



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 5, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 3:28 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
OTHER PARTIES:	Seth Grigg (Zoom) Assessor Mary Annen

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Property Tax Legislation Membership Meeting:** The Commission Joined Idaho Association Of Counties (IAC) Property Tax Zoom Meeting. IAC Director Seth Grigg provided a property tax legislation update to the Commission. Mr. Grigg advises that the Legislature is discussing a proposed property tax bill that covers a multitude of areas. Mr. Grigg advises the bill provides for a change to the homeowners exemption, circuit breaker requirements, and property levy cap. Mr. Grigg advised that proposed bill would phase out personal property tax over the next ten (10 y years and allows for personal property replacement dollars with an index at 2%. Commissioner Funk requested clarification that the bill would not recognize any personal property being initiated after the passing of the bill which seems to be slated toward 2022. Mr. Grigg confirmed that the personal property would be locked in at the value as of the date set forth in the bill and would only incur the 2% increase. Clerk Sharee Sprague expressed concern that the bill also seems to stop the ability collect Transient tax. Assessor Annen reports that would be her opinion. Mr. Grigg concurred that the bill would also exempt transient property taxes.

Mr. Grigg expressed concerns on how the Legislature would be able to guarantee the replacement dollars and the ability to lock into long term replacement.

Mr. Grigg explained that the property tax cap discussions have been varied. However, presently, it is slated toward a 5% cap in addition to some process to allow counties to recoup forgone monies on the books.

Mr. Grigg reports that the bill also allows for an increase to homeowners and circuit breaker applications. While the Legislature has not settled on an application amount for the circuit breaker, it anticipated that the homeowner's exemption would increase by at least \$25,000.00 based on the median home value set by the County.

The parties discussed details of the proposed legislation advising that the bill is too complex and should be broken out into several bills. The Commission thanked Mr. Grigg for the update and requested that routine updates continue to be provided.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, April 5, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

IV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for April 12, 2021.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held May 10, 2021.

COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:

FLOR CARDONA, Deputy Clerk