



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, February 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 23, 2023, 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 Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Jason Mackrill, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Jon Schutt Steve Taggart Mark Wynn Hailie Kelsey Laura Porath Steve Stringham Josh Campbell Kasey Kendall Mark Love Kristi Permann & Toddler Deanna Curry Mark Love Kristi Permann Lee Dille Chet Taylor

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **First Net Proposal:** FirstNet representative Hailie Kelsey reports that Ban14 is the priority network for First Net, First Net can also co-locate on the AT&T towers. Sheriff Campbell reports that he gave test phones to the deputies. The deputies tested the areas of Quigley, North Pleasant Valley, South and Center Pleasant Valley and reported to have three bars of service in all areas and were able to use the push to talk with no interruptions to service. Sheriff Campbell states during the recent snow blizzard he was in McCammon and an officer was in Sage Hen Springs in Rockland and was able to talk to Sheriff. Sheriff had the deputy try the area and where the radio wouldn't work the cell phone would work, with no service interruption. Sheriff Campbell reports he had the phones tested in the jail in multiple areas

where current service doesn't work. Sheriff reports that First Net had service through the entire jail. Sheriff Campbell reports that the initial test download speed in the Sheriff's office was 149.4 mb download speed and when tested on a personal T-Mobile phone it was at 15 download speed. Mr. Stringham clarifies that when using the speed testing site, it doesn't expose the upload speed on the mobile devices. These speeds are for the download speed not upload speed. Mr. Love states that after discussions with Mr. Stringham, he believes the four (4) phones and tablets are needed for the ambulance district. This would allow the tablets to be used to write the incident reports as well as the inventory reports. The phones would allow for staff to upload photographs and calls to the doctors and hospital staff. This would be to prevent staff using personal phones for this information. Mr. Love reports this will help to track usage and cost throughout the year prior to getting additional units. Mr. Stringham states that additional cost savings will apply as things are modified on the account, if they cancel two (2) lines and added two additional units it would be only \$2.00 additional cost. Ms. Kelsey would like to point out the iPhone 12 is free. The Samsung galaxy is free as well as the cost of hardware on the phones is free. The monthly phone cost is fairly similar to the current cost we have now. Clerk Sprague reports the election MiFi through Verizon is required to be activated 6 months out of the year whether it's in use or not. With First Net Clerk Sprague would have the ability to use them only when necessary without the requirement of a specific time limit. Ms. Kelsey states that to do a straight switch from the current plant to First Net it would be a cost savings of approximately \$118.00 a month. The data plans are a little lower in cost, the smart phone is unlimited and the election iPads would all see a cost savings. Ms. Kelsey informs the commission that there is something called a dual sim, it works as a primary with Verizon and secondary with First Net. Although it is not the most user-friendly system it can be done. Ms. Kelsey reports that there are no fees to cancel a phone number, as well you can suspend or cancel phones at any time. With the current service in order to cancel or suspend lines it can only be done 6 months out of the year. Mr. Stringham reports his suggestion is to focus on moving services for Disaster Services, Clerk & Elections, Sheriff and Ambulance. Everyone else can be moved over in a second phase. The priority should be critical departments that have the immediate necessity for it. Commissioner Lasley inquires which 15 smart phones are being discussed for replacement. Ms. Kelsey reports this is an overview for cost purposes and will make sure that information can be provided. Ms. Kelsey reports that part of the discussions included patrol officers' smart phones in addition to or the replacement of jet packs. Ms. Kelsey can present that as an option to continue using jet packs and also a county phone. Ms. Kelsey will get together the monthly cost versus a onetime cost and can present that as each individual department with the names of the people who utilize them So the commission can identify who would be affected by the change. Ms. Kelsey will bring anyone a test phone if they would like to try the coverage out themselves and wants to ensure 100% satisfaction with the product and connectivity. Upon discussion, it was determined that Ambulance Chief Kristi Permann does not currently have a county phone nor is receiving a reimbursement. Mr. Stringham inquires if she would like reimbursement or a county phone, Ms. Permann reports she doesn't have a preference.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, February 23, 2023, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Campbell presented the updated Javelin Arms quote to include all of the necessary weapons trade in. The new quote is \$14,842.00 and includes 4 different back straps that adjust the length and width of the grip on the pistol to work for smaller hands. A motion

