



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, May 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 15, 2023, 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
Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor
Nate Cuoio, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Judge Paul Laggis
Sheriff Josh Campbell
Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall
Court Marshal Mark Christensen

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Front Door Remodel:** Judge Paul Laggis, Sheriff Josh Campbell, Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall, Court Marshal Mark Christensen discussed dynamics of the front door operation and launch of the metal detection system. By consensus, the Commission designated that all elements would be determined in place and launched by July 10, 2023.
2. **Elected Officials Institute Update:** Clerk Sharee Sprague advised that she will send out the slide decks with her notes on them for reference. Clerk Sprague reported that one member of each district magistrate commission will also comprise the committee to nominate names to the governor for appointment of the state public defender. Clerk Sprague advised that there will be Judicial District public defender offices and the operational details of said office will be determined by each Judicial District. Clerk Sprague advised that the Chief Public Defender will be appointed by district magistrate

commissions which include the chairman of the board of county commissioners of each county within the judicial district. Once appointed, the state public defender will appoint a team comprised of one public defender from each judicial district and two county commissioners to assist in the transition between the current county-based system to a state-based system. The senior-most chairman of the board of county commissioners having an institutional office will chair the district magistrate commission for purposes of selecting the judicial district public defender. Clerk Sprague advised that existing contract public defenders will be transferred to a contract with the State of Idaho. Clerk Sprague reports that they will be working toward consistency between the districts and setting some criteria toward pay and contractual details. Clerk Sprague advised that the counties will receive funding to cover Public Defense for fiscal year 2024, but the estimates do not appear that said revenue will fully cover the expenses. Beginning State fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024), the state will re-structure the use of online sales tax dollars.

3. **Mental Health First Aid Class:** Clerk Sharee Sprague advised that she was notified that the matter should be back on the agenda to discuss payment for employees that attend over and above their regularly scheduled time. Clerk Sprague advised that she is conducting a poll for best schedule and recommended having the discussion once completed and budgetary impact is known. By consensus, the Commission concurred.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, May 15, 2023, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Commission Board Re-Organization:** A motion to appoint Ron Funk as Chairman to the board was presented Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Funk abstained. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried.
3. **Personnel Updates:** Clerk Sharee Sprague presented several personnel changes for the Power County Sheriff's Office. Clerk Sprague reports that impacted budget lines have been reviewed for sustainability of the requested changes and submitted the following changes;
 - A step increase due to Yuliannette Silva being promoted to jail Sergeant requesting Ms. Silva receive \$44,162.14 annually or \$22.60 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
 - A step increase to be more competitive and to retain current staff requesting Colten Wallace receive \$41,600.00 annually or \$20.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
 - A step increase to be more competitive and to retain current staff requesting Hunter Miller receive \$41,600.00 annually or \$20.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
 - A step increase to be more competitive and to retain current staff requesting Staci Miller receive \$41,600.00 annually or \$20.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.

- A step increase to be more competitive and to retain current staff requesting Devan Funk receive \$41,600.00 annually or \$20.00 hourly as compensation for completion of assigned job duties.
- Retain an employee to fill the vacant position and requests Dalton Redford receive \$41,600.00 annually or \$20.00 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.

IV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for May 22, 2023.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held June 26, 2023.

ATTEST:



SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman