



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, April 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 11, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:04 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 Deputy Chief Kasey Kendall Treasurer Deanna Curry Judge Paul Laggis Daniel Moore Kerry Hong Steve Stringham
	Rick Cheatum Clayton Munk Jeff Rankin Chet Taylor Carlos Wilson Kim Piper Linda Annen Leland Dille

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Candidate Introduction Rick Cheatum**: Candidate for Representative District 28A, Rick Cheatum appeared before the Commissioners. Mr. Cheatum reports that he is the President of the Pocatello City Council as well as serving on the Association of Idaho Cities Board of Directors. Mr. Cheatum believes this gives him an advantage to going before the legislature and his ability to present local issues better. Mr. Cheatum believes addressing issues that are not just occurring at the City level but at a County level as well are important, especially when those issues may be resolved at a State level. Commissioner Lasley asked Mr. Cheatum why he chose to run for Representative. Mr. Cheatum states that he had been watching what was happening

locally and saw an opportunity to jump in with a more moderate voice when one candidate decided to retire. Mr. Cheatum states that he believes he could be the person to read the information and facts and to offer that help with representing those issues without bias. Mr. Cheatum states he is a firm believer that the best Government is the local people; Counties and Cities. With the experience Mr. Cheatum has with observing the legislature pass through, he believes he can help to control the issues at the legislature for the local communities and to represent what those communities are going through. Mr. Cheatum reports that if elected he will not be giving up his City Council seat, He plans to do both jobs.

2. **Fish & Game MOU**: Discussion was held in regards to Idaho Fish and Game delegating funds to the Pipeline recreation area. Agreement will undergo revision for clarification on verbiage. To include specific dollar amounts and clarity on responsibilities of all parties. Discussion will be revisited once final agreement terms have been clearly laid out.
3. **Covid-19 Updates**: Discussion was held in regards to the Power County Covid-19 Policy. Commissioners request a report for the dollar amount of wages spent for 2020/2021/2022 year for covid-19 related absences. Further discussion to be held at a later time.
4. **FY23 Budget Schedule Outline**: Clerk Sharee Sprague presented a Budget Schedule Outline for the FY2023. Clerk Sprague updated the Commission on projected considerations. The Commission reviewed proposed projects, dedicate funds and projects included with the use of ARPA funds.
5. **East Fork Campground**: Clayton Munk reported to the board of commissioners his concerns with the East Fork Campground. Clayton Munk reports that the east fork campground draws people in and that they get lots of campers up there. Mr. Munk states that the Community wants to stop the overnight camping. He reports there are no bathrooms as of last year, human waste was all over. People are not following the county burn bans, and there is no one to enforce it. People who signed the petition would like it to be closed to overnight use and made day use only until it is developed to consider those issues. Mr. Munk would like the commissioners to consider the following issues; Burn ban problem, teenage kids and people who drink a lot driving under the influence and people that run into fences and knock them out, another issue is the human waste that is going into the creek. Mr. Munk reports that the Department of Environmental Equality determined there was e-coli in the water due to this. There is a major littering problem but it is not enforced unless you catch the people in the act of doing the littering. Further discussion was held to determine the most appropriate action to be taken by the county commissioners in regards to the concerns of Mr. Munk. Legal Counsel Anson Call will draft a letter addressing the concerns and have it reviewed before the commissioners at a later time.
6. **Drought Declaration discussion**: Commissioner Funk reports to the board that a drought declaration may be needed due to the low levels of moisture in the area. Discussion was held to monitor the issue moving forward and revisit as needed.
7. **Landfill Update**: Landfill Department Head Jeff Rankin appeared before the Commission with the following discussion update points;