

Minutes of Meeting
North Idaho Fairgrounds FY22 Budget
May 18, 2021
3:30 p.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 BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fairgrounds General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson, Fair Board Vice Chair Elise Burton and Fair Board Member Tim Vulles.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Review of FY22 North Idaho Fairgrounds Budget

North Idaho Fairgrounds General Manager Alexcia Jordan noted that their original request had been \$500,000, but it had been reduced. She listed the challenges they had faced during the pandemic which had resulted in a loss of revenue of \$1.33 million. She remarked that they had managed to reduce their expenses by \$1.05 million, in great part by reducing their staff. She reported that they had housed the Office of Emergency Management for a period of time, for which they charged only the hard costs to the County. She added that they had also housed a temporary field hospital for over a month, at no cost to the community.

Ms. Jordan reminded those present that the Fair would run ten days this summer. She stated that their grandstands were now allowed to operate at 50% capacity and they were optimistic that they would be able to open fully by the time the Fair arrived. She predicted a great turnout, with many events' tickets selling out in advance. She said they had received record pre-sales.

Ms. Jordan described some of the benefits the community received from the presence of the Fair. She reviewed their annual budgets for the last few years and commented that the County had allowed them \$80,000 in taxpayer funds last year. She noted that an additional \$40,000 had been approved to pay for their Master Plan in FY21.

Ms. Jordan said that after they had reviewed and prioritized their needs for FY22, they reduced their request to \$150,000. She listed the projects they felt were most important to address.

- 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 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
