



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, April 5, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday, April 5, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:00 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
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Rebecca Sorensen, City of AF Mayor Jason Povey, City Council Dan Hammond, City Council Kristen Jensen, City Council Terri Miller, City Clerk Brandon Wilkinson, City of AF Chief of Police Jake McIntosh Brady Anderson

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **City of American Falls & Power County Commissioners Shared Services**: The Power County Commissioners met with Officials from the City of American Falls to discuss new updates and shared services between the two entities. Mayor Rebekah Sorensen presented current and future updates the City is planning. Mayor Sorensen states there are quite a bit of changes happening. The Golf Clubhouse building was updated and painted. The Golf course is profitable now for the first time in a long time. The Streets Department ordered a new street sweeper because the previous one hadn't been working well for quite some time. The new street sweeper will sweep wet or dry all year long. The City will plan to send out a reminder about parking to remove vehicles to allow for the sweeping to occur. Commissioner Anderson inquired who enforces the parking orders? City Police Chief Brandon Wilkinson states that the police are responsible for issuing

tickets for parking. Previously there was a process in place where someone is issued a ticket for parking then they go before the city to pay the fine but it was only for the restricted parking area in downtown City of American Falls and only if they were parked there after 2:00 am. With the new proposed changes to the city code book an officer will be able to issue a parking ticket anywhere within the city limits. The person then comes before the City clerk to pay the fine, if they do not heed the first ticket and a second is then issued the fine goes up for each occurrence. Mayor Sorensen states they will place public notification of all code changes once the new code changes are finished. Mayor Sorensen states the Streets Department has also received a grant to dig up Roosevelt street from the Hospital to the Library. It will be a two-fold project, that will include pulling up the old road replacing water lines then the city will redo the road, which they hope to begin late 2023. Mayor Sorensen states they submitted a request to the Idaho State Transportation Division to request a pedestrian tunnel under the bypass to safely allow pedestrians and bicyclist to cross over to the park from the neighborhood on the end of hillcrest. Mayor Sorensen advised the Commissioners that ITD roundabout is currently scratched and the project is going back to the drawing board for a new design, possibly a green T inner section. Commissioner Lasley states that from his knowledge most folks were opposed to the roundabout but the State analyzed data that said most people supported the roundabout so there were some adverse reactions because of this. City Council Member Kristen Jensen states that people that were coming from out of state and were concerned about having a round-about. Mayor Sorensen informed the Commissioners that a new agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation was signed for Willow Bay Area for 7 years. The City has renegotiated contracts with Chris Schults and the short term/long term camping spots as well. They have extended his short-term camping area and the City now manages the long-term parking. They look forward to having a great cohesive recreation partnership moving forward. Commissioner Anderson asked if the plastic docks belonged to the City or to Mr. Schults. Mayor Sorensen states from her understanding the city didn't own the property down by the waterway line. When doing an inventory list the docks hadn't come up on that list. Mayor Sorensen will double check to see if the City is who acquired them. Chief Wilkinson recalls they may have been purchased through a grant or the waterways department. Commissioner Anderson states that the waterways department has newer docks coming for Oregon trail and would surplus the old ones to the City if interested as they are nicer docks. Mayor Sorensen showed the Commissioners the new playground designed and ordered for the city park with expected installation by June. Commissioner Funk expressed his amazement of the number families he witnesses using the city parks and have picnics and to see how much the park really gets used by citizens. Mayor Sorensen reports the city did some grant match fundraising with businesses, family and groups in the community to get more picnic tables, a new drinking fountain and new benches are all planned to be going in. Mayor Sorensen reports the waste water department is still addressing the current waterworks issue of the 4-inch pipeline spanning 14 miles. Mayor Sorensen will be speaking with counsel tomorrow to move forward on the issue. The water can't be ignored and is such an enormous issue they have Keller Associates doing a waste water assessment for the last 8 months and that is currently wrapping up. They plan to make a push on educating the water issue to the counsel. Once the front of the courthouse is remodeled they will revisit the option to display the pipes to offer more education to citizens. Commissioner Funk reports the front courthouse remodel is still going and has encountered some delays but is coming together. Commissioner Funk also reported a flooring issue in the Treasurer and Public Defenders offices, gas lines and then also some furnace issues that have occurred as of late and all are in the process of being repaired. Commissioner Lasley informs the attending members that the shrubbery out front of the courthouse will be live plants that will only require a drip system to reduce water usage and impact the building. Commissioner Funk states that Commissioner Anderson and himself have measured out additional parking to create new parking