

Minutes of Meeting
FY22 Budget Deliberations
July 2, 2021
9:00 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 Coroner Warren Keene, M.D., Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Chief Criminal Prosecuting Attorney Laura McClinton, Prosecutor's Office Administrative Assistant Carissa Cox, Human Resources (HR) Generalist – Benefits & Compensation Dorothy Cross, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiaramonte, Court Services Director Marissa Garza, Court Services Manager Kally Young, Trial Court Administrative Assistant Samantha Wallis, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

FY22 Budget Deliberations to Include Revenue Projections

Finance Director Dena Darrow stated that the next Budget meeting would be held on July 14, 2021 and would include representatives from Alliant, to discuss health insurance costs. She said she was expecting an increase of about \$800,000.

KCSO Undersheriff Dan Mattos entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Darrow remarked that the Budget calculations showed a deficit of a little over \$1 million. She said that the priorities indicated by the Board had been on employees and facilities. She reviewed a graph showing the breakdown of expenses, approximately \$72.4 million for people, \$1.4 million for facilities and \$33.1 million for other expenses. She said that the Board could consider whether some of the vehicles requested were necessary immediately and whether other purchases might be delayed as well, to balance the budget.

Ms. Darrow said she had brought information today for the Board to consider before the next meeting, so each Commissioner could generate a list of potential cuts and adjustments. She reminded the Commissioners that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) study group was meeting weekly to try to determine what County expenses could be funded with ARPA dollars. She said that the Treasury Department would provide their final ruling and guidelines after Labor Day, which was after the Budget had to be finished.

Ms. Darrow reviewed Commissioner Duncan's current list of cuts and adjustments. She said she had prepared a spreadsheet to include all three Commissioners' input. She reviewed personnel expenses, Fund Balance use, restricted funds, and Solid Waste.

Chairman Fillios provided his current list of possible cuts and items to add back to the Budget.

There followed some general discussion of covering other expenses, such as the extra amount that needed to be paid to Panhandle Health.

Commissioner Bill Brooks indicated that he would provide his suggestions for the next meeting.

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 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
