

Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Status Update
April 5, 2021
11:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan, and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Airport Director Steven Kjergaard, Public Defender Anne Taylor, Civil Deputy Prosecutor R. David Ferguson, KCSO Lieutenant Mark Ellis, Patrol Deputy Alana Hunt, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present was Longwell Trapp Architects Representative Corey Trapp and Coeur d'Alene Press Staff Writer Madison Hardy. Also present were Citizens Erin Barnard, Charity Myser and William Le.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

Marine and Detective Building Project Update (Discussion)

Longwell Trapp Architects Representative Corey Trapp said that the two projects were about to go out to bid and were planning on bidding the two together, but would track the financials separately as there were separate funding sources. He said that construction project prices had risen; the Detectives Building was initially bid around \$100,000, but now would be closer to \$150,000 and the Marine Building was \$100,000 to start, but would be closer to \$125,000.

Pending Items Status Review – List Attached (Discussion)

County Form of Government Study Committee – Chairman Fillios said they would discuss this topic later in the meeting, as it was an agenda item.

Facilities Expansion – Commissioner Duncan said that the stakeholders will have a meeting on April 13 to discuss what their potential new spaces would look like. Mr. Trapp said that he had toured most of the facilities the week prior and had noticed that something needed to be done about the Court Clerks, who were tightly packed in their current spaces.

PAC Airport Lease – Commissioner Duncan said that Airport Director Steven Kjergaard was reviewing the lease and would be discussing any potential changes with Mr. Jacobsen.

1A/B Audio Upgrade – BOCC Communications Manager said that the project was in the engineering phase, with installation being towards the first week of May.

Financial Snapshot – Finance Director Dena Darrow presented a financial snapshot and explained that the County was underspent in every area so far and had collected 54% of their revenues for the year. Further, \$28,500 had been spent out of Contingency Funds, \$11.8 million was in Assigned Fund Balance, and Unassigned Fund Balance totaled \$20.4 million.

Ballot Bond Language – Commissioner Duncan said that this item was on hold due to another Bill that had been introduced at the State level and that more information would be provided on the afternoon conference call.

Building Financing – Same as above.

State of the County 4/20/21 – Commissioner Brooks said that he was going to give a power point presentation on the departments to which he liaises.

Optional Forms of Government Ad Hoc Committee Guidelines (Action)

Chairman Fillios recapped the three people selected by the Board to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee, who would then select 3 people each to form the Study Commission.

Commissioner Duncan said that she would like to add some guidelines for the Ad Hoc Committee to consider and asked if the three Ad Hoc Committee members were able to select themselves to serve on the Study Commission. Commissioner Brooks said that they could ask the other members to nominate them to Study Commission if they wanted to serve on the Commission. Commissioner Duncan inquired whether the three selections should be eligible to serve on the committee and if so, she pointed out that one section of the bylaws outlines they had to be a resident of Kootenai County for at least a year. She pointed out that one of the selections did not live in the County, which was concerning because if that selection wanted to serve on the Commission, she would be ineligible. Chairman Fillios said to wait and see what happens, because if the Ad Hoc Committee worked quickly, it would no longer be an issue as the selection was set to move out of the County in two weeks.

Commissioner Duncan suggested that five of the nine members be from unincorporated parts of the County and that three alternates should also be selected. She also pointed out that they had to adhere to Open Meeting Law and suggested that any applicant running for a County Office in the May 2022 Primary Election be excluded from the recommendations. Chairman Fillios said he felt that the Board was ultimately responsible for the appointments and did not want to box the Commission in by creating side boards because it was unnecessary. Commissioner Brooks agreed.

Panhandle Board of Health Resume Submissions (Discussion)

The Board discussed their six choices for Panhandle Board of Health interviews. After ample discussion, the Board opted to interview the following:

- Bruce Edwards, M.D.
- Duke Johnson, M.D.
- Jessica Jameson, M.D.

- Marian Underdahl, RN
- Mike Burns, RN
- Richard Meyer, Ph.D.

Panhandle Board of Health Appointees (Discussion)

~~Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. (Closed Session – Discussion)~~

Decisions/Direction (Open Meeting – Action)

Commissioner Duncan suggested moving this agenda item to an upcoming meeting due to time constraints. There was no objection.

Public Defender Office Space (Discussion)

Civil Deputy Prosecutor R. David Ferguson recommended entering into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c). Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
 Commissioner Duncan: Aye
 Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Chairman Fillios invited Ms. Darrow and Mr. Ferguson to remain for the Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. (Closed Session – Discussion)

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

Decisions/Direction (Open Meeting – Action)

Commissioner Duncan moved to exit Executive Session with staff to proceed as discussed. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
 Commissioner Duncan: Aye
 Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. – Airport Division (Closed Session – Discussion)

Commissioner Duncan moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f). Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Chairman Fillios invited Mr. Ferguson to remain for the Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 12:09 p.m.

Decisions/Direction (Open Session – Action)

Commissioner Duncan moved to exit Executive Session with the Board to proceed as discussed. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

- 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.

Kootenai County citizen William Le addressed the Board saying that he did not see many people supporting the idea of the Alternate Forms of Government Study. He said he would be interested in obtaining some emails, to which they discussed submitting public record requests.

- E. Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
