

**Minutes of Meeting
Prosecuting Attorney
March 28, 2019
1:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Finance Director Dena Darrow, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Commissioner Bill Brooks was present via teleconference.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
- B. Introductions**
- C. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. Business:**

Request for additional spending authority related to expert witness expenses (Action)

Prosecutor Barry McHugh provided a memorandum that explained the reasons for the expert witness requests. He said there were six cases that required expert witness fees, totaling \$55,545.94. Mr. McHugh pointed out that it was the first time in FY2019 that he had requested expert witness fees and explained that there were times prior in which the BOCC had provided Mr. McHugh an Expert Witness Budget, but there were also times they had not, citing unpredictability. Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked where the money would come from and it was determined that there may be money left in a witness line item that could be used and the rest would come from Contingency. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Brooks opined that it was essential to approve these fees, as Mr. McHugh had a certain responsibility to prosecute criminals.

Commissioner Duncan moved to approve \$55,545.94 in expert witness fees come from the expert witness line item with the remainder to come out of Contingency. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

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 were no public comments.

F. Adjourn (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
