



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, June 30, 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. **Solid Waste:** Jeff Rankin appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Rankin advises that they would request an increase in salary and would like to structure the positions in his department to reflect hierarchy. Mr. Rankin reports there are training opportunities available that he would like to provide his team. The trainings are available online, however, there are fees associated to sign up for the trainings. The trainings would afford them the opportunity to become certified in waste management. Mr. Rankin advises that the backhoe is in need of tires, they need to replace their brush's broom and hood mule truck. Mr. Rankin reports that the cost to pick-up tires has increased. Additionally, oil and antifreeze are becoming difficult to be able to be picked up without charge. Mr. Rankin advises that the solid waste pickup will be increasing by 5% and the tipping and transfers will be increasing by about 6%. Mr. Rankin reports that the backhoe is getting to the end of life. Mr. Rankin provided some preliminary options, but has not met with any dealers etc. Mr. Rankin

reports that the concrete gravel and the wood chips have all been removed. Mr. Rankin reported that they are still assessing fees and Anson Call should be giving direction on the next step to get implemented. The Commission discussed paying DIOPTRA out of the payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) fund 1st year then evaluate ongoing cost for future budgets and fees to assist with budget balancing.

2. **Assessor:** Assessor Mary Annen, Chief Deputy Assessor Laura Carlon and Deputy Assessor Kirk Mottishaw appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Ms. Carlon advises that they are requesting that the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Supervisor position be a full-time position and no longer shared with the Treasurer. Ms. Carlon reports that the time to process a title on the old system has increased by 20 minutes per transaction. Ms. Carlon reports that due to the difficulties on the new statewide system they are seeing a large number of out of county constituents coming to Power County to receive services. Assessor Annen confirms that even with the new system requires that you work between 2 terminals wherein the old system, everything would be done on 1 terminal. Ms. Carlon reports there appears to be several changes that may occur within the office in the upcoming year. Ms. Carlon reports that one change they are reviewing is cross-training in the DMV area to become more expertise and to gain the ability to work as month end back-up. Commissioner Anderson inquired of the personnel structure differences between when Assessor Glascock was here to now. Assessor Annen reports that under Assessor Glascock there were 5 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee, whereas, she has 3 full-time employees, 1 shared employee and 1 part-time employee. Assessor Annen reports that the legislative changes to the Homeowner's exemption and circuit breaker program are going to cause an increase on workloads. Commissioner Funk inquired if there were any areas that could be transitioned to another Office, such as the Treasurer. Assessor Annen indicated that she didn't think so as duties are currently administered. Ms. Carlon reports that Steve Stringham met with them yesterday advising that they should replace 2 computers in the upcoming budget.
3. **Search & Rescue:** Vincent Harris appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Harris advises that he would request the same assistance for the upcoming year. Mr. Harris reports that as they acquire new equipment they would like to transition the ownership to the county to allow for consistency and adequate insurance. Mr. Harris reports that they have money set-aside to address the expansion needed, however, the transfer of the property did not get completed originally and they need to work with the City to get the deed corrected and complete the expansion. Mr. Harris advises that the Ranger just went down and they need some assistance in doing the repair and upgrade.
4. **Building & Grounds:** Building and Grounds Manager Chester Taylor appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Taylor reports that he loves working for the county and the job he is doing. Mr. Taylor has requested an increase in the supply lines as they are doing more frequent and in-depth cleaning. Mr. Taylor reports that the city has raised their rates so we need to increase that budget line. Mr. Taylor reports that the snow removal contract line was reduced to

cover the change from contract to personnel and should be reinstated. Mr. Taylor advises that the fuel line is high based on historical use and could be reduced to assist with the other cost increases. Commissioner Funk advised to purchase equipment needs from this budget and then prioritize additional needs for the upcoming budget and or future budgets.

5. **Service Officer:** Chief Di Jones and Service Officer Francine Beitia appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Ms. Beitia reports that she intends on using the same budget as last year and then work throughout the year to re-assess needs.
6. **Drug Court:** Sixth District Specialty Court Director JoAnn Martinez appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information.
7. **Extension Office:** Terrell Sorensen appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Sorensen request a raise for Ms. Thaxton as she is providing administrative support to the Building/Weeds Department and is doing more 4-H programs for the youth.
8. **Senior Center:** Kathleen Ulrich and Vernon Miller appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Ms. Ulrich advises that they are in the process of getting their insurance revaluated and improve coverage after the kitchen fire. Mr. Miller reports that the insurance premium is anticipated to increase. Mr. Ulrich reports they are serving 29 to Rockland. Ms. Ulrich advises that they are currently serving 100 meals per day including doing some freezer meals for some homebound parties. Ms. Ulrich advised that several Senior Centers in the state closed down, including Gooding and Parma. Mr. Ulrich reports that when the Aberdeen Center closed for COVID, they pickup up their meals for them. The Commission directed to have them report the premium cost back to the Clerk before July 26th for assistance consideration in the FY2022 budget. Ms. Ulrich reports that they have received some amazing donations from the community.
9. **Pocatello Regional Transit:** Skyler Beebe and Terra Contreras of Pocatello Regional Transit appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Mr. Beebe advised they are still trying to acquire a driver for American Falls. Mr. Beebe provided information about their services. Currently they are running a bus on the 2nd Tuesday from Rockland and American Falls for Seniors, however, it is open to anyone. Mr. Beebe advises that they have some other programs that could be available. Mr. Beebe advises that they are working with Lamb Weston on a commuter route from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm that would start early 2022. That route would be open to all residents but they would be limited to the lines set out by the route. Commissioner Funk inquired if they would be available to provide transportation for the Seniors to get to the Senior Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mr. Beebe advises that they may be able to do something, but he would need to analyze the information a bit more and report back. Mr. Beebe advises that they would not need an increase to the contribution as Lamb Weston will be helping with the match toward their grant applications.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday, June 30, 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. **Fair Board:** This matter is tabled and will be rescheduled at a later date as needed.
2. **Coroner:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reports that the Coroner had an unexpected conflict and could not attend. Clerk Sprague reports that Coroner Rose has not asked for any changes to his FY2022 Budget.

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 Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:



FLOR CARDONA, Deputy Clerk