



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, June 28, 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 (Phone)	
	Commissioner Delane Anderson	
	Commissioner Bill Lasley	
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Jason Mackrill	Jeff Rankin
	Michael Morrissey	Britney Herrgesell
	Jared Marchand	Stace Gearhart
	Judge Paul Laggis	Jessica Deagle

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Prosecutor:** Prosecutor Jason Mackrill appeared before the Commission and presented budget requests for fiscal year 2024. Prosecutor Mackrill advised that he would like to continue to contract Nate Cuoio as civil legal counsel for Power County, which would provide for a savings of \$157,730.00 in the civil prosecutor budget. Clerk Sharee Sprague reported that Prosecutor Mackrill did not submit any recommendation for freezing and provided recommended lines to be frozen the department in the amount of \$46,043.42. Prosecutor Mackrill requests advised that all his office and payroll lines have been moved to his Justice Fund budget and requests a 2% raise for himself and his administrative assistant and an additional 5% merit-based raise for his assistant. Prosecutor Mackrill requests \$35,00.00 be funded to allow him to hire an additional assistant. Prosecutor Mackrill requests an increase to travel and training to provide \$2,000.00 for each employee. Prosecutor Mackrill advises that even with the requested increases to the Justice Budget he would anticipate an overall savings of around \$34,000.00. Clerk Sprague reported that Prosecutor Mackrill did not submit any recommendation for freezing and provided recommended lines to be frozen the department in the amount of

\$538.69, which includes an anticipated overage in the telephone utility line. Clerk Sprague advised that Prosecutor Mackrill has done several bond forfeitures that were well below the recommended bond schedule, which affects the revenue project for the Justice Fund.

2. **Public Defense:** Public Defender Michael Morrissey appeared before the Commission and presented budget requests for fiscal year 2024. Mr. Morrissey reported that he is searching for an administrative assistant. Mr. Morrissey reports that he is keeping his budget relatively the same with the exception of his request for a 6% cost of living adjustment. Mr. Morrissey reports that he has applied for a magistrate judge position in Bannock County and if selected could tentatively begin on the bench by September 1st. Commissioner Lasley inquired of recommendations to finish out the fiscal year. Mr. Morrissey said there is still a lot of questions as to how the transition would occur, but with present conditions he would recommend contracting out for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Funk inquired if the joint work between the counties is working well. Mr. Morrissey advised that it is all well, but travel to Oneida County has dropped.
3. **Drug Court:** Sixth District Treatment Court Coordinator Jared Marchand appeared before the Commission and presented budget requests for fiscal year 2024. Mr. Marchand explained that he added a travel line. Clerk Sharee Sprague verified that Trial Court Administrator Kerry Hong explained the allotted use of testing dollars and explained the balancing process used to verify funding. Mr. Marchand advises that he would like to work with adult probation for observed testing services. Commissioner Lasley inquired of the testing kits provided by probation and parole in exchange for use of office space. Clerk Sprague reported that she has a meeting with Kerry Hong and Jimmy Gentry on July 12th at 1:30 pm to discuss details and will report back to the Commission. Judge Laggis offered support of the proposed budget and advised that Kerry Hong is looking into some testing support thru centralized vendors in the District.
4. **Solid Waste (Landfill):** Landfill Director Jeff Rankin appeared before the Commission and presented budget requests for fiscal year 2024. Mr. Rankin request 5% cost of living adjustment. Mr. Rankin reported on training modules for his team that they are working thru. Mr. Rankin advised they are adding funding to the telephone to provide for better services at the satellite sites, increase to other lines due to inflation and reduced his capital lines to account for needs in other areas. The Commission directed Mr. Rankin to get rid of the wood chipping piles and not charge to load. The Commission also directed that the demo pit continuously get ground for use throughout the county. The Commission also directed that a listing of categories for revenue be given to the Clerk's Office for development in the financial software.
5. **Juvenile Probation Services:** Juvenile Probation Director Britney Herrgesell appeared before the Commission and presented budget requests for fiscal year 2024. IDJC District 6 Liaison Stace Gearhart and Administrative Assistant Jessica Deagle also appeared. Ms. Herrgesell updated the Commission on changes and activities accomplished over the past year. Ms. Herrgesell is requesting wage increase of 10%, consumer prices and more active probation services. Stace Gearhart advised that the State funding advising that the State wants the counties to spend some of those funds. Mr. Gearhart advised that the funds are based on 10-17 age population and can be used for any youth related expenses including contributing a pro rata share for remodeling, cameras etc. Clerk Sharee Sprague advised that the Youth Programs line in the Justice Fund was added erroneously in FY2023 and should be removed. Clerk Sprague reported that she will do an analysis of state juvenile funding received and expenditures to balance the expenditure line.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Executive Personnel Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) 11:51 am:** 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 Anderson. Clerk Sharee Sprague conducted roll call on the motion;
 - Commissioner Funk, AYE
 - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
 - Commissioner Anderson, AYEFollowing roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 12:07 pm.

V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:


1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for July 10, 2023.
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. Commissioner Lasley was absent. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held July 10, 2023.

ATTEST:



SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk



COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman