

Minutes of Meeting
FY23 Budget Meeting – Kootenai County Fairgrounds
June 17, 2022
11:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Vice Chair Elise Burton and Fair Board Members David Fair and Linda Rider. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

FY23 Kootenai County Fairgrounds Budget Review (Action)

North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan stated that they would like to request \$150,000 in FY23 for the repair of the Jacklin Building's roof. She reported that they had received one estimate for about \$160,000 so far. She said that the Jacklin Building was used a great deal and its roof dated from the 1990s. She provided details of the many events for which the building had been rented, the public service uses to which it was frequently put and noted that it had been pressed into service in a number of different ways during the COVID epidemic.

Ms. Jordan pointed out that the Fair had received no ARPA funding and less than \$9,000 in CARES (Coronavirus Aide, Relief and Economic Security Act) money.

Fair Board Vice Chair Elise Burton said that they were seeking other estimates before proceeding.

Deputy Finance Director Keith Taylor entered the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan remarked that, since the price was estimated to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000, they would need to get at least three quotes.

Ms. Jordan stated that they needed to begin work as soon as possible, since the building had already been booked for the majority of 2023.

Allocation of Kootenai County Fire and Rescue Lease Funds \$367,800 (Action)

Ms. Jordan reminded those present that KCFR (Kootenai County Fire and Rescue) and the Fair Board had established an agreement for a 50 year lease for a two acre parcel. She said the loss of revenue for the parcel, over the 50 year period, had been estimated at

\$367,800. She asked that the County release the \$367,800 to the Fair Board for use as seed money for the Master Plan and Capital Campaigns.

Kootenai County Resident Steve Anderson entered the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

In response to a question from Chairman Fillios, Ms. Jordan stated that the lost revenue amounts were based on parking for a five day Fair and a particular event which was held on that spot on a yearly basis. She pointed out that the Fair had increased to a ten day event since the calculations had originally been made.

Ms. Burton noted that they had sold out parking every day for the ten day Fair last year, including this parcel. She said they had intentionally been conservative in their estimate of lost revenue.

Commissioner Duncan said she would approve half of the money going to the Fair now and the remaining half transferred after the building was completed.

Ms. Jordan confirmed that the \$150,000 requested in item one for repairs to the Jacklin Building were in addition to the \$367,800, which would be used for the Master Plan and matching funds for grants.

Chairman Fillios stated that Commissioner Bill Brooks wanted to be involved in this item and had asked that the Board wait to take action until he was present.

Commissioner Duncan suggested that item one be added to the Tuesday, 3 p.m. OPEX Budget Meeting.

Ms. Jordan asked if the second item could be added to next week's Fair Board Update, since she had time to amend the submitted agenda.

It was generally agreed that the items would be revisited as outlined.

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 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk