

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
February 25, 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, Resource Management Office (RMO) Kimberley Riley and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Kootenai County Resident Doug Harris.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

State of the County Presentation Planning (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios shared copies of the posted announcement for the March 19, 2019 event to be hosted by the joint Public Policy Committee of the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls Chambers of Commerce. He reminded the other Commissioners that they would have ten minutes each to speak. He remarked that he would restrict his own time to allow BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones to speak. Chairman Fillios stated that BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe would be allotted thirty minutes to present information on KPI (Key Performance Indicators) for the County.

Chairman Fillios also reminded the other Commissioners that a rehearsal of their presentations would be planned for Monday, March 4, 2019, in the afternoon.

Review of Advisory Board Openings & Applicants (Discussion)

Commissioner Bill Brooks stated he has not yet been able to connect with the four applicants for the Planning & Zoning Commission that he and Commissioner Leslie Duncan had not met with personally. He said he would continue to try to reach them to set up telephone interviews.

Commissioner Duncan reviewed the status of the other Advisory Boards:

- Aquifer They are unable to fill the two openings due to constraints imposed on applicant residency.
- Historic Preservation There have been no applicants for the positions
- Natural Resources They have an eligible applicant for the opening.
- Noxious Weeds They have four openings and an acceptable applicant for one.
- Waterways They have three openings but only two applicants, one of whom, Doug Harris, was present.

Chairman Fillios remarked that the final appointments would have to be approved as part of a Business Meeting. He added that he would like to revisit the decision of the prior Board on the Airport Advisory Board membership in a future Executive Session.

Commissioner Brooks suggested that all applicants and all current Advisory Board members be asked if they have any conflict of interest that could prevent them from serving appropriately. He commented that even the appearance of a conflict could cast doubt on the actions of an affected member. Chairman Fillios agreed and said he would ask Ms. Jones to contact all Advisory Board members.

Spokane & Kootenai County Regional Real Estate Conference Recap (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios shared highlights of the Spokane and Kootenai County Regional Real Estate Conference, including reports from local economists on Kootenai County job growth, economic growth and home prices. He said Glenn Miles, Executive Director of KMPO (Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization), had predicted there would be heavy work on I90 in the coming summer, and substantial changes to US95, HW53 and HW41.

Class Action Opioid Lawsuit (Discussion)

Commissioner Duncan reminded those present that the Board had asked Barry McHugh provide additional information on the lawsuit. She said she has been following up. Commissioner Duncan reported that the suit had originated in Ohio. She said there were two Idaho cities and a number of private insurance entities that have joined, but no counties yet. She stated there would be no cost for Kootenai County to join the suit, but the Board would have to review the documents prepared by the agency presenting the original suit and gather facts to quantify related damages suffered by the County.

She asked the other Commissioners whether they thought the County should join the suit at this time. She remarked that the Coroner, Dr. Warren Keene, would attend a Board meeting tomorrow and would provide data regarding opioid related costs to his department. Commissioner Duncan stated that, if the County did not join the suit now, they could still submit expenses later. She suggested that the Board wait to take action and she would continue to monitor the case. Chairman Fillios and Commissioner Brooks agreed.

D. Commissioner Weekly Update (Week of 02/18/2019)(Discussion)

Chairman Fillios suggested he present his update last.

Commissioner Brooks

Commissioner Brooks said he had met with a number of Kootenai County residents interested in the new Board's progress in its first four weeks. He said he told them about the upcoming opt-out hearing, the cameras placed in the Boardroom and other projects. He remarked that he was going to meet with the Veteran's Council later that day.

Commissioner Duncan

Commissioner Duncan said last week had been quiet for her.

Chairman Fillios

Chairman Fillios said he was trying to arrange a meeting for Thursday, February 28, 2019, for a group of homeowners on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive who were pursuing a complaint against a neighboring property. He commented he needed at least one of the other two Commissioners to agree to the meeting as well. Commissioner Duncan offered to assist.

- 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 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
