



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Thursday, July 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, July 1, 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. **Emergency Services:** Chief Di Jones, Kami Chandler and Frances Beitia appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Chief Jones reports that the EMS Budget would remain flat with the exception of raises impacted by the shared employees.
2. **Ambulance:** Chief Di Jones, Kami Chandler and Frances Beitia appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Chief Jones requests that the vehicle operating expenses be increased to follow with past history. Chief Jones request an increase to the fuel line due to fuel costs and number of calls. Chief Jones requests that the miscellaneous line be increased to allow for Christmas employee recognition for volunteers should the Commission award the same. Chief Jones requests an increase to the computer services line for increased computer services and overage from this year. Chief Jones reports that as they got a new ambulance this year that line can be reduced back to \$50,000.00 to begin to build

toward replacement of the next ambulance. Commissioner Anderson inquired of previous grant awards for ambulances. Chief Jones reports that the county has never received a full grant for an ambulance and this year received \$40,000.00. Chief Jones requests that the employees receive a 3% COLA and is requesting an additional 4 paramedics and 4 advanced EMTs. Chief Jones presented on current scheduling and operational procedures and protocol. Chief Jones reported on optional schedules for personnel supporting her request. Chief Jones provided pay and schedules for other areas.

3. **Youth Center:** Commissioner Funk clarified that discussion was held at previous meeting wherein the amount would be increased by \$500.00 as requested to offset loss of rental revenue should the budget afford the Commission to do so.
4. **Advocate:** Emilia Cedillo appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. Ms. Cedillo provided financial reports for the program. Ms. Cedillo is requesting a lock be placed on the heaters to help control the utilities expenses and ability to lock the windows or install an AC unit to better secure the area. Commissioner Funk recommended that an assessment be provided on the shelter to determine if there are additional updates that need to be considered. Ms. Cedillo reported that she was able to get the insurance reduced to \$844.00. Upon conclusion, the Commission discussed reducing the amount of the contribution to the advocacy by the Snow Property Management cost and monitor for one more year and then determine whether to reinstate the rent.
5. **Prosecutor:** Prosecutor Anson Call appeared before the Commission and presented FY2022 Budget request information. At the outset, Prosecutor Call provided supporting documentation and information in preparation of the meeting scheduled for July 2, 2021. Prosecutor Call request the Chief Deputy line be increased in an effort to support the ability to retain personnel and requests a 2% raise conditional on completion of evaluations and levy ability. Prosecutor Call advised that Bingham County attempted to hire at \$52,000 however had to increase to \$59,000 before they could get any applicants. Prosecutor Call advised that Bannock County is hiring at \$63,000 and Bonneville County is hiring at \$62,000. Clerk Sprague inquired if the proposed target to attempt to fund should be closer to \$55,000. Commissioner Funk concurred and the request amount was updated to \$55,000.

Prosecutor Call reports that the remainder of his budget could continue without change. Clerk Sprague advised that the personnel lines are currently set in the Civil Fund and split with the Justice Fund based on 35% workload being completed in the Justice Fund and inquired if that is accurate for the upcoming year. Prosecutor Call reports that the workload has shifted and all personnel would be working equally between Civil and Criminal areas. Clerk Sprague inquired as to changes in the publications line as it is overdrawn. Prosecutor Call reports there was a billing issue with one of their vendors. Upon review of history, the Commission directed the line be changed to \$250.00 to cover anticipated costs. Clerk Sprague will have Deputy Auditor

Miles work with his office to examine claims to assure billings are being appropriately shared between the two funds.

6. **ISU Adult Education:** Debbie Ronneburg, Idaho State University College of Technology Interim Dean, Tom Puthnam, Idaho State University Advanced Opportunities Coordinator presented before the Commission on budget request. Mr. Putnam reports continuing to work with the work education programs at Lamb Weston and Driscolls. They intend to use carry over funds of \$8500 saved from Zoom etc. toward a citizenship courses. Debbie requests the \$14,300 be continued for contribution to help sustain the programs in place and develop citizenship classes. Blanca Mendez reports she is a naturalized citizen and will head up the development and deployment of the citizenship classes. Ms. Mendez reports that she came to the states at nine (9) years old and explained the difficulty in learning the English language. Ms. Mendez reported on the drastic changes her life has benefitted by completing her citizenship process. Idaho State University College of Technology Interim Associate Dean Darin Jernigan reports that he is a physical therapist by trade and has been a director at ISU for 13 years. Mr. Jernigan shared a story of a student from his class that went thru the same processes and Ms. Mendez had and the impact it had on his life as well. The student graduated with associate's degree and was working full time and in a couple years got his bachelor's degree. Ms. Mendez advises that the English GED enrollment is picking up due to employers requesting it and classes run from November thru March. Ms. Mendez reports they offer two classes a day; one class in during the day and one in the evening. The class will be at the Community Center. Commission Chair Funk suggested they reach out to Daniel at the Power County Press to advertise.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 1, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Convene as Ambulance District Board at 9:11m:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Power County Ambulance District Board was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
3. **Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 10:52 am:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as the Power County Commissioners was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
4. **Recess at 11:59 am:** The Commission recessed at 11:59 pm. A motion to reconvene was presented by Commissioner Lasley at 12:20 pm with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the 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 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. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 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