



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, August 09, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 9, 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:	Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Anson Call, Legal Counsel	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Sheriff Josh Campbell Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall Assessor Mary Annen Chief Deputy Assessor Laura Porath Ambulance Chief Di Jones Jeff Rankin Stewart Ward Paul Bastian Daniel Moore Bill Funk Kristin Jensen	Dirk Driscoll Ben Taylor Doug Tanner Bruce Olenick Brandon Collins Blaine Udy Gary Kutler Pocatello Mayor Brian Blad Lee Dille Jacklyn Taylor Greg Sullivan

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Connection:** The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) has reached out to feature Power County in the upcoming edition of the IAC

Connection and requested information for the publication. The Commission discussed the publication.

2. **Mayor Blad:** Pocatello Mayor Brian Blad advised this year's water is in bad shape and advised they are leasing to other cities.

Mayor Blad advised Morton Builders are going to locate at the Airport and advised they signed a 30-year lease with (2) 30-year renewals. Mayor Blad advised they are moving people out of TIFF districts and advised he set Morton Builders just outside of the TIFF district. Mayor Blad advised he is in support of a tax exemption only up to the dollar amount in infrastructure they have.

Mayor Blad advised Frigit will be meeting before the Board on redoing the lease and he advised he is unsure what will happen with the City Council.

Mayor Blad advised the grand opening on Savage Railport is scheduled for September 1, 2021 at 10:30 am.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, August 9, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Landfill Update:** Commissioner Anderson inquired on the Landfill fee increase. Landfill Supervisor Jeff Rankin advised he contacted a company to help with the fee structure and advised he is waiting for a response. Commissioner Anderson advised he would like to the Landfill fee structure implemented by January 2022.

Commissioner Funk advised he would like to postpone the purchase of the backhoe for (1) more year.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on painting of the building. Mr. Rankin advised he is waiting to hear from Guilio DeGuilio.

Commissioner Anderson inquired on being able to construct the shooting range on the old capped Landfill. Doug Tanner of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) advised that is possible.

Mr. Olenick advised the Wells are there to monitor the water. Mr. Olnick advised Cascade Earth Sciences does not share their data with (IDEQ). Mr. Olnick advised he would like to encourage CES to share the data. Mr. Olenick suggested having private home owners sign a release to allow the County to test their water.

Commissioner Funk opened the (2) sealed bids for the 1979 International water truck. A bid was received from Bill Funk for \$5,010 and another bid from Travis Grover for \$4,500. A motion to accept the highest bid from Bill Funk for the International Water Truck was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Dioptra Surveying Agreement:** Doug Tanner and Bruce Olenick from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), Stewart Ward from Dioptra and Paul Bastian from Xcell were present before the Commission and discussed the demolition pits. Commissioner Anderson advised he would like to maximize the space and advised there is between 5-10 years left on the demolition pits. A motion to authorize the Dioptra Survey agreement and conduct an evaluation to maximize the existing cells was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **Airport Leases:** Commissioner Anderson advised that Ralph Breeding and Klarin Koompin were both present at the Airport Board meeting and advised both were in favor of raising the proposed leases to \$0.20 cents per square foot and advised there was not a full quorum for the meeting. A motion to increase the airport leases to \$0.20 a square foot for all residential and commercial hangers for fiscal year 2022 was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Anderson advised he would like and ad in the paper to advertise for Airport Board members.
5. **Economic Development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** A motion to sign the MOU for FY2021-2022 with Great Rift Business Development and the County, and the County agrees to contribution \$5,000 to Great Rift was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

Kristen Jensen, Idaho Department of Commerce Executive Director advised they are required to hold a meeting 6 times per year and have a functioning board. Ms. Jensen advised Dirk Driscoll is the president of the Board.
6. **West Boat Ramp Bid Opening:** Todd Payne of Payne Engineering advised (2) bids were submitted for the work at the West Boat Ramp and advised (1) bid from TF Enterprises for \$47,500 and another bid from Pumpco for \$66,317. A motion to accept the bid from TF Enterprises for \$47,500 to be paid out of (50-00-526-00) PILT Fund was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Anderson advised he is still waiting for the grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for \$28,100 to be used towards the project that will fund over half of that project .
7. **Mini-Cassia Detention Facility Agreement:** A motion to ratify the detention facility agreement with Cassia County was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.

8. **Resolution 2021-09 – Assessor Administrative Fee:** Resolution 2021-09 A Resolution increasing the Assessor administrator Fee came before the Commission at 2:04 pm. The following parties acknowledged roll call of attendance;

- Bill Lasley
- Ron Funk
- Delane Anderson
- Flor Cardona
- Mary Annen
- Laura Carlon
- Anson Call

Legal Counsel Anson Call recited Power County Resolution 2021-09 A Resolution increasing the Assessor administration fee to \$5.00. Upon conclusion, Chairman Funk called for discussion. No discussion having been offered, a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-09 as read into record by Legal Counsel Anson Call was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call, motion unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted and the matter concluded at 2:08 pm.

