



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1st Amended Meeting Minutes

*Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, October 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 19, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:08 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
Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Auditor
Cathy Miles, Deputy Clerk
Anson Call, Legal Counsel
Travis Stevens-White, Deputy Prosecutor

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Wade Povey
Gilbert Hofemeister
Robert Wetzel
Assessor Mary Annen
Building Administrator Andi Higgins
Sheriff Jim Jefferies
Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague
Ambulance Director Di Jones
Public Defender Mike Morrissey
Shane Bolgen
Bill Schroeder
Wade Dishion
Jeff Rankin
Mitch Cromwell
Steve Stringham
Troy Brazelton
John Duffer

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Power County Highway Update:** Wade Povey, Gilbert Hofmeister and Robert Wetzel presented before the Commission. Commissioner Funk advised the Highway District has been using the County's IT services in exchange for in-kind services. Mr. Wetzel advised trading IT services for snow plowing at the airport. Commissioner Lasley

advised a lot of services are done jointly. Commissioner Lasley advised he doesn't want to get in a predicament where it is costing tax payers money. Commissioner Funk advised they can touch base at a later date and see how IT services are working out. Commissioner Funk advised Gary Aldous brought the Commission invoices for snow plowing. Commissioner Funk advised it is in the best interest of both parties to continue to work together and exchange services.

Mr. Povey inquired about Table Mountain radio coverage. Commissioner Anderson advised the Emergency Management (EM) radio works well. Commissioner Funk advised they are working on upgrading the Papse mountain equipment. Mr. Povey advised he would like to have Alan Porath involved in the radio committee meetings. Clerk Sprague advised Chief Deputy Sheriff Max Sprague inquired on getting new radios. Ms. Jones advised she will forward the information on how to get radio funding.

Mr. Povey advised people have requested to shut down a sportsman area due to altercations with a squatter. Mr. Call advised a term restriction to camp is an option. Mr. Call advised if the land is owned or managed by the county an ordinance can be adopted. Commissioner Funk advised they met with Idaho Department of Lands and Fish and Game due to the same issue at East Fork. Commissioner Funk advised discussion was had on establishing a camp host to check the campers and maintain their arrivals and departures. Commissioner Funk advised he recommends stays be limited to 10 days.

Mr. Call advised a county ordinance can be established regarding fires. Commissioner Anderson advised Parks & Recreation can provide a grant for fire rings.

Mr. Povey inquired on Pictometry and would like to know where they stand. Assessor Mary Annen advised the Highway District still has access to Pictometry and advised Chief Deputy Assessor Kirk Mottishaw would be willing to train them on it. Mr. Povey inquired on a cost share for using it. Assessor Annen advised she asked different taxing district to pay into the contract but the City nor the High Way District have paid into it. Commissioner Funk advised having the different departments that use it pay a percentage. Commissioner Funk requested a usage report be provided and update to the Commission. Building Administrator Andi Higgins advised she paid \$12,000. Mr. Povey advised Gary Aldous did use Pictometry a lot. Ms. Higgins advised she will coordinate with Mr. Mottishaw and provide a follow up.

Mr. Hofmeister advised they have no power to water on the road against the irrigator and have no enforcement. Mr. Call advised there is a state statute that manages water on the road and the penalty is an infraction. Sheriff Jim Jefferies advised civil action against the irrigator can also be done. Mr. Call advised he will follow up with other counties and see what they are doing to handle the situation.

Mr. Povey inquired about open range signs. Mr. Call advised having them consult with their legal counsel as to he is not sure why their attorney is having the county mandate signs for open range.