:34 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 Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Auditor Shelbie Anderson, Indigent Director Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Kristen Jensen Gilbert Hofmeister J.P. Kruckeberg Alan Porath Kirk Mottishaw
	Mary Annen Laura Porath Mark Wynn Jon Schutte

III. AGENDA

A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, October 7 2020, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Lamb Weston Request for Tax Exemption I.C. § 63-602nn:** Commissioner Funk opened the Public hearing to examine Lamb Weston application for tax exemption per IC 63-602NN meeting at 5:34 pm and laid out the rules of the hearing. The following parties acknowledged roll call of attendance;
 - Bill Lasley
 - Ron Funk
 - Delane Anderson

- Sharee Sprague
- Anson Call
- Kristen Jensen
- Gilbert Hofmeister
- J.P. Kruckeberg
- Alan Porath
- Kirk Mottishaw
- Mary Annen
- Laura Porath
- Mark Wynn
- Jon Schutte

Anson Call announced the purpose of the hearing. Mark Wynn testified on behalf of the Lamb Weston application advising that this is the only project Lamb Weston is moving forward with due to COVID. Jon Schutt advised that retail and global demand is driving this standalone project. Mr. Schutt reports that the project would employ about 300 contractors starting this fall with an anticipated finish by the spring of 2022. Mr. Wynn advised they are requesting a full 5 year exemption and recognize the investment and impact to the community. Mr. Wynn reported that they have partnered with the Idaho Department of Commerce and that during the 5 year exemption they still expect positive economic impact to community. Mr. Wynn advises that the project would bring 70 jobs with full benefits at or above the Power County Average with an annual payroll of about \$3.5 million expecting much of those wages to be invested in this community. Mr. Wynn advises that they are currently the 3rd largest taxpayer in community now and after this project expect to be 2nd largest in community and hope to be the largest in the community in the future.

Anson Call advised that SD 381 is in support of this project, however, advised they would not be in attendance. American Falls Rural Fire Department Commissioner Zone 2 JP Kruckeberg inquired about raw product, additional fire protection needs and employees living outside of the applicant.

Power County Highway District Commission Chairman Gilbert Hoffmeister inquired about proper assessment reporting and personal property exemption impacts to the County of the applicant. Mr. Wynn shared that Lamb Weston loves Idaho and American Falls and want to be very honest with the Assessor. Mr. Wynn advised that Lamb Weston is a member of IACI. Mr. Wynn advises that they would only support the elimination of the personal property tax if the State would provide funding to fulfill this funding impact. Mr. Wynn reports that he does not feel that initiative could take place in the near future. Power County Highway District Commissioner Wade Povey referenced the Ag equipment personal property clarification and the need to have indexing to keep up with the backfill. Mr. Wynn clarified that he does not see that the elimination would go away without a clear backfill. Mr. Wynn advised that the Legislatures are going to support their local communities and Lamb Weston would not