

**Minutes of Meeting
Community Development
March 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Community Development Director David Callahan, Planning Manager Ben Tarbutton, Plans Examiner/Building Inspector Bobby Washburn, Certified Building Official Christina Garland, Code Compliance Officer I Jorge Sepulveda, Code Compliance Officer II Craig Davidson, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Kootenai County Resident Joe Ruggeri. Mr. Ruggeri was present via teleconference.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Building Permit Review Process (Discussion)

Kootenai County Resident Joe Ruggeri described his dissatisfaction with his experiences with the building review permit process. He listed incidents in which he was required to repeat steps in the process, which he said cost him a substantial extra amount of money.

Community Development Director David Callahan addressed one of Mr. Ruggeri's issues, a requirement from the Post Falls Highway District. He stated that the County had no influence with or input into the decisions of the Highway District.

Planning Manager Ben Tarbutton explained the processes which had been followed, as documented by communications with Mr. Ruggeri.

Certified Building Official Christina Garland reviewed the entire timeline of Mr. Ruggeri's project and explained why certain inspections had failed. She listed the dates upon which repeated visits by inspectors were made and showed that there had been no extensive delays caused by Community Development staff.

Ms. Garland confirmed that the County did have a checklist of things people have to complete to receive their approvals. She stated that this included all the items that had been addressed by Mr. Ruggeri.

Commissioner Bill Brooks expressed his sympathy for the difficulties Mr. Ruggeri had encountered.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan remarked that it was unfortunate that this happened. She acknowledged that this was not the only case which had experienced such difficulties and expressed her hope that the feedback would help the County improve the process.

Mr. Callahan said that, if his department had a floating inspector, it could be that person's job to focus only on searching for quick solutions to issues such as those experienced by Mr. Ruggeri. He stated that, due to the department's staffing issues, this was not possible right now. He offered to waive the \$80 in inspection fees and \$35 research costs. This would allow Mr. Ruggeri to get his CO (Certificate of Occupancy).

The Commissioners all voiced their approval of the suggestion.

KCSO Sheriff Robert Norris entered the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

D. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk