



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers

543 Bannock Ave.

American Falls, ID 83211

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Monday, September 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 18, 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 Mariano Villa, Deputy Clerk Lissette Aguirre, Deputy Clerk Cathy Miles, Deputy Auditor Nate Cuoio, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Laura Porath Judge Paul Laggis Chief Deputy Sheriff Kasey Kendall Chief Deputy Treasurer Teri Kendall Appraiser Kevin Franck Appraiser Marla Meliar Chad Chlarson Chester Taylor Jennifer Thaxton Kristi Permann Patrick Bryant (Zoom) Wade Dishion (Phone)

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **Extension Office Update:** Jennifer Thaxton appeared before the Commission and presented updates to the Commission. Ms. Thaxton reports that they have presented Extension Agent recommendations to the University of Idaho for final determination and decision. Ms. Thaxton reports that the fair went well and Power County had a grand champion in lambs and a grand champion in dog show. Ms. Thaxton reported that she is working on final projects for the county and state fair and working on getting set-up in the rental facility. Ms. Thaxton reported they are still having network and telephone issues, which have been reported to Steve Stringham.

2. **Assessor Office Update:** Power County Assessor Laura Porath appeared before the Commission advises that she would like to do quarterly updates to the Commission. Assessor Porath advised that the Assessment valuations were much smoother this year. Assessor Porath presented a list of home owner exemptions added to the roster. Kevin Franck advised that they are in the 2024 Assessments are based on 2023 sells. Mr. Franck advises that they have a good portion of the field work has been completed and hope to have reports remitted to Assessor by end of year for input by County staff into the system. Assessor Porath advised that with current valuations, the county is at 98%, which is compliant. Commissioner Anderson inquired if market was dropping. Mr. Franck states that the values are not dropping, but time on the market is going longer. Assessor Porath provided updates on map layers and assessments. Assessor Porath states that on the new system, the last deed may show up to provide the Clerk's Office for documents.
Clerk Sprague requested joint training between the offices when things are better streamlined so that constituents can be better served and Assessor Porath agreed to reach out when appropriate.
Kevin Franck still working on Ag values, measuring out acres and counting acres so that they can meet with owners for correct assessments. Bingham county just took a big jump while working to get compliant with the State.
Assessor Porath advised DMV office is doing well, all ag trucks were registered without incident, and Jeanie and Casey will be attending DMV conference by ITD, during which Jeanie will be recognized. Assessor Porath advised that title filings will now be received until 4:30 pm. Commissioners send their congratulations to Jeanie.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, September 18, 2023, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **Levy Certification:** The Commission directed to take up this matter prior to the posted time on the agenda Clerk Sharee Sprague presented taxing district levies for certification. Clerk Sprague advised that she is awaiting affidavit of publication from one taxing district, 6 taxing district created forgone taxes in their filings and have until December 31, 2023 to file a resolution to reserve the forgone monies, that 4 taxing districts, including the Power County Abatement District forfeited recapture of Lumen settlement monies and 3 taxing districts that can recapture Lumen settlement monies next year. Upon conclusion, a motion to certify taxing district levies as reported was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an audible call of the board, the motion unanimously carried. At 10:15 am, the Commission called and confirmed there were no parties present wanting to discuss and/or comment regarding certification of levies.
3. **Claims:** Deputy Auditor Cathy Miles appeared and presented claims filed for payment. A motion to approve the claims approval report in the amount of \$125,085.42 was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following an