



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Thursday, April 28, 2022, 9:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, April 28, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:00 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

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Sheriff Josh Campbell
Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall
Skyler Johns (Zoom)
Daniel Moore
Steve Stringham

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Commissioner Meeting Schedule:** Commissioner Lasley requested that the parties look at scheduling additional dates for budgeting and other Commissioner business. Clerk Sprague reported that budget sheets have been delivered and requested the Elected Officials and Department Heads return those by May 10th however, by statute they have until the 4th Monday in May to return the requests. Clerk Sprague reports that she will be running revenue projections and will work with Elected Officials and Department Heads as much as possible prior to them meeting with the Commissioners. Clerk Sprague reports that she hopes to be able to have projections ready early for the Commission so that when they meet with the Elected Officials and Department Heads the last week of June, they can make firm budget determinations.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

2. **Water Lease Discussion:** Power County Prosecutor Anson Call presented a letter of intent expressing intent between Power County and Lamb Weston to allow Lamb Weston to lease up to 4,200 acre feet of water per year for their potato plant in American Falls. Outside Legal Counsel Skyler Johns concurred. Upon conclusion, a motion to approve the letter of intent was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Computer Arts/City Update:** Power County IT Contractor Steve Stringham appeared before the Commission and explained the City Departments that are on the County Network and discussed steps necessary to separate the City from the County Network. The Commissioners requested that further definition be provided as to what “access” would mean when allowing the City access to information from the County. Mr. Stringham concurred that there are still a lot of details that need discussed and defined. Sheriff Josh Campbell inquired on options and/or concerns with having the City Police and the County Sheriff’s information connected due to the joint dispatch etc. Mr. Stringham recommended the Sheriff make that a point of discussion with Nancy Gilson with CAI/Harris. Mr. Stringham presented a Phase Plan to work toward the separation. The Commission discussed the details of the Phase Plans. Mr. Call recommended that he and Mr. Stringham meet with a City Officer and their Attorney to work finalize the details of the Phases and draft an agreement for consideration of the Commission on May 9, 2022. Upon conclusion of discussion a motion to Preliminarily approve the phase plan as presented by Mr. Stringham, that phase plan being a preliminary outline of how the transition would proceed with the expectation of future written agreements specifically that Mr. Call will meet with city and Mr. string and present a proposed initial agreement at the meeting on May 9th was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
4. **East Fork Discussion:** Prosecuting Attorney Anson Call presented a draft letter to the Idaho Department of Lands explaining concerns and items for consideration on behalf of Power County. Following discussion, a motion to approve the letter drafted by Mr. Call finalized, signed and delivered was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
5. **Joint Powers Agreement:** Prosecuting Attorney Anson Call advised that he reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement received from Commissioner Lasley regarding the Region VI Juvenile Detention facility. Mr. Call reported that the new agreement removes the shared ownership language of the facility. Mr. Call advises that the County would still have a partial legal ownership of the facility, however, recommends that the language be included before signing the agreement. Commissioner Anderson inquired if the county should sell a portion of the owned bed space. Commissioner Lasley explained the billing process and the possible increased costs should we begin using more than we need. Commissioner Funk updated the Commission on the history of the facility. Upon conclusion a motion to direct Mr. Call to include language that would protect ownership integrity of the County was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
6. **Personnel:** Clerk Sharee Sprague presented proposed job description and job posting for the Juvenile Detention Administrator position created by the letter of retirement received from Connie Woodworth. Clerk Sprague reports that Ms. Woodworth contributed to the proposals. Following review and discussion, a motion to approve the job description as corrected was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. A motion to approve and publish the job posting as provided was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. A motion to direct the Clerk’s Office to remind all employees that concerns regarding employee behavior and/or performance