

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
February 11, 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 Finance Director Dena Darrow, Human Resources (HR) Director Sylvia Proud, Resource Management Office (RMO) Program Manager Kimberli Riley, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

1. Hank's Law (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios explained that Hank's Law was a proposal to increase the penalty for animal cruelty, the maximum for which is currently a \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail. He pointed out that a legislative issue such as this had to be taken up at the state level, but the County could pass a resolution in support of asking the state to increase penalties.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan expressed her concern that passing a resolution on this issue would cause other special interest groups to request similar support, although she said she took the issue of animal cruelty seriously. She commented that, if the County were going to take a stance on any issue, she would prefer to see something related to protection for the unborn, in response to issues being raised in New York and Alabama.

Commissioner Bill Brooks stated he would favor passing a resolution in support of Hank's Law. He remarked that Idaho is forty-sixth out of the fifty states in the severity of punishment for animal cruelty. He said he would also support a resolution in supporting protection of the unborn.

Chairman Fillios said he would ask Legal to write a resolution regarding Hank's Law.

2. Construction Site Visit (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios said he wanted to cover item three from the agenda next. He reported that a builder had contacted him last week regarding a home that had been built under the "opt out" provision of local building codes. He said the builder told him the house had not been required to meet inspection standards and had turned out badly. He added that the builder had been consulted about the house and how it might be remedied. Chairman Fillios said the builder wanted to invite the Board to view the building to get an idea of the problems an "opt out" option could create.

Commissioner Brooks said he was interested but would not be able to visit the site due to his mobility issues. He said he also did not want to place himself in the position of being asked to be a witness in a possible lawsuit.

Commissioner Duncan said she would not visit the site either. Chairman Fillios stated that he would go and inform the Board about what he learned.

3. CDA Chamber Presentation (Discussion)

BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones entered the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Ms. Jones said she had spoken to President/CEO of the Coeur d'Alene (CDA) Chamber of Commerce Steve Wilson. She reported he wanted KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) included as part of the Commissioners' upcoming presentation. She suggested that BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe be included as one of the speakers, for that reason. Ms. Jones said the total presentation would be planned to last from forty-five minutes to an hour and asked if the Commissioners had begun to plan their presentations.

Commissioner Duncan said she planned to talk about the Budget, among other topics. She remarked that she felt able to discuss KPIs herself, in the appropriate sections of her presentation.

Chairman Fillios said he had spoken to the Chamber about Ms. Plouffe and said he would be happy to give some of his allotted speaking time over to her. He added that he planned to have Ms. Jones introduce him, and then he would offer brief introductions of the other Commissioners and a short presentation of his own.

Ms. Jones assured all the Commissioners that the BOCC staff would be ready to help them prepare for the presentations.

Commissioner Brooks suggested each of them should speak specifically about the departments to which they acted as liaison.

D. Commissioner Weekly Update (Week of 02/04/19)(Discussion)

Chairman Fillios said he would go last. He suggested Commissioner Brooks go first.

1. Commissioner Brooks

Commissioner Brooks said he met with the KCSO Deputies' Association regarding salary issues. He assured them that he took their issues seriously and wanted to work towards resolution. He remarked the process needed to include the Clerk's Office as well. He said he suggested another meeting in early March to continue working together.

Commissioner Brooks stated he had also been in contact with the owners of Southfield Aviation, an FBO (Fixed Base Operator), and said they had the impression that they were not wanted at the Airport. He said he would do his best to re-open

communications with them. He added that he had good conversations with both Joe Rosetti, from Resort Aviation, and Airport Director Steven Kjergaard. Commissioner Brooks said he would be against a County-owned FBO at the Airport.

Ms. Jones informed the Board that installation of a video camera system would begin Thursday, February 14, 2019 and she expected it would be completed by Saturday, February 16. She predicted that they could begin filming Board meetings in the following week. Commissioner Brooks praised the work she had done on this project.

2. Commissioner Duncan

Commissioner Duncan shared information she had received from the IAC (Idaho Association of Counties) meeting in Boise last week. Based on the ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) presentation, she offered her impression that Kootenai County's Personnel Policy Manual might need to be simplified. She said she would discuss this further with Prosecutor Barry McHugh. HR Director Sylvia Proud voiced her agreement with the assessment.

Commissioner Duncan said there was a great deal of discussion regarding funding problems in related to the Supreme Court's announced decision on Medicare Expansion. She added that ways to handle unfunded mandates were another area that received serious attention.

Another topic Commissioner Duncan said was addressed at IAC was the new standard being created by the PDC (Public Defense Commission) regarding Public Defender's Office attorney caseloads. She remarked that she felt the new PDC Director would listen to concerns voiced by the different counties and there was talk of an opt in/opt out solution involving the State taking over Public Defender responsibilities in the future.

Finally, Commissioner Duncan informed the Board she would be unavailable Friday, March 8 and Friday, March 22 due to unavoidable commitments.

Ms. Jones exited the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

3. Commissioner Fillios

Chairman Fillios said he had intended to attend the IAC meeting, but his flight was cancelled and he was unable to get a reasonably priced rebooking. He said he was able to attend one of the breakout discussions via teleconference with the assistance of Commissioner Duncan.

He said that last week he had attended a three-hour session with Jobs Plus during which Steve Myers, a partner in Parkwood Business Properties, made a presentation focusing on technological developments around the globe. Chairman Fillios remarked that Jobs Plus usually focuses on recruiting companies, while Mr. Myers' was on attracting individual people.

Chairman Fillios stated Sid Wurzburg, who lives at Spirit Lake year-round, had contacted him last week. He explained that Mr. Wurzburg had a problem with a neighbor who left high intensity lights on outside at night during boating season. Chairman Fillios said he met with Mr. Wurzburg, then consulted with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden and felt the problem would be a civil issue, not one for the County to resolve.

Chairman Fillios said he had a discussion with KCSO Undersheriff Dan Mattos, KCSO Records Supervisor Linda Mattos, Ms. Plouffe and Kootenai County Resident Scott Jones about different ways of reporting crime statistics.

E. 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.

F. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
