

Minutes of Meeting
FY23 Budget Meeting - Assessor
June 13, 2022
3:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Assessor Bela Kovacs, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Senior Staff Accountant Melissa Merrifield, Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Prosecutor McHugh was present via teleconference. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

FY23 Assessor's Office Budget Review (Action)

Assessor Bela Kovacs stated that he had nothing substantive to add to the Budget documents already presented to the Board at this time. He noted that there had been a number of changes in his office and they were working through those issues. He said he would like the Board to consider allowing him to present costs for consultant services at a later date and indicated he had not yet had time to prepare those materials. He confirmed that these would be part of the FY23 Budget for his department but were not yet reflected in any of the presented information.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked for additional information regarding the plans for a self-help kiosk in Vehicle Registration and \$190,000 for pictometry.

Assessor Kovacs said that he was going to withdraw the proposal for the self-help kiosk. He remarked that pictometry contract was a component of their mapping, was performed every five years and would be paid from his department's Restricted Funds. He indicated that he did not have additional information available regarding the proposed increase in printing and copying costs of almost \$23,000 or other specifics of the "B" (Operations) Budget request.

Commissioner Duncan asked for additional information on the proposed new window and flooring at the Post Falls Office.

Assessor Kovacs said he was not aware of the details regarding the window at this time, but the floor had been an issue due to sound reverberations for some time.

Commissioner Duncan remarked that there appeared to be some revenue shortages, so more of this overall budget would need to be covered by property tax dollars.

Assessor Kovacs reported that they were carrying out an analysis on production and revenue at this time.

Auditor’s Office Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon confirmed that the Assessor’s Fiscal Year Amended Revenue Budget of \$1.2 million was less than FY22’s by about \$250,000.

Commissioner Duncan urged Assessor Kovacs to bring the additional information related to the consultant fees to the Board as soon as possible.

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 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk