



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, October 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 4, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:05 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
Chelsy Fehringer, Chief Deputy Clerk
Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Building Administrator Andi Higgins
Juvenile Administrator Connie Woodworth
Highway District Commissioner Alan Porath (Telephone)
Ambulance Chief Di Jones
Sheriff Josh Campbell
Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall
Landfill Supervisor Jeff Rankin
Justin Huse
Jason Williams
Fire Chief Jason Mclean
James Annen

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Weed Control Update:** Building Official/Weed Control, Andi Higgins, advised she may apply for a UTV grant. Ms. Higgins reports she is hoping to submit the Cost Share to the

State. Ms. Higgins advised she received a \$10,000 grant for helicopter spotting rides for spraying.

Ms. Higgins reported that Deputy Building Official, Kim Piper, is now certified to conduct Commercial inspections.

2. **Juvenile Probation Update:** Commissioner Funk advised he purchased a 2018 Toyota van for Juvenile Probation and the 4-H Office. Commissioner Funk advised the old Juvenile Probation van will be utilized at the Landfill to drive back and forth at the satellite locations.

Juvenile Administrator, Connie Woodworth, advised she has 31 juveniles on probation; 3 girls & 26 boys and advised there is 2 in the State's custody. Ms. Woodworth advised there are 3 juvenile probationers under behavioral contract in the School District #381 District Discipline Review Committee. Ms. Woodworth advised she has 6 juveniles that are performing Community Services. Ms. Woodworth reported her office is having regular monthly meetings with her staff for work safety issues.

3. **Burn Ban:** Sheriff, Josh Campbell, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Kasey Kendall, Fire Chief, Jason Mclean, and James Annen presented before the Commission on the burn ban. Chief Mclean advised he would like to lift and modify the burn ban. Chief Mclean advised if the burn ban is lifted, people will need to follow the burn permit rules. Legal Counsel, Anson Call, advised the burn ban resolution automatically expired on October 1, 2021 and if the Commission is wanting to extend the restrictions a new resolution will need to be adopted. Discussion was had on changing the burn permit term to 1 year rather than 2 weeks. Mr. Call advised the Ordinance will need to be reviewed and a new resolution adopted to make those changes.
4. **American Falls Airport:** New Airport Manager, Dallen Ward, appeared before the Commission and advised the fire extinguisher at the airport needs replaced and advised the slurry seal has been completed. The Commission advised if Mr. Dallen has any questions he contact the Airport Board.
5. **Elections:** Clerk Sharee Sprague advised that she purchased 6 express pass printers when all the election equipment was upgraded. Clerk Sprague reports that it was later determined that the express pass printers could not be used at the precinct without purchasing additional tablets to operate them. Clerk Sprague reports that she determined to wait on purchasing additional tablets pending discussion from the Secretary of State on changing their voting software. Clerk Sprague reports that upon implementation of the Secretary of State's voting software, it was not fiscally feasible for Power County to move forward with electronic pollbooks through ES&S. Clerk Sprague reports that ES&S now has barcode scanners that will scan a ticket when there are split ballots, which was the same function as the printer. Clerk Sprague reports that she purchased the barcode scanners for the in town precincts as the out of town precincts rarely have split ballots. Clerk Sprague reports that should the other precincts demonstrate a need for the scanners, she can purchase them later. Clerk Sprague reports that she reached out to ES&S to return the express printers as 4 had never been out of the box. Clerk Sprague advised she negotiated a 40% credit for all 6