

**Minutes of Meeting  
Commissioners' Debriefing  
August 19, 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, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Contractor Shawn Riley, Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Brian Walker and Kootenai County Residents Jim Stafford and Bob Stiger.

- 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:**

**Greensferry Boat Launch and Private Property Access (Discussion)**

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds Director Nick Snyder reminded the Commissioners of the ongoing issue at the Greensferry Boat Launch concerning a neighboring resident's access to the road. He explained that the adjacent property owner could only get from his house to the road via the parking lot and this was becoming more of a problem. Mr. Snyder provided photographs to illustrate the problem. He suggested that the property owner be allowed to put in a regular driveway from his home to the street, if the Highway District agreed. He pointed out this would also increase the parking spaces in the lot.

All three Commissioners encouraged Mr. Snyder to discuss the matter with the Highway District.

**Romer Building Next Steps (Action)**

Contractor Shawn Riley reported that the County had not received any bids for the Romer Building, either to move it to a different location or to salvage/demolish it. He explained that he had been told it was too big to move and it did not contain enough salvageable material to make it worthwhile to bidders. He asked the Commissioners for direction.

Mr. Riley noted that in the 2018 Unassigned Fund Balance, \$150,000 had been set aside for Government Way Romer Property Engineering, so there was some money available that could be reclassified to take the building down. He said he was not sure how much demolishing the building would cost; he would get three bids for the work and report to the Board.

All three Commissioners encouraged Mr. Riley to proceed as described.

**Marriage Ceremony on Courthouse Lawn**

Chairman Fillios informed those assembled that he had received a call from a Rolf Cervin, who planned to get married on September 1, 2019 and wanted permission to use the north side of the Courthouse lawn for his informal reception.

Mr. Riley stated that the County had never given sanction to such an event in the past, to his knowledge.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan said she was reluctant to set precedent by agreeing to the request. She pointed out this would raise questions about release of liability, use of the court steps, which were in need of repair, and cleanup. She stated she was not in favor of entering into any formal agreements.

Commissioner Bill Brooks agreed with her points. He said if it were going to be done, he would want the County to have a “hold harmless” agreement, liability insurance, and a bond posted in an amount sufficient to cover any cleanup costs.

Mr. Snyder pointed out that the County did have facilities designed to accommodate this sort of event. He suggested that Chairman Fillios refer the person to Parks & Waterways for further information.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes said she had not been previously aware of this request, but she agreed with Commissioner Duncan about the potential complications. She added that the County would also be competing with private businesses that provide venue services for weddings.

**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 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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