

Minutes of Meeting
Prosecutor FY22 Budget Review
May 6, 2021
2:00 p.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 Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Prosecutor's Office Administrative Supervisor Carissa Cox, Human Resources (HR) Director Sylvia Proud, Finance Director Dena Darrow, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 2:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Review of FY22 Prosecutor Budget

Prosecutor Barry McHugh remarked that his Budget request had not changed very much from last year. He said the increases it contained all related to costs associated with the positions requested, such as computers, onboarding and Association costs. He commented on the disparity of treatment between his office and that of the Public Defender and pointed out that his current staff were heavily burdened, especially now that jury trials had resumed.

Prosecutor McHugh explained the personnel changes he was requesting. He reminded the Commissioners that he had previously converted an AT2 slot into a part time position to accommodate a promising intern who should have finished her education and passed the bar exam by September 2021. He said he was asking that the position return to full-time AT2 at that point. He said that the other change was related to the AT3 position the Board had allowed him to convert to two part-time positions recently and that it would return to its original level in FY22.

Chairman Fillios expressed some surprise that there was an increase to his budget request of about \$725,000 with only these personnel changes involved.

Prosecutor McHugh remarked that he did not understand how that number had been generated either.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan pointed out that the apparent total for the personnel changes was \$328,000.

Finance Director Dena Darrow said that the \$725,000 also included the changes in salary due to the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) that had been approved for FY21. She explained how the Amended FY21 Budget related to the FY22 numbers they were discussing.

The Commissioners and Prosecutor McHugh voiced their understanding of the explanation.

Commissioner Duncan said that BOCC Budget Deliberations would begin in June. She noted that the Board was still waiting to see if the Governor would sign the Idaho Legislature’s proposed bills that would affect the County’s taxing authority. She reminded those present that the Board would not know exactly how much it would have to spend for FY22 until that was finalized.

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 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
