

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
First District Court  
January 28, 2019  
1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Bill Brooks and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Kootenai County District Court Judge Rich Christensen, First Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**Introduction of Court Personnel (Discussion)**

Kootenai County District Court Judge Rich Christensen introduced himself and First Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer. He offered the Commissioners an update on court services, remarking that Kootenai County was growing and the court system was feeling some strain. He noted that he had requested two more Magistrates to be posted in Kootenai County for 2021 and a First District Court Judge to be chambered in Bonner County as well.

Ms. Behringer commented that the caseload coming from child protective cases, DUI (Driving While Intoxicated) and domestic violence were very high. She said most of their criminal cases involve drugs or alcohol as the primary charge or related charges. Judge Christensen said that a great many of their civil cases are property disputes.

Ms. Behringer explained the mechanisms by which the Court received funding. She also mentioned that Kootenai County District Court would need to find space for a total of four offices by 2021, two for the new magistrates and two for their clerks.

- 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 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

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

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