



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, November 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 28, 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 Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Jason Mackrill, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Treasurer Deanna Curry Assessor Laura Porath Chief Deputy Assessor Flor Cardona Sheriff Josh Campbell Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall Ambulance Chief Kristi Permann Ambulance Assistant Mark Love Mayor Rebekah Sorensen Police Chief Brandon Wilkinson Facilities Manager Chester Taylor I.T. Director Steve Stringham Mary Jo Pratt Nate Cuoio Susan Brewster Dan Hammond Kristen Jensen

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **ICCU Credit Limit:** Treasurer Deanna Curry advised that the Credit Union had made an error is advising that the credit line needed to be increased. Upon clarification, it was determined that the credit limit is \$55,000.00 of which \$49,500.00 is currently being utilized. Following discussion, by consensus the Commission authorized the Treasurer to reinstate her credit limit to \$5,000.00 and add Jeff Rankin as a user with a credit limit of \$1,000.00.
2. **Cedar Fields:** Commission Chair Ron Funk reported that he received information that the deadline to file a protest on the Cedar Fields change was the 25th and not the 30th.

Therefore, he was able to forward a written protest to legal counsel Jason Mackrill and the protest was filed on Friday, November 25th. Upon conclusion, a motion to ratify and approve the protest signed by Commissioner Funk was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, November 28, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Great Rift MOU:** Kristen Jensen appeared and proposed the option to waive PERSI and/or have the County contribute more funds in the upcoming year to assist with the continued viability of the service. The parties discussed the elements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Great Rift Development. Clerk Sharee Sprague reported the estimated impact for the position including salary and employer related charges is \$50,540.07, the Department of Commerce grant will pay \$30,000.00 toward that amount, the county contributes \$5,000.00 as the matching funds to the grant leaving \$15,540.07 outstanding to be reimbursed by Great Rift Development. Ms. Jensen expressed concern with raising matching funds advising that they have been using their savings to make the payments. Chairman Ron Funk advised that he had discussed with Ms. Jensen the option of working more for Power County and possibly doing some grant writing as well. Upon conclusion, a motion to execute the MOU between Power County and Great Rift Development for FY 2022-2023 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Convene as Ambulance District Board at 11:07 am:** 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 Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
4. **Power County Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:** Chief Kristi Permann and Mark Love appeared before the Board and presented the accounts receivable reports from Amerimax for the date ending November 23, 2022. Chief Permann and Mr. Love presented ongoing challenges related to calls being received and coverage. Mr. Love reports they are getting calls to one residence as much as four (4) times a day for non-transport related calls. Mr. Love recommends providing an advanced directive charge for non-emergent assistance calls to assure viability of emergent personnel in those instances. The parties advised that they have had much difficulty in reaching Amerimax and would like to move forward with a new provider. A motion to move forward with a letter of separation between the County and Amerimax was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
By consensus, the Commission directed the proposed contract for the new vendor and the letter for separation for the current contract be rescheduled before the Commission on December 5, 2022. A motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted was