



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers

543 Bannock Ave.

American Falls, ID 83211

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Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 9:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Wednesday, August 23, 2023, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:58 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	
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Andi Higgins	Chester Taylor
	Kim Piper	Laura Porath (Zoom)
	Jennifer Thaxton	Steve Stringham (Zoom)

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Building & Grounds:** Commissioner Funk advised that the inspection report for the Annex has been filed and the results are not favorable to the stability of the Building. The report was shared with the parties for review. Commissioner Anderson expressed his concern with the stability of the report. Commissioner Lasley advised that he researched for the report from Myers-Anderson and could not locate that report however he found a report done by them in 2002 when the county purchased the building from the American Legion. Commissioner Lasley highlighted various points of the report and anticipated cost and the health and safety of our staff and public. Commissioner Funk recognized the history of the building. Commissioner Funk advises that we need to find a place for staff while we work thru the solutions.
Andi Higgins advised that she agrees that with the foundation failing. Ms. Higgins advises if they can get some mold abatement completed at the Palmer house, that location would work well to relocate in the interim. Ms. Higgins advises that she believes that as long as a memorial plaque is rendered, the building can be demolished. Ms. Higgins advises that the building has been making distress sounds for a while. The Commission discussed storage options and locations. Commissioner Funk asked if they could relocate to the Commissioners offices until a more permanent solution is attained. Commissioner

Anderson recommends renting the old farm credit bank by M&J's as it would have everything they need in one space. Commissioners Funk expressed concern with taking a commercial building off of the tax rolls when the county owns property that could be used. Commissioner Lasley concurred and expressed concerns regarding utilities and other unintended costs. Jennifer Thaxton advises that they all agree that the little house will work with the exception of the meetings. Andi Higgins advised that they believe the county house will be a good location and expressed concern with unintended conflicts by renting the commercial space. Chester Taylor advised that Challis was to begin working on the deck on the Palmer house today and inquired if there were any other items that need to be addressed on the property. The Commission advised they will look into some storage containers that can be installed locally for use next to their area. Steve Stringham inquired on best options to get network set-up at the house. Commissioner Funk directed to use the least invasive process to get everything linked as long as it is safe. The Commission will do some more vetting for options to be located and discussion is tabled until Monday, August 28, 2023. Steve will contact M2 and get the FOBs re-programmed.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday, August 23 2023, 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 August 28, 2023.
2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

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

ATTEST:


SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk


COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman