

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
April 15, 2019
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 Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds Director Nick Snyder, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Contractor Shawn Riley and Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Brian Walker.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

District Court Project Manager (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios announced that the Board had received a letter from the County Judges asking that First Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer be made Project Manager on any new buildings erected, due to her background and experience in building and renovating court facilities.

Contractor Shawn Riley pointed out that, if she were named Project Manager, Ms. Behringer would be required to attend all design and construction meetings, but her duties frequently made her unavailable. He said it would slow progress considerably if he had to work around her schedule. Mr. Riley said approving their request would also set a precedent for other Elected Officials to designate their own project managers. He suggested that the Court System be treated the same as any other department: they would be interviewed about their needs and their design input would be requested, but they would not have additional responsibilities. He stated that, in his experience, the fewer people that needed to attend construction meetings or on-site visits, the more smoothly things progressed.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan agreed with Mr. Riley that their request was not practical, but recommended consulting Ms. Behringer about any details of court facilities as representative of the judges. Chairman Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks agreed.

Issues Regarding Boating on Spirit Lake (Discussion)

Commissioner Brooks reported that resort owners had come to him to express their concerns about wake boat activities on Spirit Lake. He said they had told him that the wakes damage docks, erode shorelines and create a possible safety hazard for canoes and kayaks. Commissioner Brooks said he had consulted Tom Torgerson, who had suggested that owners of such boats be asked to restrict their activities voluntarily to appropriate areas and offered to make a list of boat types that should be included. He said that Mr.

Torgerson had recommended that, if no improvements resulted, the Board should pass an ordinance placing restrictions on the activity. Commissioner Brooks noted that Mr. Torgerson had volunteered to attend a Board meeting to offer his help and advice, if needed.

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds Director Nick Snyder reminded the Commissioners that the Waterways Advisory Board had taken testimony for about six years and put together a list of recommendations that had been presented to two prior Boards but no action had ever been taken. He noted that the critical point was that if there were no enforcement of rules, there would be no impact on behavior. He added that the Waterways Advisory Board had recommended that the BOCC use General Fund dollars to hire some full-time marine deputies.

Chairman Fillios noted that, in a recent Waterways Advisory Board meeting, Sid Warsburg had suggested banning boats constructed specifically for wake enhancement from all minor waterways.

Mr. Snyder commented that the suggestion bore consideration. He said that the Waterways Advisory Board would resubmit their list of suggestions to the BOCC in the near future.

BOCC Meeting Scheduling (Discussion)

Commissioner Brooks asked that staff generally refrain from scheduling meetings without contacting all of the Commissioners to see whether they were available to attend. Chairman Fillios voiced his willingness to address the matter with staff.

Idaho Division of Veterans Services Office of Veteran's Advocacy Kootenai County Lease (Discussion)

Commissioner Brooks reported that he had spoken to Veteran Services Director Scott Thorsness, who said if his group were given space at no cost, they would be glad to remain in their current location. He offered his opinion that veteran services would be enhanced if the office stayed at the County.

Chairman Fillios said that the Idaho State Division of Veterans Affairs currently paid the County \$500 per month for the space. He explained that the group was considering saving money by consolidating their services to one location, although they would prefer to stay.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes recommended that the Commissioners seek legal advice on the proposal but said she was not prepared to offer one immediately.

Hayden Lake Improvement District Buoy MOU (Discussion)

Commissioner Duncan said she had already consulted with Mr. Snyder about this. She explained that Hayden Lake Improvement District had said that they wanted to put out moveable buoys to control wake boat activities. She said they planned to work with KCSO

to select seven locations for two-hundred-foot, no-wake-zone buoys. Commissioner Duncan added that the buoys would be moved to other locations later in the season.

Commissioner Duncan said if the other Commissioners agreed, the draft MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) would be sent to Legal. She noted that, once the MOU was approved by Legal, a public hearing would have to be held before they could move forward. Both Chairman Fillios and Commissioner Brooks voiced their encouragement.

Mediation Update Regarding NRCC, LLC (Discussion)

Commissioner Duncan reported that the issue regarding a property in Rathdrum with code violations had been settled in mediation. She said that the owner would correct the violations within the next six months and notify the County when it was done. A County representative would then verify that it had been completed.

Waterways Advisory Board Appointment (Action)

Commissioner Duncan asked the Board to approve the selection of Mike Foley and allow his application to be placed on the consent calendar for the next Business Meeting. Mr. Snyder voiced his agreement with the choice of Mr. Foley.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board appoint Mike Foley to the Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, such appointment to be ratified by consent calendar. 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.

Administrative Professional Lunch (Discussion)

Commissioner Duncan expressed her intention to take BOCC staff to lunch to celebrate Administrative Professional's Day on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. She asked if either of the other Commissioners would like to come. Chairman Fillios and Commissioner Brooks said they would be glad to attend, if staff so desired.

- D. **Public Comment (Discussion):** 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 was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
