

Minutes of Meeting
Tentative Balanced Budget Approval
August 6, 2021
9:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Coroner Warren Keene, M.D., KCSO Sheriff Robert Norris, KCSO Undersheriff Dan Mattos, KCSO Captain Andy Deak, KCSO Lieutenant Kyle Hutchison, Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP) Director Keith Hutcheson, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiaramonte, Auditor’s Office Administrative Assistant Ronnie Davisson, County Assistance Manager Shelly Amos, Human Resources (HR) Generalist – Benefits & Compensation Dorothy Cross and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Coeur d’Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Approve Tentative Balanced FY22 Budget

Chairman Fillios reminded those present that this was a continuation of the previous meeting and their purpose was to finalize the FY22 Budget.

Finance Director Dena Darrow said that the approved FY22 Budget would be published twice in the Coeur d’Alene Press, then would be presented at a public hearing on August 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. She reviewed the information she had provided on Wednesday’s meeting.

Prosecutor Barry McHugh entered the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Ms. Darrow provided the Commissioners with a copy of the notice that would be placed in the Coeur d’Alene Press.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan commented that she would not vote to approve the Budget itself, but she would vote to allow its publication. She complimented the work that had been done and stressed that her refusal was not a reflection on the quality of the product. She said she felt that the amount provided to Jobs Plus should be reduced and that the increase to the wages for Elected Officials should not be implemented until January 2023. She added that she had not wanted to take the full 3% on property taxes, as well.

Commissioner Bill Brooks stated he would vote for the publication of the Budget, but would abstain from a vote to approve it.

Chairman Fillios voiced his compliments to the Auditor’s Office for their excellent work on the Budget. He said he would approve the Budget as presented. He noted that last

year had seen a 0% increase in property tax rates and that the levy rate had been reduced this year, despite taking the 3% increase. He added that Elected Officials' salary increase was based on a wage study from two years ago and he also felt Jobs Plus was a worthy recipient of the funds allotted to them because they brought jobs to the area.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board approve the publication of the Tentative Budget as proposed. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

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 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
