

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Board of Community Guardians**  
**March 8, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Board of Community Guardians Chair David Levine, Former Chair Peggy Fairfield and Case Manager Emily Jakubek. Chairman Fillios was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**Per Idaho Code 15-5-603(a) Review of the Annual Report (Action)**

Board of Community Guardians Chair David Levine remarked that the primary challenge facing his group was a lack of beds and housing for people with different special needs. He said that all of their current wards were Medicaid patients and this made finding beds even more difficult. He explained that their wards had needed to be placed in facilities outside of Kootenai County because they could not access the specialized services they needed here.

Mr. Levine commented that their funding pattern had been impacted over the past two years by money made available to their clients from different COVID relief packages. He said the Board of Community Guardians had spent about \$15,000 of County funds in 2021 and would request \$20,000 for 2023.

Mr. Levine said that his group had very good relations with Kootenai Health. He praised Case Manager Emily Jakubek for her excellent work.

Chairman Chris Fillios entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman Fillios moved that the Board, per Idaho Code 15-5-603(a), accept the annual report from Community Guardians. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks:           Aye  
Commissioner Duncan:        Aye  
Chairman Fillios:               Aye

The motion carried.

**Per Idaho Code 15-5-603(b) Annual Determination whether to Dissolve or Continue the Board of Community Guardians in Kootenai County (Action)**

Mr. Levine asked the Board to continue the Board of Community Guardians in Kootenai County.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board continue the Community Guardians program, in accordance with Idaho Code 15-5-603(b). Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Aye  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

**Review FY23 Budget Request (Action)**

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board accept the Board of Community Guardians FY23 Budget Request. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Aye  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

- 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 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

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