



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
[www.powercounty.id.us](http://www.powercounty.id.us)

Monday, April 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 6, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:03 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

## II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT:	Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair Commissioner Delane Anderson
ABSENT:	Commissioner Bill Lasley
STAFF:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk
OTHER PARTIES:	David Smith, State Insurance Fund Chief Deputy Clerk Chelsy Fehringer Assessor Mary Annen Chief Deputy Assessor Laura Porath Treasurer Deanna Curry Connie Woodworth, Juvenile Justice Di Jones, Ambulance/Ems Andrea Higgins, Building And Weeds Terrel Sorensen, Extension Office Jeff Rankin, Landfill Deputy Barbie Workman, Sheriff's Office

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Worker's Compensation Insurance Training:** David Smith of the State Insurance Fund appeared and provided Worker's Compensation 101 training for all departments. Mr. Smith reported on the County's current worker's compensation health and current experience modification rate. Mr. Smith explained that the Experian modification rate is based on claims filed over a 3 year period. Mr. Smith advises that employers should follow up 1-2 weeks after the report of the accident and confirmed that the County is using the current reporting process on the website (Blue Book). The County should report and correct any safety concerns. Mr. Smith advises that time loss after 5 days, hospitalization and loss of

limb are items that require payment and affect the experience modification rating. Mr. Smith advised of the importance to have a Worker's Compensation preferred provider and independent medical review. Mr. Smith reports that when employees return to work at a lesser wage, the employee is eligible for 67% of the difference. Mr. Smith reports the new premium structure can affect the counties premium rate by up to 25% positive or negative. Mr. Smith confirmed that reporting of safety meeting/trainings to the State Insurance Fund would also be beneficial to offset the premium rating.

Mr. Smith reports that if the Commission were to adopt a drug safety policy that is approve by the underwriter, and a letter from the random testing company, they could realize an additional 5% premium.

**B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, April 6, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Lasley was absent. 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 Anderson. Commissioner Lasley was absent. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

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