



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, August 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 8, 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
Chelsy Fehringer, Chief Deputy Clerk
Jason Mackrill, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Nate Cuoio, Legal Counsel Andi Higgins, Weeds
Sheriff Josh Campbell Daniel Moore
Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall

III. AGENDA

A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, August 8, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Budget Workshop:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reported that she has uploaded the budget approvals and ran proposed levy authority. Clerk Sprague reports that with budget cuts taken and revenue shifting from Junior College and Indigent funds, the county and abatements budget approvals can be sustained. Clerk Sprague reminded the Commission of the incorrect levy restriction the Ambulance District had been constrained previous to last year and the restructuring of the personnel have had a serious impact. Clerk Sprague reported that the District used all the forgone levy authority and zeroed out all the contingency and locked down the capital last year to balance the budget. Clerk Sprague reports that the Ambulance District is roughly \$300,000 in the negative and advised the district will require monetary assistance from Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) balance the budget. Clerk Sprague reports that

unless the district went to the voters for a permanent override, the Ambulance District will be unable to operate without assistance from PILT monies. Clerk Sprague recommends utilizing some of the reserve created from Junior College and Indigent funds to increase the county contingency account in the General Fund to cover some of the one-time expenditures normally covered by PILT. The Commission reviewed approved budget requests and made further adjustments.

A motion to pay \$300,000 from PILT account 50-00-526-00 to the Ambulance District so that there will be sufficient funds to report as cash forward application toward the FY2023 Budget needs was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Clerk Sprague advised Sheriff Campbell that the 911 fund is projected to be in the negative in the amount of about \$80,688. Clerk Sprague reports that although mandated, the fund is not authorized to levy and the only revenue that supports that is the cell phone surcharge, which has been decreasing each year. Sheriff Campbell reports that they have applied for a grant, but otherwise he is unaware of any additional funds to support the fund. Clerk Sprague reports that if additional funding is not identified by the beginning of the fiscal year, she will be required freeze expenditure lines to remain compliant.

Upon conclusion, a motion to continue the public budget hearing from August 22nd to August 29th at noon was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

The Commission directed that the Clerk Sprague to publish the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget in the amount of \$15,461,522.57 in the Power County Press as directed by law prior to the public budget hearing was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Convene as Ambulance District Board at 1:04 pm:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Power County Ambulance District Board was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
4. **Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 1:13 pm:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as the Power County Commissioners was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
5. **Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District Contract (SISW):** Clerk Sharee Sprague submitted the SISW contract advising that the renewal contract and current contract were forwarded to Legal Counsel Nate Cuoio for review and Mr. Cuoio reported that he did not have any concerns with the contract. Upon conclusion, a motion to authorize Chairman Funk to execute the new contract was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Commissioner Lasley was absent. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.