



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Monday, January 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 11, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:00 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 Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Anson Call, Legal Counsel	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Tenniel Call Sheriff Josh Campbell Ann Call Via Zoom Assessor Mary Annen Gary Krell Via Zoom Maria Campbell Rita Funk Daniel Moore Austin Call Via Zoom Jenny Stevens Via Zoom Camille Clark Via Zoom Robert Engle Via Zoom Judge Paul Laggis Christopher R. McKay Via Zoom Tristan Bracken Via Zoom Treasurer Deanna Curry Klaren Koopin	Mayor Brian Blad Via Zoom Ambulance Director Di Jones Via Zoom Andi Higgins Chet Taylor Ben Taylor Via Phone Lee Dille Kim Obele Ainette Silva Kailee Campbell Tyler Campbell Elizabeth Hanson Shane Humphreys Jennifer Humphreys Julian Gallegos Monica Cleveland Brandon Wilkinson

## III. AGENDA

## **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **Mayor Blad:** Pocatello Mayor Brian Blad advised the mask mandate is working out and advised they are receiving a lot of emails thanking them for having an ordinance in place. Mayor Blad advised the mask mandate is controlling Covid-19 numbers and advised he is interested in seeing the New Year's Eve numbers this week. Mayor Blad advised he anticipates the Council will rescind the mask mandate ordinance if numbers go down.

Mayor Blad advised Frigitek has broken ground within the Airport Tiff District and advised Frigitek anticipates they will be having the cold storage up and running by the spring. Mayor Blad advised Frigitek will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> building that will be for dry storage.

Mayor Blad advised the Tiff District will close between 2027-2029 and advised he will be happy to get it on the tax rolls. Mayor Blad advised Transload System is using a temporary location next to the Hoku Site. Mayor Blad advised he was told by Transload that they are not abandoning the Pocatello Regional Airport, and advised they are waiting for the tracks to be built. Mayor Blad advised he anticipates the tracks will be built within the next few years.

Mayor Blad advised he received information on FMC and advised the Supreme Court will not be taking the case.

Mayor Blad advised that Mia Kate is the new CEO for Bannock Development and will be working on the airport projects and the Tiff District. Mayor Blad advised he would like to introduce Ms. Kate to the Commission at a later date.

Commissioner Funk advised that Power County and the City of Pocatello should be relying the same message to the Legislature. Commissioner Funk advised the County works with Lobbyist, Pat Sullivan for representation.

Mayor Blad advised Sky West is still at the Pocatello Regional Airport and advised they are still planning on increasing flights and adding a flight to Denver.

2. **Indigent Claims:** No indigent claims were presented.
3. **COVID-19 Update:** Commissioner Anderson advised the Covid-19 vaccines are available.

## **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, January 11, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

A motion to amend the agenda to include the Investment Committee due to CD maturing, and a decision needs to be made before the next meeting was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

2. **Elected Officials Oath of Office:** Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis administered the Oath of Office to District 1 Commissioner Ron Funk, District 2 Commissioner William Lasley, Power County Sheriff Josh Campbell and Power County Prosecutor Anson Call. Upon conclusion, a motion to re-affirm Ron Funk as Commission Chair for the totality of his term was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Commissioner Funk abstained. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Claims:** A motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$212,962.06 was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried. Upon approval of the Board, the summary of claims paid are as follows;

FUND	Paid
0001 GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE)	\$ 68,013.56
0004 POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DIST.	\$ 19,833.52
0006 DISTRICT COURT	\$ 5,870.64
0008 JUSTICE FUND	\$ 83,314.54
0016 INDIGENT	\$ 6,604.77
0020 REVALUATION	\$ 1,885.51
0023 SOLID WASTE (LANDFILL)	\$ 9,369.37
0027 WEEDS	\$ - 16.23
0038 WATERWAYS	\$ 387.54
0050 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$ 11,540.63
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$ 212,962.06</b>

Commissioner Anderson suggested repurposing the budget from the public transportation account towards the Senior Center to help offset their increased costs for delivery of Meals on Wheels. Deputy Clerk Flor Cardona will schedule Patty Porath to meet before the Commission at a future meeting.

4. **Building & Grounds:** Klaren Koopin presented before the Commission regarding the appraisal Vern Nelson conducted for the Landfill Property Acquisition. Mr. Koopin advised the appraisal was for 40.32 acres of the farm property. Commissioner Funk advised the land is not needed at the moment and can be rented out to Koopin Brothers if purchased. Mr. Koopin advised he is unsure of selling all the acres. Mr. Koopin advised the water is not included because it belongs to Falls Irrigation. Mr. Koopin advised he feels the appraised price is lower than he would like. Commissioner Funk advised getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal and comparing the two.

The Commission received a bid from Sierra for the cost and labor of a new gas furnace for \$3,435 for the 490 Bannock property. The Commission also received a bid from Vogts for \$4,495. Chet Taylor, Facilities Manager advised both bids have a 5-year warranty on parts. A motion to approve the bid from Sierra for \$3,435 was presented by Commissioner Lasley, with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.