



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Commission Chambers*  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Monday, March 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 21, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:59 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 Casey Annen, Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Laura Porath Sheriff Josh Campbell Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall Landfill Director Jeff Rankin Chet Taylor, Building and Grounds David Goings
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Patrick Sullivan Robert Dillon Troy Brazelton

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Legislative Update:** Pat Sullivan provided a legislative update. He states that appropriations bills are moving forward. There is a literacy bill the governor wants to pass but there will be some possible adjusting because of concerns on the bill. Senate bill 1362 died on Friday with a 19-16 vote because they couldn't get dates adjusted correctly, we may see this bill resurface. If bills are not on their second or third reading on the house calendar its most likely a dead bill. It is difficult to get an indication of what the Governor plans to veto or if any will take place at all. Friday March 25, 2022 still appears to be the last day for the session with a possibility to extend

to Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Bill Lasley asked if the House Bill 735 is currently dead. Mr. Sullivan states it appears so because that bill is not moving forward but will he will follow up and check on that to present at the following meeting with Commissioners.

2. **Landfill Update:** Jeff Rankin appeared before the board and presented an update with the Power County Landfill. He reports that he was given a 12 week notice that an employee plans to leave their current position at the Landfill. The commissioners direct Mr. Rankin that its suitable to now place an employment ad in the paper for a part time position. Discussion was held in regards to the proposed Ordinance, fee and definition changes for the landfill. The commissioners agreed to remove the charge for metal at the landfill satellite transfer station. Mr. Rankin states he received a quote from Total Scales to update the software on the landfill scales. The county commissioners state there needs to be a discussion held with Steve Stringham to make sure the county servers can facilitate the required storage needed if the county were to utilize the new software system. The Commissioners asked what the ongoing cost for the new software program is projected to be, Mr. Rankin will get a definitive answer to present back to the commissioners. The commissioners request to have Steve Stringham of Computer Arts and a representative from Total Scales to attend the commissioner meeting on April 25, 2022. Prosecutor Anson Call advised that it was appropriate to move forward with posting to the public a notice that on April 25, 2022 at 3:00 pm the Power County Commissioners will convene to address fee changes and to revise the County Landfill Ordinance.
3. **Security Concerns:** Commissioner Anderson states there was a concern over the employee bathroom locks. Clerk Sharee Sprague updated the commissioners that a key lock has been installed on the employee bathroom due to the bathroom being left in a foul state by patrons coming in and using the bathroom as a public restroom. Clerk Sprague states each department office has a key for employees to utilize the restroom. Commissioner Lasley states that a key to every door needs to be located in the secure vault. Chet Taylor states he will make sure this is completed.

## **B. MOTIONS**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, March 21, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Building and Grounds:** Commissioner Anderson brought up a concern on the color of the grout being used in front of the courthouse that a citizen brought to his attention. The commissioners reached out to Lee Dille and he states he will look into the issue to get a further explanation of what grout is being used and the possibility of the grout being stained to match the rest of the building. Due to water and condensation being trapped under the flooring of the Treasurer's office, the flooring has become rotted and is falling down about 2 inches. Chet Taylor advised he inspected the flooring and believes the Treasurer's office floor has a floor joist that is dropped down, upon inspection there was no vapor barrier put in when built. The floor should have a pressure treated boards to support the floor. The area to tear up to further investigate is approximately a 10x10 square but once it is opened up if there is no pressure treated lumber that will need to be installed along with a vapor barrier. Mr. Taylor will know more once he has completed inspecting the damage. Mr. Taylor reports that the flooring company Wall to Wall is about two to three weeks out in laying carpet if they were to replace carpet in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Taylor presented that there is a need to relocate the Treasurer's office staff to assist them with their work flow not being interrupted by the damage. Mr. Taylor will get flooring recommendations and to present his findings upon further investigation of the damages to the Commissioners by this Thursday.