

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Status Update
January 4, 2021
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 Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Contractor Shawn Riley and Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Riley were present via teleconference.

- 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):**

Snowgroomer Pass Ordinance Change – Assessor Fees

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder explained that County Ordinance 474 needed to be updated, regarding collection of fees for Snowgroomer stickers. He said the need was prompted by changes at the state and county level, with the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) under the Assessor's Office no longer able to sell state registrations for boats, snowmobiles and other sorts of recreational vehicles.

Mr. Snyder remarked that a resolution or a memo would need to be approved by the Commissioners to dictate where the money from the registrations would be directed in the future. He said he would like direction from the Board on how to proceed. He suggested they have him work with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes to draft the document.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked Finance Director Dena Darrow if such a directive could be made retroactive. She said that she thought that the change had occurred before this season.

Ms. Darrow said that the actual revenues were now arranged so that the County Snowmobile got 60% and KCSO got 40% of the fees from the sale of Snowgroomer stickers and registrations of these type of vehicles.

Commissioner Duncan offered her support for Mr. Snyder's suggestion that he work with Ms. Holmes on a memo or resolution. The other Commissioners agreed.

Unfunded Mandate Resolution to Legislators

Commissioner Duncan reported that a couple of counties had begun work on resolutions to be sent to the Governor and the Legislature regarding unfunded mandates. She said that Kootenai County had been invited to join with them.

Commissioner Duncan read the proposed resolution into the record:

“Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Kootenai County Commissioners calls for the Idaho Legislature and the Governor to pass legislation to prohibit the imposition of responsibility for new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs on any political subdivision of the state unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the costs of the new programs or increase to funding capacity. Reimbursement by the state may be made by: (a) a specific appropriation; or (b) increases in state distributions of revenue to political subdivisions.”

The other Commissioners voiced approval of the proposal.

Commissioner Bill Brooks urged that the statement be sent to each member of the Legislative Team.

Pending Items Status Review – List Attached

Citizen Advisory Committee

Commissioner Brooks confirmed this issue was still on hold until January 15.

Facilities Expansion

Contractor Shawn Riley reported that he planned to have a phone conference with LCA tomorrow and that a meeting was planned for January 12 for continued discussions.

PAC Airport Lease

Commissioner Duncan stated that negotiations were ongoing on this topic. She said Wally Jacobsen was considering requesting a trade of grants for rent.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Relocation

Mr. Riley suggested that this item be removed from the pending list because it had been essentially completed.

1A/1B Audio Upgrade

BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones said that it appeared that it would be more financially sensible to buy equipment compatible with the new OnBase system for the new building and just improve the existing system in Meeting Rooms 1A and 1B. She asked the Board’s direction to proceed.

All three Commissioners expressed general agreement with Ms. Jones’ suggestions.

Financial Snapshot

Ms. Darrow called the Commissioners’ attention to the provided Weekly Snapshot. She reviewed the essential components: Revenue Collection Status of 12%, Current Budget Spending Status of 21%, Fund Balance numbers, Payroll costs and other data.

- 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 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
