

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Status Update
July 13, 2020
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 Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP) Director Keith Hutcheson, Human Resources (HR) Director Sylvia Proud, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiamonte, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Contractor Shawn Riley and Kootenai County Resident Ramona Grissom.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion):**

Fees for Adult Misdemeanor Probation

Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP) Director Keith Hutcheson brought the Board an updated list of fees his department wanted to put in place. He remarked that they would be brought to a public hearing, as required by statute. Mr. Hutcheson said the fees had last been set in 2012 and needed to be adjusted to cover their expenses. He added that they were switching to more inclusive drug testing kits.

Mr. Hutcheson noted that the fee for the GPS bracelet had been reduced from \$15 to \$10 per day. He said that they also had alcohol monitoring devices called SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring) bracelets available.

Mr. Hutcheson stated that he felt the missed appointment fee should be raised to \$25 because this happened frequently and created unnecessary expense for the taxpayers.

All Board of County Commissioners Liaisons

Commissioner Bill Brooks urged the Board to follow a formal process when changing Liaison assignments. The other Commissioners voiced agreement.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan's movement to liaison for District Court was discussed and approved.

Chairmanship of the Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Brooks suggested that the BOCC use more formal manners during meetings, such as requiring the Chair to recognize and permit a person to speak.

Chairman Fillios stated that he personally preferred a less formal management style with his fellow Commissioners, while managing other participants more closely to maintain order.

State of the County Planning

BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones stated that the State of the County Address would take place at a breakfast meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Inn on August 25, 2020. After discussion with the Commissioners and BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, it was agreed that the Address would follow a content and format similar to last year's.

Pending Items Status Review (List Attached)

Romer Building

Contractor Shawn Riley confirmed that the agreement with the group trying to transform the Romer Building into a music conservatory would expire September 30, 2020. He indicated that they have not yet been successful in raising enough money to proceed with their plans.

Commissioner Brooks remarked that the County would need to take action regarding the building after the September deadline.

It was generally agreed to ask the group to meet with the BOCC after Labor Day to discuss the situation.

Commissioner Duncan reminded the other Commissioners of the concerns expressed by neighboring property owners about what could be built there if the property were offered for open sale or auction.

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Commissioner Brooks remarked that he would resume work on the bylaws and scope of the proposed committee once the Budget was finalized in August.

Fire Station at the Fairgrounds

Chairman Fillios reported that Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson had informed him he was still waiting to hear from Kootenai County Fire & Rescue attorneys.

University of Idaho Extension Office

Commissioner Duncan remarked that Mr. Riley had met with those involved.

Mr. Riley said he had been told that the previously agreed plan involving three buildings was being considered. He stated that the landlord would be contacted regarding snow plowing and other concerns. Once those questions were settled, he said University of

Idaho Extension 4-H Educator Sharla Wilson would contact the BOCC and ask for a meeting.

Body Scanner

Commissioner Brooks said there was a meeting scheduled tomorrow to discuss this topic. He remarked they should receive additional information about funding at that time.

Facilities Expansion

Commissioner Duncan said this would be taken up in September.

PAC Airport Lease

Commissioner Duncan said this would be taken up in August.

- 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.

Mr. Hutcheson expressed his thanks to his own BOCC liaison.

He then asked whether, since the County currently owned the Romer Building, this month's K-9 training could be held there.

Mr. Riley described the various hazards in the building, including mold and asbestos exposures. He suggested that they stay out of the cellar.

Mr. Hutcheson reported that any liability issues or health concerns were covered by the different groups' insurance policies.

The Commissioners agreed to approve the request but urged the participants to be careful.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
