



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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Monday, March 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 28, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:54 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 Laura Carlon, Assessor Deanna Curry, Treasurer
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Katy Bergholm Scott Workman Skylar Johns Bryce Contor Greg Sullivan	John Schutte Ian Toevs Kirk Adkins Sarah Hugues Erika Malmen

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **District 28B Candidate R. Scott Workman:** Candidate for Representative District 28B, Scott Workman appeared before the Commissioners. Mr. Workman states that after being a commissioner for 8 years he understands local government and that local control is important. Although he has not been a commissioner for about 5 years he is ready to get back into government. Mr. Workman feels like he can go in with the experience from his years of being a commissioner and from serving with Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) for 6 or 7 years and make a difference. Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Workman, of the current candidates running for Governor who do your values align with? Mr. Workman states he was hearing things from two Governor candidates that he isn't in favor of and is not happy with some things the current Governor has done.
2. **FY23 Budget Schedule Outline:** Clerk Sharee Sprague presented a scheduling overview for the Commissioners. Further discussion will be held April 11, 2022.

3. **Contract Reviews:** The Board of County Commissioners determined the Fair Board building and lawn mowing service is being provided by a part time employee position and determined that no new contract needs to be implemented.
4. **District 28B Candidate Representative Dan Garner:** District 28B Candidate Representative Dan Garner states that he would like to see education be funded better to allow the education of children to be improved. Mr. Garner would like to see more funds go to schools to improve their technology and help to bring the education system up to higher standards. The education needs of children require the most support and currently it is lacking. Mr. Garner states the school board he is on is at an 8% growth and is growing still. He states there is a fund of \$300,000.00 that can only be used for ovens and fridges for the kitchen. The fund can't be used for text books or other needs of the school. Mr. Garner believes the best government is local government. Mr. Garner reports that he would like to see county commissioners be the ones to decide where the money should be allocated to, he feels they seem to know the needs of their community best. Commissioner Lasley states with the \$1.6 billion-dollar surplus coming as a state we should be able to give that to the schools and local government. Commissioner Funk states past representatives would represent Bannock county well but they didn't seem to know the needs of Power county. Commissioner Funk asked if Mr. Garner would be willing to come up on a regular basis to create the working relationship with Power county as well as the other counties in the district should he become the local representative. Mr. Garner states he would be happy to create that working relationship and welcomes the Commissioners to call upon him if any need or concern arose. Mr. Garner believes that Power county has the power to sway the votes because of the large number of voters. Commissioner Anderson asks who Mr. Garner supports for Governor. Mr. Garner states that he views Governor Little has been hammered on his mask mandate but believes that we need to look back at what Governor Little knew at the time he implemented that mandate. At the beginning of the pandemic people were told 1 to 5 people would catch COVID-19. Mr. Garner states he is against mask mandates but clearly understands where Governor Little made the decision with the knowledge he had at that time. Mr. Garner believes that the decision should have been individual choice and maybe even employer in the interest of protecting their business. Commissioner Lasley states once the \$33 Million dollars gets dispersed through all counties and trickles down to our county, hopefully the funds come down to make sure the funding is here to provide citizens their constitutional right at the local level such as the Public Defender. The state seems to be too far removed to understand the exact needs at a local level. Commissioner Lasley states that when the solar farm legislation was passed we recommended the same tax base as the wind farms to relief the tax base of the local citizens. It wasn't allowed but as county commissioners we will always do what is best for local residents whether it benefits them after legislation we won't know until after it happens. That is the mission and intent of the County Commissioners and as those Commissioners we will continue to look out for what is best with our citizens. Mr. Garner thanks the Commissioners for their time and understands the commission is not always appreciated in their roles and thanks them for allowing him to come introduce himself.
5. **Idaho Power Upgrade Discussion:** Idaho Power representative Fred Noland appeared via Zoom before the County Commissioners. Mr. Noland states that Idaho Power has had a long-time lease with Power County and they would like to extend that agreement in the long term. Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Noland about financial planning and permitting from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Mr. Noland states they have oversight from FERC and Idaho Power is happy with the state of the current partnership. Commissioner Anderson inquired if based on the terms of our lease that was established in May of 1987; and the intent to extend that lease would Idaho Power be drafting any additional language to add into the agreement to address the cost share concerns? Mr. Noland states they have such a