

Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Status Update
July 6, 2021
11:00 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 KCSO Sheriff Robert Norris, KCSO Lieutenant William Klinkefus, KCSO Patrol Deputy Alana Hunt, Public Defender Anne C. Taylor, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiamonte, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Kootenai County Residents Duane Rasmussen, Penny Morris and Jim Stafford.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business (Discussion):**

Reorganize Public Defender Budget to Accommodate for New Location

Public Defender Anne C. Taylor explained that she needed to move left over funds at the end of the fiscal year from their "A" (Personnel) Budget to cover expenses related to their move to the new location. She said this would include having cabling installed to allow them to access the County network, at a cost of about \$65,000 for the outside portion and \$10,000 for the inside. She added that she was also asking for \$5,000 to cover moving costs.

Ms. Taylor said that, according to current projections, she should have about \$177,000 available from the "A" Budget, mostly from unfilled positions. She asked that the Board allow her to shift \$80,000.

It was generally agreed that the request would be brought to a Business Meeting for approval at the appropriate time.

Waterways Ordinance Language

Commissioner Bill Brooks indicated that he felt the demands for additional definition of terms were intended to stall the progress of the Ordinance. He said he trusted the KCSO Marine Deputies to use their judgement related to whom to pull over on the water just as he trusted the Patrol Deputies to use their judgement in instances of reckless or distracted driving. He remarked that neither of the polarized sides of the debate regarding the Spokane River would be pleased by his stance but that he would not support those who seemed to want to privatize the River or those who wanted no limitations placed on behavior at all.

KCSO Sheriff Robert Norris asked the Board to clarify specifically whether their intent in the ordinance had been to ban wake surfing on the River.

The Commissioners agreed that this had not been their intent.

Sheriff Norris said that he was now comfortable in directing his personnel on the River.

KCSO Lieutenant William Klinkefus explained the degree to which the Coast Guard could enforce regulations on the local waterways.

Pending Items Status Review – List Attached

Facilities Expansion

Commissioner Leslie Duncan reminded those present that they were supposed to receive the final instructions on how ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds could be used by the County around the end of September. She said the Board would make a final decision about expanding the Justice Building at that time.

PAC Airport Lease

Commissioner Brooks said there was no additional information on this at this time.

Financial Snapshot

Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiamonte stated that the financial snapshot would be provided by Finance Director Dena Darrow at the next Commissioners’ Status Update meeting.

Impact Fee Analysis

Commissioner Brooks said there was no additional information on this at this time.

Joint Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (DIFAC) with County, Fire Districts, KCEMSS

Commissioner Brooks said there was no additional information on this at this time.

- 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

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
