



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, June 29, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:04 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 Auditor
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **AF Fire:** Linda Sonnen appeared telephonically and advised that the agreement between the County and AF Fire District could be continued without changes.
2. **Clerk/Auditor:** Clerk Sharee Sprague appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Clerk Sprague reports that the equipment in her office are at times used by other offices, which has impacted the supply cost. Therefore, she is requesting an increase to the supply line in the Clerk's Budget. Clerk Sprague advises that personnel from the Clerk's Office are assisting with Court duties and proposes that an administrative fee be assessed in the District Court Budget to accommodate for the work being performed and otherwise, the Court budget would remain flat. Clerk Sprague reports that there are no needed changes to the Election Budget. Clerk Sprague advised that Fund 11-00 Health District has been added to the budget to accommodate the Medicaid Expansion Legislation that was recently passed. Clerk Sprague reports that all existing costs for the Southern Idaho Health District have

been transferred to the new fund and their direct payment line increased to cover the anticipated cost caused by the legislation. Clerk Sprague reports that there is no clear indication that Indigent costs are going to be decreasing this fiscal year, however, has recommends shifting \$50,000 from the hospital line to the new fund.

3. **Treasurer/Tax Collector:** Treasurer Deanna Curry appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Treasurer Curry presented 2 options, one of which would transition the part-time and shared employee position to a full-time position in her office. Treasurer Curry advises that the Legislative changes could have a large impact on their office in processing late home owner applications, the circuit breaker program will disqualify taxpayers who can now apply to a tax deferred application. Additionally, the grant management workflow is becoming very cumbersome and the credit card processing has increased as there are a lot more departments using credit cards. A full-time person could allow for the Office to verify landfill parcels annually instead of bi-annually.
4. **Building Administrator/Weed Control:** Building Administrator Andi Higgins appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Ms. Higgins requests a 5% increase to her full-time employee to recognize the certifications achieved. Ms. Higgins reports that they are completely managing all the duties of both offices as they are unable to find employees. Ms. Higgins reports that there has not been much movement for more departmental financial support toward Pictometry. Ms. Higgins reports that the remainder of her budgets would remain flat.
5. **Waterways:** Ron Anderson appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information.
6. **Public Defense:** Michael Morrissey appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Morrissey advises that there are no changes to the budget with the exception he would request a COLA raise if the Levy would allow. Commissioner Lasley inquired of the anticipation to meeting caseload this upcoming year. Mr. Morrissey reports that with the transition back to in person court, it will be difficult to pin down. Clerk Sprague reports that the financial assistance application has been received by the Public Defense Commission and they are anticipating moving those to a 3-year rotation in hopes of better analyzing caseloads and needs. Mr. Morrissey reports that his assistant has taken on more of a role in drafting standard documents which has been very helpful and negates the need for another full-time employee at this time.
7. **IT Services/CAI:** Steve Stringham Computer Arts IT Specialist appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget network and hardware need information. Mr. Stringham advises that the costs are guesstimates and should be less than proposed.

Clerk Sharee Sprague presented the proposed master agreement changes from Computer Arts. Clerk Sprague reports that while some programs will not see an

increase for services, others will, however, the overall general increase would be 2.51% for general programs and 4.25% increase for public safety programs.

8. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Josh Campbell and Chief Deputy Kasey Kendall appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Sheriff Campbell reported that they need a computer software increase to cover ongoing cost following a grant purchase. Sheriff Campbell reports that the need to increase the ballistic vest line as they have 6-8 vests expiring this fiscal year and then will be on a 4-6-year rotation annually. Sheriff Campbell requests an increase in uniforms to update provide for new employees. Sheriff Campbell reports that they need to increase the contract line to accommodate the oxygen program and pictometry. Sheriff Campbell reports that the office equipment and chairs are seriously dilapidated and in need of replacement. Sheriff Campbell requests to replace 3 vehicles and/or enter into a lease program. Sheriff Jeffries advises that with the end of COVID, they are expecting to have more inmates and, therefore, would anticipate that the food budget would need to increase. Sheriff Campbell reports that he requests an increase to repairs and supplies and capital equipment.
9. **CASA:** Jared Marchand and Patty Porath appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. The parties are requesting the same monetary support as last year. Mr. Marchand reports the biggest struggle is getting attorneys available to assist with representation. Ms. Porath reports that when a CPA case is open for long periods of time there are multiple judges and case workers, but the CASA volunteer does not change.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, June 29, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Airport:** Airport Manager Jared Turner failed to appear and the matter was tabled.

IV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for July 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. Commissioner Anderson was absent. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held September 13, 2021.

Ron Funk

COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:

Flor Cardona

FLOR CARDONA, Deputy Clerk