



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, April 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 25, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:05 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

## **II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair Commissioner Delane Anderson Commissioner Bill Lasley
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>STAFF:</b>	Sharee Sprague, Clerk Casey Annen, Deputy Clerk Anson Call, Legal Counsel
<b>OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:</b>	Kasey Kendall, Deputy Chief Josh Campbell, Sheriff Daniel Moore Bryce Contor Greg Sullivan Jon Schutte
	Ian Toevs Kirk Adkins Sarah Hugues Erika Malmen Skyler Johns

## **III. AGENDA**

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

1. **Sheriff Update:** Power County Sheriff Josh Campbell and Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall appeared before the Commission to present updates with the Sheriff's office and the Day Wireless State Upgrade Presentation. Sheriff Campbell provided change in personnel updates and a proposed change in position from dispatch to the jail would leave one opening in dispatch. Sheriff Campbell reports there is one patrol position open as well. Sheriff Campbell met with the Radio Advisory committee to advise that the state has set a requirement for upgrades to be made by Spring of 2023 in order to make sure the current 700-radio system can communicate with the rest of the system. To upgrade the T1 lines to Ethernet and the other equipment needed for this to happen would possibly cost upwards of \$300,000.00. Sheriff Campbell and Chief Jones will schedule to go to Minidoka county and meet with others to get a good understanding of the options available for the county. Sheriff Campbell will look for a

fiducially responsible option to make sure the constituents are not impacted greatly. Sheriff Josh Campbell advised the County received an award one of the only two counties to have Zero Traffic Related Fatalities for 2021. Day Wireless presented options for a new tower location in Power County. The new proposed site would be a great option because the adjacent property is owned by the BLM and they have a reputation for being good to partner with. The other adjoining property is owned by Lamar Isaak. The Engineering team from Day Wireless estimated the coverage area the new proposed Sunbeam Tower would cover. The new estimated coverage would cover to the PAPS Tower and has future potential to microwave the connectivity down towards the City of American Falls. This would improve coverage for the hand-held radios that First Responders use while out in this area. Day Wireless representatives are confident with this location because it is 0.77 miles from the closest building to the top of the ridge; making it a shortest distance to transfer power to the tower. The site sits approximately 300-400 feet higher than the current PAPS Tower. The coverage maps are not a full guarantee but does a very good job at indicating with the data of how the sunbeam area would be covered with radio connectivity. Commissioner Lasley asks if due to this location being on private property would that free up the requirement for environmental reports. Chief Jones states the environmental reports would still need to be done even on private property.

2. **Women's Advocacy Update:** The Women's Advocacy Board came before the Commissioners to present an update. Property Management Representative Launa Snow reports that she has inspected the shelter and reports that the home was very clean and well-kept. There was a shut off valve that was broken off under the bathroom sink and would like to get that fixed in case there were to be an emergency. Discussion was held to ensure the resident is not in the home when scheduled maintenance will occur to protect the privacy of the tenant. Mrs. Snow states there were a few broken tiles going into the front entry way but it appeared to be from regular wear and tear. Commissioner Lasley states that the timing of the repairs and the upcoming budget hearing with the Women's Shelter would be about 4 to 6 weeks out. The Women's Advocacy Board mentions that the county has been lucky to not have needed to utilize the shelter for more tenants in the last year.
3. **Total Scales Proposal:** Total Scales representative came before the board to give a presentation on the new proposed software for the transfer station at the Landfill. The intent is to speed up the process and collect data needed to present to commissioners as well as assist with billing. The proposal is for an iPad or tablet to be used by a landfill employee to enter in all the information needed for someone bringing in a load to be dumped. The iPad/Tablet would be an interface page that would require the staff member to input the data. That is totally customizable so Total Scales can write the program to perform in whichever way the commissioners and Mr. Rankin prefer. The Total Scaled representative states that it would probably be a one-time transaction where the citizen hands a QR code one time to the Landfill employee. The person will go over the scale, scan their bar code or QR code one time. This then ties the load to the information of the citizen. They can then unload and pass back over the scale, scan the card one more time and then it prints them a ticket and the data is stored locally. Commissioner Lasley clarifies the consumer/citizen would scan the QR code. Total Scales Representative states yes just as an initial setup, once they are in the system they just scan it and go. The information only needs entered one time. Commissioner Lasley inquires if the barcode could be done through Motor Vehicle Registration fees and then send a code to the vehicle owner? This is a possibility as they could send out the card to get the initial setup done first and speed up the process. There may need to be one additional employee to check tenants/consumers in and out during the summer months. There is an option of installing a small kiosk to allow residents to run a credit card to be charged directly. Total scales can