9. **Brockway Engineering:** Greg Sullivan of Brockway Engineering appeared before the Commission to discuss moving water from FMC Site to Lamb Weston and about leasing the water that was recently purchased. A motion to allow Brockway Engineering to draft a letter for unused cemetery water, Water Right no. 29-14370 be put into the Underground Pumpers for rental was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
10. **Claims:** A motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$125,169.83 was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried. Upon approval of the Board, the summary of claims paid are as follows;

FUND	Paid
0001 GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE)	\$ 30,068.19
0003 FAIR BOARD	\$ 250.00
0004 POWER COUNTY AMBULANCE DIST.	\$ 5,581.01
0006 DISTRICT COURT	\$ 4,030.81
0008 JUSTICE FUND	\$ 12,579.44
0009 DRUG COURT	\$ 165.00
0010 ENHANCED 911 SERVICES	\$ 2,040.50
0015 ELECTIONS	\$ (48.89)
0016 INDIGENT	\$ 6,280.99
0020 REVALUATION	\$ 5,587.07
0023 SOLID WASTE (LANDFILL)	\$ 1,615.95

0027 WEEDS	\$ 1,082.04
0038 WATERWAYS	\$ 2,354.76
0050 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$ 53,582.96
Total Amount Paid	\$ 125,169.83

Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles inquiring on issuing (2) demand checks; (1) for Vector Disease for \$16,060 and another for Great American Financial for \$79.95. The Commission agreed to allow Ms. Miles to process the demand checks. The Commission would like Ms. Miles to hold the payment to When to Work for clarification on the claim.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Cedar Fields:** The Commission had a discussion on Cedar Fields and Commissioner Funk advised he would contact the Public Lands Committee.
2. **Courthouse Front Entry Bid Opening:** Commissioner Funk advised 1 bid was received from TF Enterprises for the Courthouse Front Entry remodel for \$247,000. Ben Taylor advised he talked to Precision glass and advised the price went up \$1,200 more than last year and was advised that the safety glass is an additional \$12,000. The Commission have taken the bid under advisement and have tabled to August 23, 2021.
3. **Sheriff's Office Update:** Sheriff Josh Campbell presented a bid from Motorola for an additional rack that supports (6) channels at the Kinport Site for \$150,000. Sheriff Campbell advised Ada County facilitated a meeting to contribute funds and advised the State can't contribute funds for eighteen (18) months. Commissioner Lasley advised the channel is encrypted for safety of the officer and protection of information and advised the control channel is for dispatch. Sheriff Campbell advised Kinport is one of the busiest sites in the State. Commissioner Lasley advised the bid need to be taken back to the Radio Committee with discussions and recommendations.

Sheriff Campbell advised he received a quote from Them Dang Builders for the evidence room and advised he is still waiting on itemized quote from the engineer. Sheriff Campbell advised that his office is currently using 7 different areas for evidence storage and advised the new evidence storage should be big enough to accommodate for years to come. Sheriff Campbell advised only 2 deputies will have access to the evidence room. Commissioner Funk suggested Sheriff Campbell meet with the Engineer Lee Dille and have him create the bidding criteria.

4. **COVID-19 Updates:** Legal Counsel Anson Call advised the COVID-19 cases are spiking in Bannock County with the new Delta variant. Mr. Call inquired on how the Commissioners would like to approach the spike in numbers and advised there are safety features in place. Ambulance Chief Di Jones advised there have been 4 new deaths in the past (2) weeks and (8) new hospitalizations within the County and advised the hospitals are overloaded. The Commission advised they would like the Offices be proactive on wiping down the counters and practicing good hygiene. The Commission

also advised they would like the Sheriff's Office to continue using the electrostatic sprayer again.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Executive Legal Advice Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(1)(f) 9:15 am:** A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Flor Cardona conducted roll call on the motion;

- Commissioner Funk, AYE
- Commissioner Lasley, AYE
- Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 9:30 am.

2. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 1:01 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Flor Cardona conducted roll call on the motion;

- Commissioner Funk, AYE
- Commissioner Lasley, AYE
- Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 1:03 pm.

3. **Executive Legal Advice Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(1)(f) 2:36 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Flor Cardona conducted roll call on the motion;

- Commissioner Funk, AYE
- Commissioner Lasley, AYE
- Commissioner Anderson, AYE


Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 3:35 pm.

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for August 23, 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 5:26 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