

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**FY2020 Preliminary Budget Review**  
**May 6, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Budget Accountant Michelle Chiaramonte, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, Contractor Shawn Riley and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson, University of Idaho Extension Educator Sharla Wilson and Coeur d'Alene Press Staff Writer Brian Walker.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:03 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**FY2020 Preliminary Budget Review (Discussion)**

Finance Director Dena Darrow explained the purpose of the meeting was to walk the Board through the Budget process and provide a high-level summary of all asks for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget. Ms. Darrow explained that having a large budgetary deficit was normal and that FY19 showed a deficit of approximately \$11 million; she then presented budget books to the Board, explaining that would be their tool during the Budget process.

Ms. Darrow asked the Board to open to the Preliminary Summary page of the budget book and announced that the FY2020 Budget deficit was roughly \$19 million. She explained that personnel costs were up approximately 1.6%, where the increase was primarily due to the 720 Compensation Project, the Jail Expansion and midyear increases and additions.

Ms. Darrow explained to the BOCC their budget books and in which sections they could locate certain information, as well as presented a full schedule of the budget meetings, personnel requests, operating expenses, capital requests, revenue trends and new programs.

Chairman Fillios said he thought that the Board should budget for less than the projected \$1.6 million of the health care increase, because if the actual increase were to exceed the budgeted amount, they could use Fund Balance to cover the excess. He also pointed out that there were most likely 40+ vehicles in the capital requests, which he said not all would be funded. Ms. Darrow pointed out that the Board had yet to use any of the Assigned Fund Balance, which was earmarked for specific projects.

Commissioner Bill Brooks asked how much taxing authority the previous Board had taken; she responded that it was 1.5%. Commissioner Brooks opined that not taking the full

taxing authority ensured the County would just keep procrastinating and taking a minimalist approach to try to look good just caused other people to take the fall.

The Board made no decisions.

**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 were no public comments.

**E. Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

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Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

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