

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Republican Central Committee**  
**May 8, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Treasurer Steve Matheson, Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas, Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Operations Manager Greg Manley, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Chair Brent Reagan.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action Item):**

**Central Committee Upcoming Meetings**

Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Chair Brent Reagan expressed his concerns regarding the group's ability to hold meetings. He noted that they were required to meet within two weeks to vote on three candidates for the Assessor's position, but might not be allowed to do so because of social distancing protocols.

Chairman Fillios remarked that the Governor's directive was that gatherings, both public and private, were to be avoided through May 15, 2020. He acknowledged that Mr. Reagan had made a compelling case in favor of allowing the meetings, but he said the Commissioners had sworn an oath to the federal and state constitutions and he felt obliged to obey the intent of the governor's order.

Mr. Reagan contested Chairman Fillios' interpretation of the law and the governor's directive. Chairman Fillios noted that it was the legal opinion he had received, not his own.

Mr. Reagan pointed out that the material was titled "Guidelines and Recommendations" and questioned why the Board was treating them as law.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson said that the governor had issued a new order on May 1, 2020 which superseded prior orders and could be viewed on the governor's website. He stated the new order contained its own independent and substantive findings, and outlined the articles of the constitution and statutes under which it applied.

Mr. Ferguson quoted the order as saying, pursuant to those findings, that there were new recommendations and requirements, one of which was that "gatherings, public and

private, should be avoided,” and that “social distancing and sanitation requirements require that individuals shall maintain a six foot physical distance from other individuals.”

Mr. Ferguson said that he felt that was the relevant point for this discussion. He explained that such an order was valid for thirty days from its initial imposition, unless it was specifically renewed for an additional thirty days. He commented that he thought the governor would review the state’s situation and potentially issue a new order around May 15, allowing Stage 2, with its somewhat more relaxed requirements, to begin.

Mr. Ferguson further noted that the governor received the authority to perform these actions under Idaho Code 46-1008, Article 4, Section 5 of the State Constitution.

Chairman Fillios suggested potentially holding the meetings at the Fairgrounds, to better allow for social distancing, and offered the Board’s assistance where possible.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan offered to make the arrangements with the Fairgrounds staff. It was generally agreed that this course of action would be pursued.

**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 was no public comment.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

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

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