to approve the Sheriff going forward with the trade in for javelin Arms in the amount of \$14,842.00 on invoice number PCSO Handgun quote dated 2/13/23 with the community donations of \$3,800.00 which leaves \$11,042.00 to be paid out of PILT funds unless a problem with donations being used for this purpose then the full amount will be paid from PILT funds was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

3. **Convene as Ambulance District Board at 12:26 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 Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
4. **Power County Ambulance Administration & Financial Report:**
Billing & Collection Procedures: Upon discussion of the Billing for Power County Ambulance, there was confusion on checking account numbers getting over to the billing company. It was reported that Amerimax has Medicaid funds to still send over. Treasurer Curry will provide the necessary account information again to get those funds delivered. Discussion was held to determine if the old billing company can finish out the billing or if the new company can take care of those additional accounts. After discussion it was determined the new company will be billing ambulance calls from here on out and anything prior will be collected by the old billing company.
5. **Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 2:03 pm:** A motion to adjourn as the Power County Ambulance District Board and reconvene as the Power County Commissioners was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
6. **Building & Grounds:** Clerk Sprague presented carpet samples to the Commission for review. Upon review of carpet quotes received by Herrick in the amount of \$31,000.00, Wall2Wall in the amount of \$26,415.00 and from Magic Valley in the amount of \$25,000.00. Bids reviewed today are not of sufficient square footage. Assessor Porath likes the grey color for her office. Ms. Porath will let Mr. Dille know the paint color choice and will copy Ben Taylor in on the decision. Upon discussion, it was decided that the carpet in the Assessor's office will be the grey to match the treasurers. Assessor Porath reports she has picked out the counter top and it was to match the grey carpeting.
7. **Personnel Updates:** Payroll Clerk Lissette Aguirre reported on several personnel changes for the county. Ms. Aguirre reports that impacted budget lines have been reviewed for sustainability of the requested changes and submitted the following changes;
 - The Power County Ambulance hired Jesse Johnston as a PRN Advanced EMTA with no benefits and requests Mr. Johnston receive \$7,800.00 annually or \$15.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
 - The Power County Ambulance hired Melanie Jennings as Paid per call and requests Ms. Jennings receive \$7,800.00 annually or \$15.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
 - The Assessor's Department approved a step increase due to completion of probationary period and requests Yolanda Rosales receive \$34,5480.00 annually or \$19.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.

Following discussion, a motion to accept personnel updates as submitted was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

8. A motion to approve the AIA invoices as presented by Design Place PLLC identified as G702 – 1992 in the amount of \$75,668.50 to be paid from ARPA funds and change order invoice G701 – 2017 in the amount of \$4,930.00 was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the board, motion unanimously carried.

C. POINTS OF ORDER:NA

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Executive Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(1)(E) 9:10 am:** A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(1)(E), to consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Casey Annen conducted roll call on the motion;
 - Commissioner Funk, AYE
 - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
 - Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 10:50 am.

2. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 1:11 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Casey Annen conducted roll call on the motion;
 - Commissioner Funk, AYE
 - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
 - Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 2:03 pm.

3. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 2:04 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Deputy Clerk Casey Annen conducted roll call on the motion;
 - Commissioner Funk, AYE
 - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
 - Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 2:50 pm.

4. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 3:51 pm:** A motion to enter into executive session to consider personnel actions pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Deputy Clerk Casey Annen conducted roll call on the motion;
 - Commissioner Funk, AYE
 - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
 - Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 4:12 pm.

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for February 7, 2022

2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held March 28, 2023.

ATTEST:



CASEY ANNEN, Deputy Clerk



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman