



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, January 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2023, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:02 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 Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Jason Mackrill, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Judge Paul Laggis Coroner, Mark Rose Sr. Assessor, Laura Porath Sheriff, Josh Campbell Chief Deputy Sheriff, Kasey Kendall Treasurer, Deanna Curry Jeff Rankin Kristi Permann Mark Love Lee Dille Mayor Blad Laura Anderson Paula Laggis Ben Taylor

## III. AGENDA

### A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **County Commissioners Recess at 12:56 pm:** Commission adjourns as the Power County Commissioners for a brief recess from 12:56 pm and reconvene as the Power County Commissioners at 1:04 pm.
2. **Elected Officials Oath of Office:** Commissioner Bill Lasley administered the Oath of Office to Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis. Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis administered the Oath of Office to Clerk Sharee Sprague, District 2 Commissioner William Bill Lasley, District 3 Commissioner Joey

Delane Anderson, Treasurer Deanna Curry, Assessor Laura Porath, and Coroner Mark Gunn Rose Sr.

3. **Assessor's Office Update:** Architect Lee Dille and Contractor Ben Taylor of TF Enterprises reports to the commission on the process of Assessor's Office Remodel. Mr. Dille reports that the demolition has been completed. Mr. Dille states the source of the water problems has not been resolved. Mr. Dille reports that Mr. Taylor was unable to obtain moisture sensor equipment or get a vendor scheduled to assist. Upon discussion of the moisture in the walls Mr. Taylor states he will find out what construction was done on the walls to find out if a void between the masonry exists. This could be a cause of the excess moisture. Commissioner Lasley inquires on the status of the window replacement in the Assessor's office. Mr. Dille reports that the commercial grade windows have not been ordered. The window company has temporary lower quality windows that can be used in the Assessor's office until it is decided if all the windows in the courthouse need replaced than they will make one order for the entire courthouse commercial grade windows. Commissioner Lasley clarifies that we do know the cause of the leaking is partly because of the weep holes being plugged and the window seals. It is unknown if there are additional reasons for the moisture. Mr. Dille reports that the building is old and it is entirely possible that moisture is just coming through the walls from the original mortar. Mr. Taylor reports through his conversation with experts he was informed in older building as this the moisture can seep upwards from the ground as well. Mr. Taylor will move forward with researching the source of the moisture by reviewing any building plans as well as opening up the wall to inspect further. Commissioner Lasley confirms this won't slow down the progress with the Assessor's office remodel. Mr. Taylor reports that currently they are doing some touch ups and smaller items while they wait for the cabinetry and glass to show up. Mr. Taylor is working on plugging holes in the floor and framing so when cabinets arrive they can finish the office remodel fairly quickly. Mr. Dille reports the office will now be ADA accessible with the width of the door as well as the door swing clearance and height and depth of the handicap space.
4. **Mayor Blad Update (Pocatello):** Mayor Blad expresses gratitude for the communication and continued meetings between Power County Commissioners and The City of Pocatello. Mayor Blad reports Sky West Airlines has a revenue guarantee with the City of Pocatello. The City of Pocatello agrees to spend up to approximately one million ten thousand dollars on revenue guarantee to Sky West to keep a flight coming in and out of Pocatello. The expense will be the same if there is a commercial flight or not and the City felt it was important to keep that commercial flight. This is a similar guarantee to what Twin Falls has as well so the number is reasonable. Mayor Blad reports that Lewiston is spending approximately four million to have a flight come in and out on a daily basis. The City of Pocatello will pay up to Sky West's cost for every flight that goes in and out of Pocatello. The City of Pocatello is aware of a number of Cities that have lost air service and it could cost a few of those cities upwards of six or seven million dollars to get it back and are not in a position to do that right now. Mayor Blad reports the airlines have a shortage of pilots and crew members and due to this they are paying a higher wage along with a sign on bonuses. Mayor Blad reports they are working with the state of Idaho on this issue as the state has six airports that have commercial flights coming in and out and three of those airports are in danger of losing their commercial flight those three ends up paying for all of the back-country air strips and maintenance costs. If the three airports lose their commercial flights that will have a devastating effect on the state. Mayor Blad informs the commission there is a possibility of the City of Pocatello reaching out further to Power County for assistance as well as other cities and private entity as well. Morton building was pushed just outside of the Taxing District. Mayor Blad reports Morton building is interested in doubling in size. Added an extra dock for the BLM Wild Land Fire Fighting Airplane refilling