



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, March 24, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, March 24, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 3:00 pm, 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	Anson Call, Legal Counsel
	Casey Annen, Deputy Clerk	Andi Higgins, Building
	Deanna Curry, Treasurer	Administrator
	Britt Jones, Deputy Treasurer	Kim Piper, Weeds Secretary
		Chet Taylor, Facilities Manager
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Steve Stringham, Computer Arts	
	Daniel Moore	
	Pat Sullivan	

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Legislative Update:** Power County Lobbyist Pat Sullivan appeared via Zoom and provided a legislative update. Mr. Sullivan reports House Bill 575, which mends maximum duration of county leases for courthouses or jails from 30 years to 5 years has been sent to the Governor, however there is a great amount of heat for the Governor to veto that bill. Commissioner Lasley asked about the status of House Bill 735 which repeals the indigent laws and 781 which provides funding for public defense. Mr. Sullivan reports that bill 735 passed with amendments and bill 781 passed. Mr. Sullivan also states that the Cyber security bill ended up getting killed due to lack of funding. They may come back and pass it at a later time. Mr. Sullivan reports that the Medicaid bill and a few others were sent back through the system due to clerical corrections. Mr. Sullivan states that If something is pending in the second or third reading calendar chances are slim of them passing. He reports that he suspects they will be sending more bills to the Governor's desk. The Commissioners acknowledged that the clarification on bills and the updates from Mr. Sullivan are great and they appreciate him.

2. **Building and Grounds:** Building and Grounds Manager Chet Taylor advised that the Treasurer's floor is caving in due to extended water damage. Mr. Taylor advised that when the floor joists were installed in the 60's, they did not use pressure treated wood or vapor barriers. Mr. Taylor reports that water has been able to penetrate thru the seams on the foundation, the floor joists are spaced too far apart and there needs to be more support beams installed. Mr. Taylor advised that he reached out to local contractors in regards to the best way to fix the flooring and the manner in which it would be done. The flooring needs replaced along with adding in new pressure treated boards, vapor barrier and an extra floor beam. Commissioner Lasley states that time is valuable and what does the project duration look like? Mr. Taylor states that Duffer construction was consulted and could possibly do it and have it done within a month or month and half without a public works license. If the work was broken into different sections and projects that stayed under the public works license requirement of costing \$10,000.00 per section. Two other construction companies were consulted with. Mr. Taylor states that TF Enterprises placed a bid for approximately \$37,000.00 and is willing to work nights to keep the disturbance to a minimum. The work would be approximately 3 weeks out plus the carpet and if it works out the way he would like he can do the job even quicker. Mr. Taylor states the gas line is rusted pretty badly and it may have lost its integrity to withhold the gas. The pipe needs to be fixed if it was exposed to a good amount of the water underneath the floor. Mr. Taylor reports that the insurance adjuster informed him that the damage may be covered, however the county has a \$25,000.00 deductible for outside water damage. Commissioner Lasley reports that the Treasurer and staff need to be kept in house for the public to have ease of access to them. Treasurer Deanna Curry states she would prefer to utilize the Public Defender's office to be able to stay on site due to tax collection time coming up fairly quickly. Her concern is the disruption it would cause to her office and the public to be moved multiple times repeatedly. Commissioner Lasley directed Mr. Taylor to get a bid from Construction Services by Monday. Treasurer Curry asks if the cause of the water leak has been figured out and is that fixed so as to not have this happen again. Mr. Taylor states the framing on the outside of the building had snow build up over time and over the line of the connecting seam. There was no venting under the cement to allow aeration to flow through and allow moisture to not collect. The parties discussed relocation options and additional bidding. The Commission directed IT Specialist Steve Stringham be contacted to assist with relocation coordination of the equipment to the new offices. Commissioner Funk states that one option is to put the Treasurer's office into the Public Defender's office; this would be the first choice. Once that is figured out there is always room to navigate the needs of the office and construction as well. If the construction was making the Public Defender's office unbearable then the Treasurers can then be moved to the Clerk's office if needed. Treasurer Curry states that if the construction is likely to take months then she would like a location that would be dedicated to her office specifically such as over at the extension office. Commissioner Funk states that once Mr. Taylor gets a bid from Construction Services and then the commissioners can compare it to Ben Taylor's bid to see which would be the most efficient way completing the work needed. Steve Stringham of Computer Arts will wait to move any equipment until after a decision has been made. Once the decision is made then Mr. Stringham may help in supporting the move to get equipment up and running again.
3. **Computer Arts Update:** Computer Arts technician Steve Stringham reports that through continued discussions with the City of AF, he has been informed the city is looking to try a new company to manage their broadband. Mr. Stringham reports that there are several options that could be looked at, however, there are a multitude of security issues that need to be discussed and addressed. Mr. Stringham reports that he has denied access and passwords to the City's new vendor pending clarification and direction of the Commission. Commissioner Funk reports that he has visited with the Mayor and believes it would be prudent to sit down with all parties