

Minutes of Meeting
Impact Fees
July 25, 2022
10:00 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 KCSO Undersheriff Brett Nelson, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys R. David Ferguson and Pat Braden, Auditor’s Office Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were TischlerBise (Galena Consulting) Representative Anne Wescott and Coeur d’Alene Press Reporter Kaye Thornbrugh. Mr. Braden and Ms. Wescott were present via teleconference. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

Consideration of Commitment to Hiring Additional Patrol Deputies as Condition for Impact Fee Implementation (Action)

Consider of Commitment to Finish Jail Pods as Condition for Impact Fee Implementation (Action)

Chairman Fillios remarked that there were two items which needed to be addressed, without which the impact fees proposal could not move forward.

TischlerBise (Galena Consulting) Representative Anne Wescott explained the requirement for the County to commit to hiring the additional Patrol Deputies, Detention Deputies, equipment and increased space, as indicated by the projected population growth of Kootenai County. She stated that they had projected 13 more Detention Deputies and 29 more Patrol Deputies would be needed over the next ten years. She briefly touched on the cost of space and equipment, such as radios, which would be needed and outlined what could or could not be covered by impact fees.

Ms. Wescott said what she needed today was a confirmation that the Commissioners felt these goals were fiscally attainable. She added that this was not a binding agreement to hire that precise number of people within ten years, but rather an agreement that this was an achievable goal, should matters proceed as predicted.

Treasurer Steve Matheson entered the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan provided details regarding completing the two pods which currently existed at the Jail, meeting staffing needs, and plans for building additional pods in the future. She said that the County’s Business Analyst had informed them that this process would commit the County to a 1% tax increase in perpetuity. She noted that the

current Board could not make an agreement which would obligate future Boards. She asked what would happen if economic conditions intervened and the County could not hire all the new Deputies.

Ms. Wescott said this would not put the impact fees in jeopardy. She acknowledged that the current Board could not bind a future Board and said that all she needed was a statement that the County had a plan and that the Commissioners believed the County had the fiscal capability to support the projected growth. She assured the Commissioners that the plans could be updated based on the actual situation as time went on.

Commissioner Duncan remarked that they had asked the Sheriff for his 5 Year Strategic Plan. She said that, since the County was going to continue to grow, they could not avoid the need for more officers and more space to house them, as well as increased capacity at the Jail.

Commissioner Duncan and Chairman Fillios both voiced their understanding of the requirements and agreed that they felt the County should be able to proceed as outlined.

Commissioner Bill Brooks entered the meeting via teleconference at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Brooks said he felt this was a very flexible and achievable plan.

Ms. Wescott stated that they had satisfied her requirements today and she would schedule the final meeting of the Advisory Committee. She predicted that the Committee's recommendation would be sent to the Board by early September.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden commented that he felt what the Commissioners had agreed to was very prudent.

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 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk