



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, December 5, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 5, 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 Casey Annen, Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Jason Mackrill, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Laura Porath Chief Deputy Assessor Flor Cardona Treasurer Deanna Curry Sheriff Josh Campbell Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall Pat Kennedy, Dept of Fish & Wildlife Andi Higgins Benje Graves Bob Wetzel Chester Taylor Lamar Isaak Leeland Dille Naomi Watson Scott Watson Sophie Watson Steve Stringham Tim Deeg

## **III. AGENDA**

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

1. **Building & Grounds:** Scott Watson from Digital Voice Technologies (DVT) provided an update on the Commission Office upgrades and recommends the Commission use the system for a while, report any concerns and/or recommendations. Clerk Sprague suggested having the remote connectivity devices installed and tested as well and then have DVT return to make any adjustments. Clerk Sprague recognizes that the extra trips were not bid out in the original job bid and finishing up the project in this manner

may incur additional expenses. The Commission recognized the quality of the equipment and the improvement in the audio and connectivity and by consensus authorized the project to finalize as recommended.

2. **Building & Grounds:** Tim Deeg appeared via phone to report that Lamb Weston is looking to mitigate approximately 20% of the county water right which will affect the lease with the underground pumpers. Mr. Deeg expressed concerns. Commissioner Funk advised that the County has had the rights evaluated by a couple of engineering firms and each individual firm reported similar modeling results. Chairman Funk suggested having Rocky Mountain contact Mr. Deeg and discuss some of the modeling and determinate information.

#### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, December 5, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Building Administrator/Weed Control:** Building Administrator Andi Higgins presented to the board. Mr. Higgins reports she will be providing annual operating plan to the Commission in January. Ms. Higgins advises they will be participating in interviews via Zoom on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Higgins reports that she and Kim will be attending continuing education in Boise for Weeds on the 14-18<sup>th</sup> in January and Building and Planning on the 22-25<sup>th</sup> of January. During such training, the office will be closed, but they will be available via phone. Ms. Higgins reports Lamb Weston still under way, structures continue to be installed and the concrete for the structures are completed. Ms. Higgins reports there has been discussion on a possible upcoming project. Inspections are going forward and problematic contractors have been reported to the State. Code enforcement issues have been addressed and seem to be resolved. Yearly permitting fee and bond information update notifications sent out and are due back by the end of January. Commissioner Lasley inquired of the status of the solar farm out in lake channel. Ms. Higgins reports they have not had any additional contact however, she was advised they are trying to construct it on agricultural land, which is a violation of the special use permit. Commissioner Anderson advised Ms. Higgins the county purchased property adjacent to lamb Weston and inquired of zoning requirements for an indoor and outdoor shooting range. Ms. Higgins advised she will need to research the issue and respond back to the Commission. Upon conclusion, a motion to approve the 2023 comprehensive weed management plan as presented by Andrea Higgins was presented by Commissioner Anderson with second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
3. **Claims:** Clerk Sharee Sprague reports that a corrected invoice for the last appraisal completed by Vern Nelson in the amount of \$2,541.00 and requests authorization do pay the invoice via demand. Following discussion, a motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$28,134.38 and when an adjusted invoice is received by Vern Nelson in the amount of \$2,541.00 is received to cut a demand check and pay the invoice was presented by Commissioner Lasley with second by Commissioner